

Grapevine

CENTRAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUMMER 2023

MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT KETTI DAVIS

Summer is almost here, and all our schools and departments are buzzing with excitement over summer plans. Whether those plans include participating in summer programs, family activities, or building projects best done when schools are not in full use, it is a signal of transition. It is also a time for reflection and appreciation for all that has happened this school year for students and our community.

Our first annual Multilingual Celebration, held in March of 2023, allowed us to celebrate the accomplishment of English language proficiency with more than 230 students and their families. English Learner progress is one of our district goals, and I am incredibly proud of the hard work of our students, their teachers, the support staff involved, and parents who emphasized the importance of being multilingual. Very soon, we will celebrate 2023 graduates that earn their Seal of Biliteracy by being proficient in at least two languages.

Speaking of graduates, I want to congratulate the entire class of 2023! Our graduating seniors have been working hard to meet graduation requirements. Many were affected by the COVID pandemic and needed to complete extra work in order to finish on time. I commend our students, counseling staff, and administrators at each high school, who have committed to supporting, encouraging, and motivating each senior. Our vision is that students graduate ready for success.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our students. I wish everyone a safe and healthy summer break and look forward to what is to come in the 2023-24 school year for our incredible students, families, and staff.



FOUNDATION FOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS

The Foundation for Central Schools is proud to support the students, teachers, staff and community of Central Unified. This school year has been one to remember, as we have awarded \$122,000 in grants and scholarships to students and teachers. Our partnerships with local and national businesses have allowed us to initiate several district projects, like the expansion of the district-wide clothing closets, bringing our total to three. These closets are located at Steinbeck Elementary, Houghton-Kearney K-8th and Central East High School. Closets have new school clothing, formal attire, shoes, hygiene kits and outerwear. All Central Unified students can take advantage of this opportunity by connecting with their school office or filling out a request online at CentralFoundation.org. Additionally, the Foundation provided new clothing, jackets and sweaters to over 2,600 students this year, thanks to the generosity of the Granville Home of Hope and The Assistance League of Fresno. In October, we kicked off the Central Schools Well-Being Project, which aims to bridge the gap of resources for food, health and housing. This has helped expand the Holiday Joy Food Drive and the Spring Food Distribution. This year alone we served over 5,200 Central Unified Families. As the school year comes to a close, the Foundation will award 14 students with scholarships totaling \$35,000. Last but not least, we will be opening our first food pantry at Teague Elementary School.



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FACILITIES PLANNING UPDATES

The Facilities Planning Department at Central Unified School District utilizes many sources of funding to complete various projects. This department oversees the Facilities Master Plan, demographics, project planning, construction management and oversight, Facility Use Requests, student projections, site utilizations, and the State Facilities Program. Thank you to our community for supporting Measure D, making several of our projects possible.

Growth Projects:

- New Elementary School: Construction to commence Summer 2023
- Justin Garza High School: Aquatics Complex anticipated completion Spring 2024
- Justin Garza High School: Athletic fields anticipated completion Spring 2024
- Justin Garza High School Visual And Performing Arts Center

Modernization Projects:

- Central High School: Softball/Baseball Home Run fence & Scoreboards installed
- New LED Sport Lighting: Biola-Pershing, Central High & Koligian Stadium
- Additional Greenspace: Central East High School
- Modernization Projects: Herndon-Barstow & McKinley to be completed by end of 2023
- Central High School: Well Project completion January 2024

Additional Projects:

- Security camera upgrades at all schools
- HVAC Upgrades and Replacements: Central East, Central High, Herndon-Barstow, Liddell, Saroyan & Steinbeck
- Solar Projects: Biola-Pershing, Central Elementary, Central East, Hanh Phan Tilley, Herndon-Barstow, Houghton-Kearney, Madison, McKinley, Rio Vista, River Bluff, Roosevelt & Koligian Stadium



Fresno City College

Summer Sessions

ONLINE or in the CLASSROOM. Start planning your summer of learning today!

May 22
4 and 10 - week sessions

June 5
8 - week session

June 19
6 - week session

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2023 SUMMER PROGRAMS

K-4 & 5-7 LITERACY CAMPS

JUNE 12TH - JULY 20TH

Literacy Camp is available for students currently enrolled in Kindergarten through 7th grade. The goal of Literacy Camp is to show our students how to love reading/writing and be curious about their community. This year students will work with words, expand their writing capabilities, and be given the time and support to read and explore ways they can have an active role in their community. New this year, students will be pre-enrolled in our Summer Experience. The Extended Learning opportunity provides an exciting extension to the day where students will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of fun enrichment activities.

8TH GRADE SUMMER BRIDGE

JUNE 12TH - JULY 12TH

The goal of this new summer opportunity is to provide academic support to current grade 8 students in literacy while giving them a glimpse to the beginning of their high school journey. In addition to academic support, students will gain valuable information and understanding of the opportunities that high school has to offer. They will learn about A to G completion, 4 year academic planning, and more. New this year, students will be pre-enrolled based on need (enrollment will not be available by parent request).

KINDER CAMP

JUNE 12TH - 30TH

Kinder Camp is available for children who have not had prior early education experiences. This program helps to naturally transition children into the kindergarten environment and routines. Applications are available at each elementary school in the Kindergarten Registration packet and can be completed electronically.

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SCHOOL (CREDIT RECOVERY)

JUNE 12TH - JULY 12TH

High School Summer School (Credit Recovery) is available for students who need to make up credits or earn at least a "C" to fulfill A-G requirements. Classes will be offered in a traditional setting. Students who have credits to recover need to contact their Academic Counselor to enroll.

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SCHOOL (ORIGINAL CREDIT)

JUNE 12TH - JULY 21ST

High School Summer School (Original Credit) is available for students currently in grades 8 through 10. The following courses will be available (contingent on enrollment): Current 8th Graders - P.E. & World Cultures/Health; Current 9th Graders - P.E., Modern World Geography; Current 10th Graders - U.S. History. Classes will be held in person from June 12th-July 12th and will be completed through a virtual format from July 13th - July 21st. Students who are interested need to contact their Vice Principal (Middle School) or Academic Counselor (High School) to enroll.

SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

Central East High School

Hours: 8:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
Days: Monday - Friday
Open: June 12 - July 12
Closed: June 19 & July 3 - 4

Glacier Point Middle School

Hours: 7:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
Days: Tuesday & Thursday
Open: June 12 - July 20
Closed: July 3 - 7

Harvest Elementary School

Hours: 7:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
Days: Monday - Thursday
Open: June 12 - July 20
Closed: June 19 & July 3 - 7

McKinley Elementary School

Hours: 7:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
Days: Monday - Thursday
Open: June 12 - July 20
Closed: June 19 & July 3 - 7

Biola-Pershing Elementary School

Hours: 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Days: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
Open: All summer
Closed: Holidays

SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM

This program is free to all children 1-18 years old. Meals are served in the cafeteria Monday - Friday. Breakfast is served 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM. Lunch is served 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM. All locations will be closed June 19 & July 3 - 4.

Central East High School

3535 N. Cornelia Ave

Open: June 12 - July 14

Teague Elementary School

4725 N. Polk Ave.

Open: June 12 - July 14

Biola-Pershing Elementary School

4885 N. Biola

Open: June 12 - July 28

McKinley Elementary School

4444 W. McKinley

Open: June 12 - July 14

Harvest Elementary School

6514 W. Gettysburg

Open: June 12 - July 21

C.L.A.S.S.

2698 N. Brawley

Open: June 12 - July 14

Program regulations require that children must be present to receive a free meal. Summer meals are to be eaten by children only and may not be taken from the assigned eating area. Small children must be accompanied by an adult as we do not provide cafeteria supervision.

EECU FINANCIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM



OUR FINANCIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH THE TOOLS AND RESOURCES THEY NEED TO BUILD A HEALTHY FINANCIAL FUTURE.

We offer workshops on a variety of financial topics where students learn the basic principles of personal finance and gain an understanding of how the choices they make about their education today will have a direct impact on their financial future and their desired lifestyle.

We strive to make our financial education programs experiential, engaging, and fun while teaching students and adults how to budget and save wisely.

Our program is available for students of all ages and we will also work with you to design a workshop tailored to the needs of your students. Workshops are available in English and Spanish and we also have programs for parents and adults.



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WISE UP PROGRAM OVERVIEW

ABOUT OUR AWARD-WINNING WISE UP PROGRAM

Our program teaches students the importance of making healthy financial choices and gives them a valuable perspective on the realities of being financially independent by participating in real-life scenarios.

Students choose a **career**, set up a **budget**, and **calculate gross-to-net income** to determine if their expenses will be met.

STUDENTS ALSO LEARN HOW TO:

- 1 RECORD MONTHLY EXPENSE**
We teach students how to enter transactions in a checkbook register and maintain a budget.



- 2 PURCHASE LIFE ESSENTIALS AND PAY MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD BILLS**
Students "purchase" a car, house, etc. and manage monthly expenses such as housing, utilities, entertainment, transportation, food, clothing, and childcare.



- 3 EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED**
Students spin the Wise Up Wheel and experience unexpected virtual events such as a traffic ticket, auto repair, device repair, weekend trips, or monetary gifts from relatives—some in the form of an expense and others in the form of income.



- 4 EVALUATE THE OUTCOME**
Once students have purchased each life essential, they evaluate the remaining balance in their checkbook register, share best practices, brainstorm solutions for those who exceeded their budget, and discuss lifestyle choices.



FinancialWellness@myeeecu.org

BIOLA-PERSHING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Mrs. Turner's 5th and 6th Grade class submitted a book, "Pizza Poetry", to the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools Young Authors' Faire. The submission received an honorable mention award.
- Parent involvement is at an all time high for Biola-Pershing Elementary! Parents and families have participated in classes by Success Together and PIQE (Parent Institute for Quality Education). Our parents' desire to learn and support their students is AMAZING!
- Students and families were visited by local author, Armida Espinoza, and illustrator Robert Blancas, who shared their book "Brave Lolis Learns English". The author read her story to each classroom and ended the evening with a family event. Each family received a free copy of the book.
- Biola-Pershing Elementary is working to build a Community Wellness Center on campus thanks to a generous grant from Fresno County Superintendent of Schools. This is part of the Student Behavioral Health Incentive Program Grant. Completion is anticipated late summer of 2024.
- This year, Biola-Pershing Elementary School established a community partnership with Actagro, a Biola based agricultural company. Their efforts in supporting Biola has earned them a Fresno Compact Award. We are very excited to continue this partnership in support of our Biola Students!



CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Central Elementary is Pioneering Change for the betterment of ourselves and the community. Our Central family has been utilizing and growing through our Social Emotional Learning opportunities with a full-time Thinkery person, peer mediators, and Striving for Five!
- Our students have been sharing their innovative ideas through the Central Unified Science Fair. One of our students took first place and another took third in the traditional experiments. Our only student who participated in Engineering took first place. We also took our talents to Fresno State and participated in the Annual Peach Blossom Festival. But we didn't stop there,
- Mrs. Hang's 2nd-grade class received an honorable mention from the FCOE Young Author's Faire.
- The Central Pioneer student-athletes have been busy these past several months and have excelled. Our Central Cheer Squad took 3rd place at the Central East High School Cheer Competition. Our Central Wrestlers captured the Division I District Championships. Way to go Pioneers!



HANH PHAN TILLEY ELEMENTARY

- Our 6th graders visited Wonder Valley Outdoor Education Center in early March. Students experienced many hands-on learning activities during our stay, such as building rockets, taking care of animals, forest fire ecology, and so much more.
- Mrs. Arendt's Kindergarten Class along with many students from our Panther's Den (Expanded Learning Program) put on the play, "Chato's Kitchen" for our student body and parents/guardians. This was Mrs. Arendt's last run as Hanh Phan Tilley's Drama Coach; she will definitely be missed.
- In collaboration with Success Together, our parents and students have been able to come together and learn on Wednesday evenings, while enjoying dinner. These sessions have been a positive addition and our parent community is craving more.
- We continue to cultivate a love for reading and writing at Hanh Phan Tilley. This year, we had the most entries in Hanh Phan Tilley history and the Young Author's Faire with a total of 32. Of the 32 entries, 10 were submitted at the County Level. We are incredibly proud of all our Panthers who submitted their pieces.



HARVEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Harvest students had a lot of opportunities to perform this school year! Our drama group put on a performance of "Annie Kids", which featured thirty-five fourth, fifth, and sixth graders. Our after school program, the Hawk's Nest, presented another musical based on "Alice in Wonderland", and also held a poetry night. Our band and choir students also held spring performances!
- Harvest students have also excelled in academic co-curricular activities. Our Science Olympiad team explored aerodynamics and life science with experiments and activities. Our students also represented Harvest well at the District Science Fair.
- Spring was field trip season for Harvest. Our 5th grade classes visited the Tech Interactive Museum in San Jose, and our 6th graders spent three days at the Regional Learning Center in Sonora.
- We hosted our first Family Recreation Night, and it was a huge success! Families and neighbors were invited to use our campus as a neighborhood park. Parents played basketball, volleyball, football, four square, and other recess games with their children. Kona Ice was available for refreshments. It was a great community building event!



HERNDON-BARSTOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Herndon-Barstow celebrated the reclassification of 25 English learners during Central Unified's first ever Multilingual Celebration.
- Led by coaches Hernandez and Pistacchio, our Lobo volleyball and girls' cross-country teams both won district division-one championships in the fall.
- Students increased iReady scores from fall to winter through student, class, and grade-level goal setting. Students scoring in the proficient range increased by over 16%!
- Herndon-Barstow's library underwent a makeover. We added new flexible seating, movable shelves, and a brand-new smartboard to broadcast stories, enhance lessons, and

assist with meetings. In addition, we have added hundreds of new books to our already robust collection.

- Four Herndon-Barstow students finished as finalists in the year's Central Unified Science Fair. Fifth grader Wesley Berquist finished 2nd with his experiment, "The Need for Speed," which tested the hypothesis that video games help with math understanding.
- This spring, Herndon Barstow held our first Color Run fundraiser. We raised over \$13,000, which will be used for campus beautification. We were particularly excited to have so many parents on campus celebrating with us!



HOUGHTON-KEARNEY K-8 SCHOOL

- Houghton-Kearney students were recognized at the Central Unified Science Fair this year. Two projects made it to the finals, Tyler Bettencourt received an honorable mention and Charlotte Emmett and Kelsey Porter won first place. GO TIGERS!
- Students and families had opportunities to engage in literacy and parent education nights. Families engaged in discussion, read books, created STEM and art projects, and had a lot of fun!

- Many students represented Houghton-Kearney at the county History Day event. All of our students did a great job. Landon Brunnengraeber and Ethan Cox won a gold medal and went to the State History Day Competition in Sacramento.
- Students had many off-site learning experiences this year. Locations include: Central High Pumpkin Patch, Millerton Lake, Chaffee Zoo, Fossil Discovery Center, Calvin Crest Outdoor School, Museum of Tolerance, Cal Poly, Scout Island, and the Fresno Fair.



LIDDELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Liddell came to win this year across all athletics in fall and winter sports. Football took 1st place in DI. Wrestling took first place in DI and had two district champions in wrestling. Competition Cheer took 1st place in the district cheer championship, at the CW pep showcase, and Clovis Classic.
- iReady scores from Fall to Winter showed awesome growth! In math, we saw a sitewide growth of 21%, putting us at 41% of students on or above grade level. In ELA we saw a sitewide growth of 24%, putting us at 53% of students on or above grade level. Also, one of our 5th graders took 1st place in the district Spelling Bee!

- This year we have a new yoga and wellness club and a new chess club in the works. In addition to Back to School Night and Open House, we have held our Grandparents Ice Cream Social, outdoor movie night, Pajama Jam, Parent/Student STEM classes through Success Together, Lunch with the Principal, Read Across America visitors from our community, various PBIS reward days, our Jog-a-Thon, and our Community Color Run.
- Liddell's Drama Club returned with a live audience performance of Big Bad! We are incredibly proud of our actors and stage crew! Several members of the choir at Liddell are participating in the SOS District choral event at the Performing Arts Center.



MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Fifth grade student, Kalia Nai, placed third in the district Spelling Bee.
- Local author and former Madison Elementary School educator, Armida Espinoza, read her book, "Brave Lolis Learns English" to TK-2nd grade students! Students were treated to a read aloud by the author herself in small groups. Each EL student received a dedicated, autographed book of their own, along with bookmarks and coloring pages.
- Our sports teams have had great success this school year! Special congratulations to the girls' cross country, volleyball, and basketball teams, who all placed 1st in their divisions. Individual honors in wrestling go to Mitchell Lopez, Abby Gonzalez and Ishani Johnson.

- Outdoor education was in full force for the first time in over a decade as our sixth-grade students had an amazing three days at Wonder Valley Ranch. Students were able to engage in unique learning experiences that met the requirements of the California State and Next Generation Science Standards.
- The Expanded Learning Program went on many field trips to supplement student learning. Students visited places such as: Basilwood Farms, Walt Disney Family Museum, Hearst Castle, The Tech Interactive Science Museum, Roger Rocka's Dinner Theatre to see Disney's Beauty and the Beast in the fall. Spring field trips included Storyland, Disneyland, and Discovery Kingdom.



MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Our Tiger athletes have been showing their Tiger Pride! Our Girls Basketball team went undefeated taking 1st place in District Championships and our Girls Volleyball team took 2nd place in District Championships. We are also so excited for our Cheerleading Competition Squad as they took 1st place in District Championships for the first time in 5 years!
- We started a program called "RAD DADS" where the dads, grandpas, uncles, older brothers, etc. of our students volunteer twice a week on our campus during lunch time to be positive role models for our students. Every RAD DAD gets a picture with their student and has it posted on the RAD DAD cafeteria wall. We have the best dads at McKinley!!
- We sent 75 sixth graders to Wonder Valley Ranch where they got to experience three days of exciting educational activities and memories that will last a lifetime!
- Approximately 85 of our EL students participated in our ELPAC Academy and our Language Lab in preparation for the ELPAC assessment. Our Tigers are working hard!
- This year our students participated in a Word Challenge where they set word goals for each semester. We had 430 students reach their goal and they got to attend the Word Challenge reward party. In the fall semester our students read a total of **49,363,918 words!**



RIVER BLUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- River Bluff celebrated "Read Around the World" with a variety of activities honoring our many cultures at River Bluff. Each day we had a specific theme, but everyone's favorite was "International Day" where students could choose to proudly wear attire displaying their cultural heritage.
- 6th grade students attended camp at Wonder Valley for the first time. Students spent 3 days enjoying a bit of snow, rocketry, bridge building, and many more activities.
- Fresno County Young Author's Fair participants Harper Mahoney, Abigail Roberts, and sisters Macy and Emma Thompson, qualified to move on to the county.
- River Bluff supported excellence in Literacy, Math, and community engagement with our Literacy night in October. Success Together Workshops were held in March, and STEM night in May.



ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Roosevelt 6th graders attended Wonder Valley Ranch where students had the opportunity to take their learning to the outdoors. This has had a positive influence on students, boosting their involvement in science.
- Roosevelt elementary has had great student participation in athletics this year. Our Girls Cross Country and Football team were runner-ups, while the Boys Basketball team was Crowned Division II Champions.
- Our Expanded Learning Program (ELP) has continued their focus on college and career by connecting students to real life experiences.
- Students had the opportunity to visit Cal Poly, the Monterey Bay Aquarium and participated in the "You Matter Day", where students got an opportunity to give back to others in our community.



SAROYAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- This year Saroyan Elementary formed its first ever Competition Cheer Team. This team qualified & placed 3rd in their division at their first competition for USA Nationals in Anaheim. The team worked hard and made their school proud! Go Stallions!
- Saroyan Elementary has reclassified ten English Learner students this year! All of our English Learners have worked incredibly hard to improve their reading skills, increase their vocabulary, and gain confidence when speaking. We are so proud of them!
- Our Saroyan Student Council, led by Ms. Allen, has done an amazing job of boosting school spirit, planning Spirit Days, and has taken over our morning announcements! They participated in Valley Children's Kids Day and raised close to \$300 selling virtual newspapers!
- Administration hosted a Student Reward Party for students who exemplified our Triple R-S (Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Safe) Standards! Almost 700 students participated in a Glow Dance Party that was DJ'd by Mr. Cisneros, our Site Technology Aide!



STEINBECK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Steinbeck conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony on March 13th to present CUSD's 3rd district wide clothing closet! Steinbeck students will have immediate access to a variety of articles of clothing, shoes, and toiletries to acquire when in need. Steinbeck's Clothing Closet was made possible thanks to our partnership with the Foundation for Central Schools, Granville Homes and The Assistance League of Fresno.
- 5th grade student Navpreet Kaur competed in the Fresno County Spelling Bee Competition, after achieving 2nd place in the Central Unified district wide spelling bee! We are all very proud of her amazing achievements!
- Over 30 students in grades 4, 5 & 6 serve as Peer Mediators at Steinbeck, making an impact on school climate and culture! Peer Mediators receive training on effective communication,

conflict resolution and are active leaders amongst their peers.

- Teachers of Color Advancement of Empowerment Education (TCAEE), is a component of AVID that promotes higher education, supports connections between home and school. It also provides a pathway to AVID programs at our feeder secondary sites. Parent meetings have been conducted to inform, engage and empower parents in support of their children.
- Steinbeck has implemented Family Nights and Parent Engagement Events! The first of several sessions have kicked off providing opportunities for parents to engage in math and literacy skills with their children!



TEAGUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Teague entered its first Science Fair project to the county competition since 2016. We are looking to carry this momentum into the next school year and encourage even greater participation.
- During the 2nd Semester, Teague offered parents a set of three computer courses to assist them with connecting to student information via Aeries and ParentSquare.
- During the 1st Semester, we held a Family Literacy night that focused on making "Text-to-Self" connections.

- Students in Gianna Alessandri Cook's 2nd-3rd grade class won the top Selection in Young Authors Faire K-5 Class Book Category for their story, "What is Reading?"
- Our 2nd grade student Natalie Brewer campaigned to get story books by African-American authors and illustrators in our classrooms. Through her campaign, she was able to provide every classroom on our campus with a free book.



EL CAPITAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

- El Capitan presented "Roshambo", the first theater production in over four years! The play was Directed by Daniel Hernandez, and told a story about staying true to yourself.
- Our athletic teams did an amazing job this year with our Boys 7th grade basketball team taking the CVAL Championship.
- Mrs. King and Mr. Contreras reignited our Reading Buddies Program with students at McKinley Elementary. Our AVID students enjoy taking some of their time to read with their buddies.

- Many of our English Learners and our AVID students enjoyed touring UC Merced as well as local college campuses.
- Some of our African American students joined forces with other middle schools to create the Central Unified Ujima Club to promote educational and social ownership.



GLACIER POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Liam Pullinger was a co-champion in the Fresno County History Day competition in the Junior Individual Website category. Liam then represented Central Unified and Glacier Point at the state competition in Sacramento.
- Jaiyeoluwa Jaji won the Central Unified Middle School Spelling Bee and then represented Central Unified and Glacier Point at the County Spelling Bee.
- John Gennuso's STEAM class partnered with SEI to plan and implement hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math concepts into a project, to build a solar-powered charger. Students' hands-on and real-world application experience was engaging and something we know they won't soon forget.

- Glacier Point has partnered with Fresno County Superintendent of Schools for the Teachers of Color Alliance for Educational Excellence initiative also known as TCAEE. Through this partnership, we have started a Black Student Union, taken students to leadership conferences, and are helping to train teachers in culturally responsive teaching.



RIO VISTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

- The Rio Vista Concert Band competed in their first CMEA Band Festival performance of the year. They earned a Unanimous Superior rating! They also participated in a sight-reading clinic after their performance where they had two minutes to look at music they've never seen before and again earned a Superior rating. These are the highest ratings available at CMEA Festival!
- Our Titans hosted our annual Unified Special Olympics Basketball event. Our students had a first-hand lesson on Inclusion. Terronez, Glacier

Point, Gaston & Rio Vista middle schools competed.

- About 46 7th-8th grade GATE students participated in a STEM-based workshop through Disneyland's Imagination Campus held at California Adventure in Anaheim. These students learned about the role that physics plays in the Disneyland attractions.



CENTRAL EAST HIGH SCHOOL

- The Central East NAMI Club continues to amaze us. This spring, the club opened a professional clothing closet on campus. This project will provide students with new free clothing that can be used in a professional setting. This marks a big step in their mission to make everyone feel welcome and worthy.
- Our spring drama production of "Little Shop of Horrors" was a huge success. It had a joint cast from students at all 3 high schools. Students and staff had rave reviews. A district administrator said, "This is the best high school show I've ever seen". Theater alumni said, "Both casts really knocked it out of the park".

- Our CTE programs performed at high levels during the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools Career Skills Challenge. Students earned themselves recognition in ROP Automotive and ROP Architecture Drafting and Design. We had students place within the top three of both categories.
- Student Jayden Vang was the Grand Prize winner at the 2023 Valley Student Film Festival. Jayden submitted a short form documentary on the journey his grandmother took during the Vietnam War.



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

- Central High School is expanding dual enrollment classes with Fresno City College to 21 offerings by the 2024-25 school year. As an Early College School, CHS is offering students classes that can earn them anywhere from three units of college credit up to an Associate's Degree.
- CHS Career Technical Education pathways continue providing job ready skills to our students. Agriculture, Criminology, Education, and Health Careers pathways continue to win awards and help students gain the experience and credentials necessary for their next steps in life.

- On March 8, 2023 the CHS Battle of the Books team led by Ramona Cheek and Terry Souza won the Fresno County Battle of the Books. Team members included Captain Isabella Perez, Samantha Perez, Hannah Ross, Alex Rivas, Domaris Cid, Remy Chan, and Isaiah "Mateo" Flores.
- Teachers at CHS continue to help students succeed by offering re-teaching of subjects and re-assessment for full credit. This practice has proven successful and resulted in a greater percentage of students passing their classes. 48.6% (almost half of the students at CHS) have a 3.0 GPA or higher.



JUSTIN GARZA HIGH SCHOOL

- This year, JGHS had six students compete in seven of the 23 possible Science Olympiad events. Sophomore Thomas Fonseca finished third place in the "Bridge" engineering event. Other participants included Sophomores Alexandria Romans and Jasmine Gomez ("Anatomy" and "Astronomy"), Junior David Gomez ("Forestry" and "Green Generation"), and Freshmen Ashley Granados and Jocelyn Hidalgo ("Cell Biology").
- Justin Garza High School had an astounding 435 students who were recognized for their academic excellence in the Fall 2022 semester. Students who achieved a 3.5 GPA and above were honored. These Guardians were awarded Honors, High Honors, or a Principal's Honor certificate.
- This year's cheer team led by Coach Britney Audino was CIF Central Section Division 1 Champion. As a first-year varsity program, they

had many highlights this season. Along with the Division 1 section championship, they were crowned CheerPro USA state champions and made a repeat trip to the UCA National Championships in Orlando Florida.

- Justin Garza's first-ever Mock Trial team made their presence known in their inaugural year. The team made it to the semifinals and placed 3rd in the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools competition. It was a great run for our Freshman team and we look forward to next year!
- Congratulations to Olivia Ruacho and Noe Sedano for being crowned Valley Champions in wrestling! This is the first year Justin Garza has a Varsity Wrestling team and out of 41 teams, our Varsity took 7th at Valley's!
- JGHS was well represented at the Fresno County History Day event with their coach Jacob Schmidt. David Gomez, Eshan Dhaliwal and Sammy Dhaliwal were crowned champions and Japleen Dhillon was a runner-up! Our champions advanced to the state competition in Sacramento.



CENTRAL LEARNING ADULT/ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL SITE (C.L.A.S.S.)

- Our students and staff participated in "Valentines for Veterans". This is a community-based project in which our students and staff created special Valentine's Day cards which were delivered to various veteran's agencies and facilities.
- Many of our Central Adult School students attended an open house event at Fresno City College. This event was planned specifically for adult school students and provided them with presentations, a resource fair, and campus tours.
- Academic counselors with Fresno City College visited multiple times and met with our Independent Study senior students. The

counselors provided students with information regarding available classes, programs, and career pathways. They also helped students complete and submit their online registration.

- Connections teachers, Mrs. Ashley Highsmith and Ms. Renee Wilkerson, have been diligently creating community partnerships. Mrs. Highsmith's Connection students created canvas paintings and then coordinated an "Art Hop" where they sold their work. Ms. Wilkerson has been participating in local Special Olympics events and engaging in community service projects.



CENTRAL ONLINE HOME SCHOOL

- Our overarching goal this year was to provide students with opportunities to engage with school and interact socially. We are accomplishing this goal in several ways.
- Our Leadership club is going strong under the direction of Dr. Yost. A group of students participated in Beautify Fresno's Youth Community Service Day in the fall and the Beautify Fresno's Great American Cleanup in April.
- Our little Owls (K-5) were visited by two outstanding children's book authors, Stan

Tucker and Carmen Ruben. Mr. Tucker helped our students write their own stories so they could enter a publishing contest. Mrs. Rubin read her story "Honcho Hates Mud". She also shared her journey of how she became a writer.

- In connection with the SAFE Team, we launched two successful Lego Club sessions. This provided students with an opportunity for socialization and to use their creativity.



PATHWAY COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL & PERSHING CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOL

- We have had many educational and fun field trips. We have had students go to the Leadership Institute at Scout Island, Town Hall Meetings, Clovis Community College, Reedley College, Veterans Museum, World Ag Expo and the FFA State Convention to name just a few.
- Our sports teams have been playing hard this year. Our Girls' Basketball Team were crowned League Champions and our Football team took 2nd place in the League.
- The Mustangs have taken 1st place in the Gateway Coed Basketball Tournament three years in a row.

- Our Academic Decathlon Team had a new coach this year, Mr. Fuentes. Students had fun competing at Fresno State and Sunnyside High School.
- Pershing's Annual Career Day was a huge success. Students heard presentations from: Bitwise Technology, Fresno Community Hospital Culinary Services, Foot Locker, U.S. Army, San Jose Job Corp, Primerica, Fresno EOC Conservation Corp, State Farm, EECU and Workforce Connection.
- Pathway also held its annual Car Show in May and this year Pershing joined in on the fun!



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- The Summer/Fall 2023 Online Application will open on 04/01/23
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2022-2023 ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS



CENTRAL EAST/CENTRAL HIGH ATHLETICS

- **Central Girls Basketball:** CIF State Division 2 Regional Championship & CIF State Division 2 State Championship
- **Central Varsity Competition Cheer:** CIF NorCal Regional Cheer Invitational Championship
- **Central JV Competition Cheer:** USA National, 1st Place JV Advance non-tumbling Division
- **Central Track & Field:** Noel Felix ranked #1 hurdler in the Valley
- **Central Track & Field:** Boys 4x400 Relay Team ranked #1 in the Valley
- **Central Track & Field:** Girls 4X100 Relay Team ranked #1 in the Valley

JUSTIN GARZA ATHLETICS

- **JGHS Football:** Advanced to the CIF Central Section Div 4 Quarter Finals as a first year Varsity program
- **JGHS Girls Volleyball:** Advanced to the CIF Central Section Div 4 Semi-Finals as a first year JGHS Varsity program
- **JGHS Boys Cross Country:** Awarded 2nd place at the CIF Central Section Meet and qualified to the CIF State meet
- **JGHS Girls Tennis:** Advanced to the CIF Central Section Div 4 Quarter Finals as a first year Varsity program
- **JGHS Girls Wrestling:** Two members of the team were awarded CIF Central Section Area 2 champions in their respective weight class
- **JGHS Competition Cheer:** Awarded CIF Central section Div 1 Champion

NCAA SIGNEES

- Imari Conley - CSU San Jose - Football/Track & Field
- Riley Costales - CSU San Jose - Track & Field
- Alazar Teffra - Fresno Pacific or Georgetown University - Track & Field
- Paige Morales - Central Methodist University - Wrestling
- Talia Maxwell - CSU Stanislaus - Girls Basketball
- Mia Nishikawa - St. Mary's College - Softball
- Mia Traylor - Northwest Nazarene University - Softball
- Maggie Fleischmann - Willamette University - Softball
- Samantha Laird - La Sierra University - Softball
- Logan Pontecorvo - CSU San Diego - Baseball

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