



# C-VUSD CONNECTS

INNOVATIVE EDUCATION THAT INSPIRES EVERY STUDENT'S UNLIMITED POTENTIAL



## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to thank everyone for a great start to the school year! Convocation was inspiring and reminded us why we chose education as a profession - to make a difference in the lives of children! All our schools have had energy and enthusiasm, topped off by excellent Back to School Nights. Fall sports are in full swing, and I encourage you to attend after-school events supporting our students. I know our kids appreciate it when you are at their activities. I look forward to updating you on the great things happening in our District. Until next time!

*Dr. Elizabeth Eminhizer*

## INNOVATIVE EDUCATION:

### COSMETOLOGY CLASSES START IN C-VUSD

The new Cosmetology program at Tri-Community Adult Education Center, in partnership with Citrus College, is open to students from all three of the District's high schools as well as adult students. This dual enrollment program allows students to earn college credit while gaining hands-on experience in the beauty industry. Participants will learn practical skills in hairstyling, skincare, makeup, and nail artistry from experienced professionals. By joining the program, students can build a strong foundation in cosmetology, explore their creativity, and prepare for future careers in a field that values innovation and artistry.



## COACH K COURTS DEDICATED AT CHS

Covina High School reopened its newly renovated tennis courts on August 26, 2024, dedicating them to former teacher and coach Kazumasa Kikunaga. The courts honor Coach K's legacy as a dedicated educator and tennis coach. Board of Education Vice President Sue Maulucci, Board Clerk Maria Caceres, and teacher, coach, and former player Danielle Aparicio delivered speeches highlighting his impact on the Covina-Valley Unified community. Dr. Cora Kikunaga, Coach K's wife, cut the ribbon to officially reopen the courts. These newly renovated courts will serve as an important community asset, providing a space for recreation, exercise, and competition for years to come.

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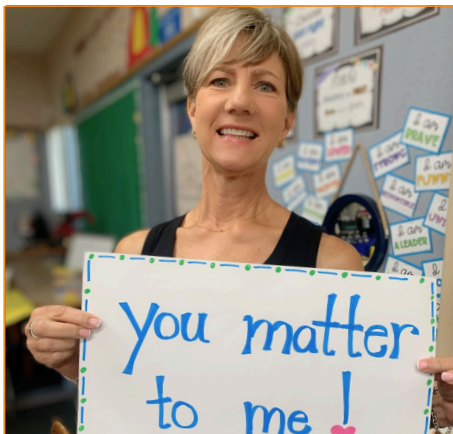
# SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

## BACK TO SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA AND SHOPPING SPREE EVENTS

Covina-Valley Unified's annual Back to School Extravaganza was a resounding success. Over 400 students received essential supplies for a successful start to the school year, including free backpacks, lunch pails, school supplies, and haircuts. Attendees also had the opportunity to receive complimentary dental, health, and wellness screenings provided by a variety of community vendors. The event provided a fun and festive atmosphere for families to prepare for the new school year.

On September 4th, selected students participated in a back-to-school "shopping spree" at JC Penney. Students, assisted by District staff and community volunteers, were able to select essential items free of charge.

These events are just examples of Covina-Valley Unified's commitment to supporting our students and families. We are thankful to our community partnerships that make these events and programs happen for our students.




**RHONDA YARNELL**  
Ben Lomond Elementary School

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

At the Ben Lomond Elementary staff meeting on Tuesday, September 3, Mrs. Rhonda Yarnell was awarded the Inspire torch by Ryan Price, the Interim Principal. Mrs. Yarnell was recognized for her exceptional dedication and performance. When a new combined Kindergarten/1st grade class was formed due to increased enrollment at Ben Lomond, Mrs. Yarnell volunteered to take on the challenging role. She approached the assignment with grace, enthusiasm, and professionalism, demonstrating a true spirit of inspiration. Mrs. Yarnell has taught in Covina-Valley since 1987 and has been at Ben Lomond since 1992. Thank you for all you do!

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# Q&A

**Question:**

Where can I go to find out about all of the amazing Career Technical Education (CTE) Program that we offer in the District?

**Answer:**

Our District has 24 outstanding unique CTE pathways. This year, we are thrilled to offer Cosmetology and Aviation. To learn about CTE in C-VUSD, you can visit our website and click on programs tab. On our webpage, you can also see our award winning, digital CTE brochure.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE CTE WEBPAGE](#)

**Question:**

Is the District declining in enrollment?

**Answer:**

Our outstanding staff, programs, and facilities, Covina-Valley Unified School District are helping to slow our declining enrollment. Declining enrollment is an issue for LA County, the State of California, and the nation. Each year our graduating class is much larger than our incoming kindergarten class, which impacts our enrollment each year.. For example this year, our 12th grade class enrollment is 967 while the current kindergarten class enrollment is 665. Some schools may be increasing in enrollment, however, other schools are declining in enrollment. Below is a chart that shows the change in enrollment for each TK-12 school from the end of last year to today.

Site	2023-24 End of the Year (AERIES 5/31/24)	2024-25 AERIES (9/11/2024)	Difference
Barranca	565	529	-36
Ben Lomond	465	506	41
Cypress	556	557	1
Grovecenter	578	595	17
Manzanita	418	428	10
Merwin	448	463	15
Mesa	779	761	-18
Rowland	440	425	-15
Workman	483	455	-28
Las Palmas	857	887	30
Sierra Vista	765	780	15
Traweek	617	612	-5
Covina High	1069	1068	-1
Northview High	1262	1251	-11
South Hills High	1581	1578	-3
Fairvalley High	90	65	-25
ATP	41	44	3
C-VLOA	76	54	-22

**Question:**

Does the District have standardized procedures and protocols for Student Success Teams (SST)?

**Answer:**

Yes. The District has a Student Success Team (SST) Handbook. The District also has procedures for documenting SST meeting in the AERIES student information system. Both the handbook and the procedures can be found on the District Hub.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE DISTRICT HUB](#)

**Question:**

Is it legal to turn into the District Office from Barranca Avenue crossing the double yellow line?

**Answer:**

Yes. According to the California Vehicle Code, it is legal to turn left into the District Office from Barranca Avenue.

**Question:**

What is the elementary uniform policy?

**Answer:**

C-VUSD Board of Education Policy and Administrative Regulation establishes the District's and school's ability to implement uniform policies and guidelines for students. The uniform policy is shared with parents during data confirmation. There are multiple organizations and groups, including the District Health and Wellness Center, to assist parents with school uniforms. If you see a student not adhering to the school uniform policy, please work with your site administrator.

**DON'T FORGET TO TAKE THE 1ST WEEK OF  
SCHOOL/CONVOCATION SURVEY**

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