



CAMBRIAN CONNECTION

Spring 2025



Spring Into Learning

A Season of Growth & Achievement

by Cambrian Superintendent
KRISTI SCHWIEBERT

Dear Cambrian Community,

Spring is a season of growth, and that's exactly what we've been experiencing across our schools! Our students have engaged in robust learning opportunities, and we're proud to celebrate several award-winning programs that highlight their hard work and dedication.

In addition, we're making great progress on our **Measure R building improvements**, ensuring that our schools continue to provide safe, modern, and innovative learning environments for all students.

On March 6, 2025, **Mr. Sergio Martinez was sworn in** as a new member of the Cambrian Board of Trustees. He works with the Board to provide direction for the district, establish district policies and procedures, ensure accountability, and provide community leadership on behalf of the district and public education. Welcome aboard, Mr. Martinez!

A giant thank you to the **Cambrian Educational Foundation** for holding the **5th Annual Read-a-Thon** this past winter. A total of \$61,995 was raised for district mental health services through it. An amazing 2,110 students participated and a whopping 2,399,249 minutes read, showing an outstanding commitment to reading and learning. Bravo to our book-loving students for diving into literature!

Please take a moment to read this district update with details from each of our school sites. Our staff, students and families have been very busy creating a flourishing learning environment throughout this 2024-2025 school year. Thank you for being such a vital part of our school community—we couldn't do this without you!

Sincerely,

Kristi Schwiebert
Cambrian School District Superintendent

Price Students Raise \$ for LA Fire Victims



Price Middle School students receive thanks from American Red Cross for donation to fire victims.

Eighth graders and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) officers Ashley A., Camila C. and Brianna T., cooked up a plan for a bake sale to raise money to benefit the LA fire victims. The three students meticulously planned the fundraiser, which involved freshly baked cookies, cupcakes and other tasty treats donated from 48 families. The bake sale, held outside the library each morning from Jan. 28-30th, raised a whopping \$1,638 for the Red Cross. The Red Cross visited Price Middle School to accept the

\$1,638 check and present certificates of appreciation to the three students. "We're so proud of our amazing students for their generosity and outstanding efforts," said **Price Principal Margaret Lavin**.

Farnham's Science Fair & STEAM Night

Farnham Elementary recently hosted an exciting Science Fair & STEAM Night, bringing together students, families, and community members for an evening filled with curiosity, creativity, and hands-on learning. Fifth-grade scientists proudly presented science fair projects, showcasing their research, experiments, and discoveries on topics ranging from environmental science to physics. A panel of local community members served as judges, providing valuable feedback and recognizing the hard work and innovation of our young scientists.

"Beyond the science fair, families had the opportunity to engage in a variety of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) activities designed to spark curiosity and collaboration," said **Farnham Principal Amy O'Hehir**.

STEAM stations were led by enthusiastic middle school student volunteers, who guided participants through engaging activities such as engineering challenges, coding games, art-infused science experiments, and hands-on math puzzles.



Fammatre Holds Multicultural Festival



Students celebrate Holi, the Indian festival of colors at the multicultural festival.

Fammatre Elementary School's Multicultural Festival, held in March, was a vibrant celebration of diverse cultures within the community. Students and their families enjoyed traditional music, dance performances and interactive cultural exhibits. Attendees sampled international cuisine, participated in arts and crafts, and learned about customs from around the world. Students loved mask painting, Holi powder splashing and used a passport to visit each country's table.

"The festival fostered inclusivity, creating a fun and educational experience for all," said **Fammatre Principal Samantha Haley**.

Students enjoyed showcasing their heritage and the festival highlighted the beauty of cultural diversity and strengthened the school's close-knit community.

Steindorf's Galvez Gladiator Run

Steindorf STEAM School's Galvez Gladiator Run took place on March 21st, honoring beloved former Physical Education teacher Mr. Adam Galvez, who passed away last spring. The event began with a heartfelt opening ceremony featuring speeches from students, staff, family members, and Superintendent Kristi Schwiebert. Throughout the day, students participated in running and walking laps around the field, with an inflatable slide for K-5 and an obstacle course for middle school. (Special thanks to Megan Noll for that!) The fundraiser was a tremendous success, raising \$20,000 for the school.

"Thank you to our amazing parent coordinators, Laura Patton and Moema Fernandes, as well as our staff organizer leads, Mrs. Lam and Ms. Chieng," said **Steindorf Principal Dr. Trisha Lee**. "Today's event wouldn't have been such a success without our incredible parent volunteers and staff, who came together to make it a truly memorable day!"



Sartorette Wins Hoffmann Award

Sartorette Elementary School's Hispanic Student Achievement and Family Engagement Program has earned the Santa Clara County School Board Association's prestigious Glenn W. Hoffmann Award. Our school is among six recipients from the 31 school districts throughout Santa Clara County for the 2024-2025 school year. Sartorette's Hispanic Student Achievement & Family Engagement Program is a holistic approach tackling the challenges of both, understanding their relationship is reciprocal. Using the principles of culture

responsiveness, data-driven decisions, collaboration, and family engagement, staff worked with Hispanic parent leaders to combine best instructional practices with strategic family outreach. Student voice, compassion, and cultural empathy were integrated into optimal teaching methods for academic achievement.

"In one year, astounding results showed Hispanic students at or above grade level in English Language Arts state testing increased by over 19%," said **Sartorette Principal Debbie Stein**. "During that same time, the Hispanic achievement gap reduced 17%, and volunteer hours from a core group of Hispanic parents increased 662%. We couldn't be happier."

Bagby's Fun Run Brought Fitness & Smiles

In late March, Bagby Elementary School's track came alive with laced-up sneakers, bright sunshine, and even brighter smiles during the school's 9th annual Fun Run. Students, staff, and families gathered for a day of running, jogging, and walking – all to support the school they love.

"Together our community raised more than \$21,000 in pledges, which will help fund our many amazing programs at Bagby," said **Principal Michael Kretsch**.

Cheered on by teachers, parents, and friends, students showed off their school spirit and teamwork while making fitness fun. Whether they were sprinting or strolling, every participant played a part in this joyful tradition that keeps the Bagby community strong – one step at a time. Thanks to everyone's enthusiasm and generosity, this year's Fun Run was the most successful yet – and the smiles said it all.



Students participate in Bagby's Fun Run, held in late March.



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Congratulations Employees of the Year!

One of the highlights of our school year is the recognition of our District Certificated and Classified Employees of the Year. Staff at each school site nominate their peers for the honor, with a member of the teaching staff and classified staff receiving the distinction at all six Cambrian Schools and the district office. **Congratulations to Price ELA, ELD and Leadership teacher Jennifer Fore and District Office administrative assistant Rachele Feller.** Bravo to both of these outstanding women and to the honorees from each site! We are proud of each honoree and celebrate their dedication to our students, district and community!

Congratulations to Certificated Employees of the Year:

Bagby: Carolyn Moore, **Fammatre:** Dawn Vo, **Farnham:** Christine Katz, **Price:** Jennifer Fore, **Sartorette:** Emily White, **Steindorf:** Krista Davis

Congratulations to Classified Employees of the Year:

Bagby: Dulari Kumar, **District Office:** Rachele Feller, **Fammatre:** Michael Garca Jr., **Farnham:** Ulises Cervantes Ortiz, **Price:** Analiese Orlando, **Sartorette:** Kathleen Holmes, **Steindorf:** Michelle Lister