

Grapevine

CENTRAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT KETTI DAVIS

As we reach the midpoint of our school year, we want to take this opportunity to celebrate some early wins and also forecast where we are headed this spring. We've brought back our Grapevine newsletter so that we can share all the good things that are happening here in Central Unified. We have set some aggressive priorities around school safety, graduation rates, reclassification of English Learners, and student engagement. Upgrading safety cameras, fencing, facility lighting, and a district-wide commitment to teaching positive behavior and anti-bullying are key actions our team is currently involved in. Our juniors and seniors are being closely supported by academic counselors, teachers, and support staff to help them meet graduation requirements to graduate on time. In addition, we are working to rebuild the importance of meeting course requirements and avoiding the need to retake classes with our middle and high school students. We have incredible electives, including career technical education and dual enrollment, that we want our students to access which means enforcing the importance of passing required core classes and building stamina and resilience in our students. Approximately 14% of our 16,000 students speak a language other than English and our efforts to help them become biliterate within four to five years of schooling is a commitment we have made. 160 students have already been reclassified as biliterate this fall and many more are well on their way.

We set this year to be about getting to the Next Level - excellence for everyone. Celebrating the Centennial year for Central High School was a prime example of a school built on and committed to excellence for all students. At all schools this year, teachers received and spent extra funds to add resources into their classrooms. In addition, intervention counselors were added to our team so that every school has psychologist support, a full time intervention counselor, along with county mental health services. We care about our students and know that wellness and academic success go hand in hand.

I wish a safe and happy holiday season for you and your loved ones. Thank you, Central community, for your support and efforts to help our students succeed.



FOUNDATION FOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS

The generosity of the Central Unified Staff, community and donors carried us through the most difficult times and allowed our Foundation to persevere. Over the last couple of years, you helped us achieve record breaking fundraising goals, which allowed us to give back to our students and teachers through scholarships, grants, food and clothing distributions. Our future is radiant and nothing short of incredible. Learn more about upcoming events, scholarships and grants by visiting CentralFoundation.org

Congratulations to our 2022-2023 Grant Recipients and Foundation Champions!

Classroom Project Grant Recipients

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School Club Grant Recipients

Lisa Papaleo, Norman Liddell Elementary School - Alexis Freeman, Teague Elementary School - Lori Vanek, Glacier Point Middle School - Angel De Leon, Justin Garza High School - Colette Bolger, Central Online HomeSchool - Jose Blanco, John Steinbeck Elementary School - Jeff Brotnov, Herndon-Barstow Elementary School.

2022 Foundation Champion Honorees

Academics: Krista Dose River Bluff 6th Grade Teacher and Brian Gumm, River Bluff 5th Grade Teacher
Athletics: Gary Davis, K-8 Athletic Director
Arts: Janeen Casaccia, Curriculum & Instruction Director
Agriculture: Bobby Aparicio, CHS Farm Manager
Community: Esmeralda Soria, Fresno City Council Member



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FACILITIES & UPDATES

Last year, the district opened its third high school, Justin Garza High School, with funding provided from school bond Measure C. The school includes three two-story classroom buildings, two gymnasiums, and a food court. Additionally, a large indoor campus mall and outdoor plaza provide space for developing community among students. The next phase of construction at this campus started this fall, which includes Athletic Fields, an Aquatics Complex, and a Visual and Performing Arts Center funded by school bond Measure D.



Construction will begin soon on the district's 15th elementary school near the intersection of Shields and Brawley, also funded by Measure D. The new two-story school will include 31 classrooms, a multi-purpose room, library, baseball, softball and soccer fields, and basketball courts.



Solar panel projects are being completed this fall at Tilley, Roosevelt, Biola and Houghton Kearney. The district has undertaken 21 solar projects at its schools and district facilities over the past seven years.

This past summer, the district added two additional greenspace areas on the Central East High School campus. This will provide more space for outdoor gatherings, P.E., band and athletic activities.

At nine schools (Biola, Houghton Kearney, Teague, Steinbeck, Saroyan, Liddell, Herndon Barstow, Central East High School and Central High School), older air conditioning/heating units continue to be replaced with newer, energy-efficient systems which will provide better indoor air quality for students and staff.

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BIOLA-PERSHING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Biola-Pershing Elementary School is surrounded by the beautiful agriculture of the Central Valley. A significant portion of our community serves a role in the production and distribution of many of the fruits and vegetables the Central Valley enjoys. It is no wonder, that with this up-close perspective of growing food, that the staff and students of Biola Elementary have embraced our focus on developing a GROWTH MINDSET for both kids and adults. Our theme for the year is, "They learn when we grow!"

What does a "Growth Mindset" look like at Biola-Pershing Elementary? It begins with supporting teachers to develop their instructional practices in the classroom to meet the needs of all students and using data to guide our teaching and as evidence of student growth. It shows itself in the increased

opportunities for students to participate in conflict resolution within our "Thinkery" so that they can be emotionally ready to participate in class, rather than being focused on conflict. You see the Growth Mindset in direct lessons in the classroom and you hear our team encouraging students to focus on growth instead of perfection. Because we know that the partnership between school and family is vital to student success, Biola-Pershing is providing a series of six parent workshops, through Success Together. These classes will help our parents grow in their ability to support their student's education. Biola-Pershing Elementary and the Biola Community are thriving and growing and we look forward to seeing our students continue to the next level in their educational journey!



CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Isaac Newton said, "If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants." This year Central Elementary is building on all the amazing work we have done as our team continues to grow together. We are focusing on being great citizens by teaching, practicing, and spotlighting students who Strive for Five (Be respectful, be safe, work peacefully, strive for excellence, and follow directions)! One great way our students have shown leadership is by volunteering before school by greeting and assisting students who need help walking to class. Our students take pride in helping and making sure everyone feels welcome. Our newly elected Student Council Officers have started filming the weekly news and bringing life to our former news show - Central Elementary TV (CE TV).

Not only are we focusing on working as a team and being inclusive to all, but our biggest focus is providing intervention within the classroom for Mathematics and Literacy four times a week. Our goal is to provide the best first instruction and provide support when needed. Our reading lab has been celebrating great growth for our students. Our reading intervention teacher shares, "Students in the reading lab have started to make a lot of individual growth this year! It's so rewarding to see a concept click for a student as they start to apply strategies and skills to their reading."



HANH PHAN TILLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Hanh Phan Tilley is taking outdoor learning experiences to the next level this school year. In early September, sixth-grade students and parents were informed that current sixth graders would have the opportunity to attend Science Camp at Wonder Valley Educational Center in the spring of 2023. This is a first for Hanh Phan Tilley! Our administration team, along with staff, students, and community partners are beyond excited to be able to share in this inaugural outdoor learning experience. Students will be able to engage in several Next Generation Science Standards-aligned activities during the three-day, two-night camp in early March. Sixth graders aren't the only ones participating in outdoor learning experiences. Each grade level is engaging in field trips and our students are looking forward to continuing their learning experience outside of the classroom.

Students at Hanh Phan Tilley have the great opportunity to find their niche during unstructured time. Social-emotional learning, feeling connected to school, and learning how to engage in unstructured play with one another is an integral part of any student's success. Hanh Phan Tilley is providing a large variety of activities during recess to support students socially and emotionally. In early October, we began a partnership with Elevo: Move to Learn, intramurals during lunch recess. This allows students to interact with Elevo coaches through a variety of activities. These activities focus on a social-emotional character trait that is important to learning. The teaching of the trait is ribboned through a fun, physical game or sport at lunch recess. So far students have been introduced to and taught the concepts of confidence, bravery, and honesty. In conjunction with these intramurals, soccer, flag football, board games, reading, and art are activities all students can access.



HARVEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Harvest Elementary began the 2022-23 school year with two well-deserved and significant awards and recognitions. The staff and students at Harvest have been recognized for their successful Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) implementation at the gold level by the California PBIS Coalition. The Hawk PBIS Team has worked closely with the entire staff and student body to establish and maintain a positive school atmosphere where children are routinely recognized for positive decisions and actions.

Harvest Elementary was also recognized as one of America's Healthiest Schools for the year 2022 by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation. Harvest is one of only 406 schools in the entire nation to be recognized for advancing the physical, mental, and social-emotional health of students, staff, and families!



HERNDON-BARSTOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Here at Herndon-Barstow, life as a Lobo is more exciting than ever! We are thrilled to bring families back on campus. Herndon-Barstow's PTA hosted Goodies with Grandparents and Pastries with Parents in September, and in October they held Family Art Night and Trunk-or-Treat. In addition, families are invited to Coffee with Principal Paul Marashian at the end of each month. Our goal is to connect everyone to Herndon-Barstow after our long hiatus caused by the pandemic.

Continuing with the theme of connection, we are aiming to provide opportunities for all students to connect to Herndon-Barstow in a co-curricular way. In addition to athletics, band, and choir, we have restarted our theater productions, Peach Blossom, and other art-related activities during lunch. We are

also excited to take part in STEM activities such as Lego Robotics, Rocket Club, the Egg Drop Challenge, and Family STEM Night. Whether students love the arts, athletics, science, or anything else, there is something for everyone at H-B!



HOUGHTON-KEARNEY K-8 SCHOOL

It's always a great day at H-K! Houghton-Kearney Tigers are taking Bully Prevention month to the Next Level with a kindness initiative. Students began with Kindness Matters Mondays, where students are encouraged to do random acts of kindness for their friends, teachers, and families. A mindful moment during morning announcements allows students to hear a quote about the importance of kindness and reflect on how they can be kind to others. Staff wear "Choose Kindness" shirts every Monday, and a new kindness banner is at the entrance of the school to show the Tiger community that kindness matters each and every day at H-K.

Houghton-Kearney has partnered with Engie Solar to provide engaging learning opportunities for our students in the area of Science, Engineering, Math,

and Career Exploration. Students are provided with hands-on experiences facilitated by Engie and Houghton-Kearney staff. All lessons are aligned to the Next Gen State Standards with a focus on engineering and design, energy conservation, water and energy, and environment and climate change. There is also an added component for 5th through 8th-grade students on career exploration to allow students to begin thinking and planning for their next level of education. The goal for all students is to leave Houghton-Kearney on a clear path to success in being college and career ready.



JOHN STEINBECK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Building connections and Social Emotional Learning (SEL) are an integral part of education at Steinbeck Elementary and critical for Next Level achievement. Teachers began the year incorporating Respect Agreements, morning greetings, and SEL lessons daily which all help to build relationships and establish a mutually respectful learning environment. Caring and trust also play a part in our school-wide PBIS behavior expectations of being Focused, Independent, Nice, and Safe (FINS). School-wide activities and events continued through September and October with an emphasis on Bullying Prevention Month. Students and staff participated in various dress-up days, engaged in team-building activities in partnership with Central East's Connections Club and held a Unity Day Celebration. Lunchtime activities included

social skills building with our Behavior Intervention Counselor, art projects, and even a Kindness Rap Battle! Keeping students engaged in meaningful activities helps reinforce the SEL competencies being taught, further strengthens relationship skills, and allows students to develop positive attitudes and beliefs about self, others, and school.

With trust established in the classrooms, teachers can then prepare students for deeper learning. The goal for the 22-23 school year is to provide students with grade-level standards-based instruction, differentiated supports to meet the needs of various leveled learners, and ample opportunities for students to be engaged in reading, writing, listening and speaking.



MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

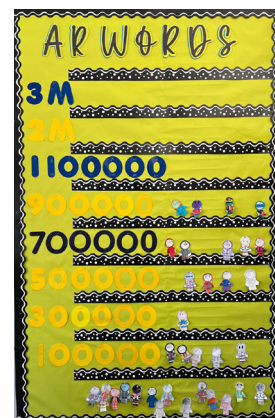
What a great start to the 2022-2023 school year! Students and staff at Madison Elementary are excited to go to the next level! Our Expanded Learning Program (ELP) is focused on providing an excellent experience for students based on academics, nutrition, and extracurricular activities. Jodie Velasquez, Madison's ELP Director says, "Our classes help our students find their place and put them on a path to success when they leave elementary school." At the first Family Literacy Night of the school year, 53 children participated in a mini-lesson on compound words, listened to a story, and received books, a journal, and a pen. ELP is excited to have already gone to Basilwood Farms in Prather and has planned field trips to the Disney Family Museum, Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater, The Tech Museum, and Hearst Castle.

We are also focusing on the next level in mathematics! Our students are diligently working to attain proficiency in the Common Core State Standards. We have three "checkpoints" where students who meet their goals in math will be rewarded for their hard work. Madison has a cohort of staff who are working alongside other districts and the California Education Partners' staff to bolster our students' math skills, while they participate in meaningful conversations and make relevant connections. We are eager to support families in this journey by hosting Family Math Nights this school year. We are focused on making math relevant and fun for all students!



MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

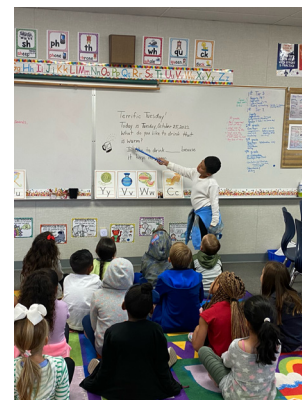
McKinley Elementary is Leveling Up this year through our continued focus on literacy. Our students are currently participating in a word challenge with grade-specific goals where they earn "Brag Tags" for reaching a certain number of words throughout the semester. Our sixth graders have a goal of reaching 1,500,000 words by the end of the spring semester! These goals are supported by our commitment to a daily R.E.A.D. (Read Every Day And Dream), a time when students read up to thirty minutes a day depending on grade level. In math, our teachers are diligently working to provide relevant practice using manipulatives and focusing on incorporating opportunities for collaborative conversations to solve math problems. We look forward to the rest of the school year and are excited to connect and spend more time with our community!



NORMAN LIDDELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Liddell Elementary students and staff are off to an amazing start to the 2022-2023 school year! Academically, we are increasing learning in reading by increasing guided reading instruction, incorporating ELA lessons into science and social studies for interdisciplinary integration, and facilitating novel studies. Our reading lab is serving students in grades 1-4, adding grades 5 and 6 in the second quarter. Kindergarteners will also have the opportunity for reading support in the second semester as needed. In math, our teachers have increased instruction minutes in every classroom, led math lessons using multiple learning modalities, and our math intervention lab is serving students in grades 1-6. In addition, our site held professional development for English Language Development (ELD) with our district's English Learner Coordinator!

Liddell is also celebrating our student's behavioral and social-emotional successes. Our school psychologist and Intervention Counselor are running regular peer groups for social skills and social-emotional wellness. For students that follow our school's Lion Laws, our first Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) reward day was at the end of the first quarter, with 95% of our students earning the reward! This rewarding day is in addition to all students' ability to earn Lion Paws weekly, Lion of the Month award, and Character Counts awards! Finally, Liddell is the proud recipient of the PBIS Gold Award for all of the amazing efforts of our staff and students!



RIVER BLUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

River Bluff Elementary started the 2022-2023 school year with two of our Falcon Family's favorite things, Literacy and giving back. To kick off the month of October, River Bluff Student Council led our community in supporting "The Socktober Project". Students and their families collected socks suitable for all ages. These socks will be donated to local shelters in support of their needs for the colder days ahead. Our students and their families donated over 500 pairs of socks! As always, we are proud of our students and their thoughtful commitment to the greater good, by giving to others.

On the evening of October 24th, River Bluff families attended Family Literacy Night. River Bluff staff members ran stations centered on reading, and the many unexpected benefits literacy has

the potential to provide. On this special night, a student-run "Freddy Falcon Coffee Cart" offered coffee to our parents while students were able to participate in a variety of activities. Some chose to create their own graphic novel, comics, or bookmarks. Others participated in a figurative language or create-a-sentence puzzle activity. Students visited our fabulous Librarian, Ms. Herr, and the River Bluff Book Fair. While there, students entered a raffle for a "Bag of Books". Ms. Wile and Ms. Barker from Library services gave away books to every student who attended. Following the inspiration of our motto to "Read, Lead, and Succeed", River Bluff students, families, and staff members made a positive impact on the community, and we are so proud.



ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Roosevelt Elementary has opened the 2022-2023 school year focused on student achievement by increasing student participation in co-curricular activities. We believe, If students feel connected to school, they will feel motivated to learn. We have created a new social media page on Instagram (@roosevelt.roadrunners) to promote and highlight our programs as well as students achievements. So far the feedback from our school community has been great. We have had a great start to the year with our athletics program and have partnered with our families to host a variety of community events. Academically, we have also been focusing on taking mathematics to the Next Level. Our teachers are working together closely to provide

students with frequent opportunities that help them make meaningful connections. This has resulted in our Roadrunners having greater success in mathematics. We're looking forward to the rest of the school year, it's full speed ahead for our Roadrunners.



TEAGUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Great things are happening at Teague this school year! Recently our 5th and 6th grade Scholars Club took a trip to Fresno State University to get a taste of higher education and bowling. By Winter break we will have also participated in our first Fresno county Lego Robotics tournament, hosted a Family Literacy Night, Fall Pastries with Parents, and facilitated an entry-level computing course for parents.

Our student government positions have been filled and they are ready to give input on how we can improve our campus community. On the topic of input, our parents are attending our monthly Principal's Coffee meeting. Earlier this fall we sent out a service via paper and ParentSquare where we asked parents to give input on educational opportunities that we as Teague could provide. More than 250 parents have responded and we are in the process of gathering resources to respond to our community.

As the second semester approaches we are looking forward to opportunities like our second computing course for parents, the Spring Family Literacy Night, the Mother/Son Dance, the Daddy/Daughters Dance, and other events to help us connect with our community. As the year progresses we will continue to demonstrate our ability to encourage our young learners to show Teague P.R.I.D.E by...

1. Taking PRIDE in their education and our school
2. Having RESPECT for themselves and others
3. Showing INTEGRITY by making good choices
4. Being DETERMINED to be the best they can be
5. Showing EMPATHY by understanding the feelings of others.

GO Knights!!



WILLIAM SAROYAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

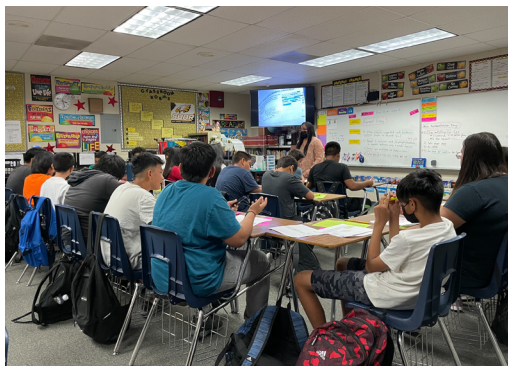
Saroyan Elementary is increasing our "Horsepower" when it comes to academics and social-emotional wellness by working to increase school and self-pride in our students and community. Over the summer, new window signage was installed to improve the aesthetics of the school. With the help of our student council, our cheerleading team, our PFC, and our new Athletic Director, we are motivating students to take pride in their school and show school spirit! Our PFC held a spirit wear design contest and the winner had their work featured on our new spirit wear shirts! Our student council is promoting school pride by encouraging students to help keep our campus clean.

Additionally, we are increasing our academic "Horsepower" by having students work to improve their academic stamina! Teachers in all grade levels are encouraging students to take initiative and empowering them to problem solve. Teachers are also planning activities to increase our student-to-student discourse and collaboration during learning time, specifically in Math. Teachers are using accountable talk and higher-level questions to guide student conversations. Teachers are also using carousel walks and other engagement strategies to foster productive collaboration and increase student learning. Our school counselor is working directly with individual students, classrooms, and our school as a whole to boost student self-confidence and overall well-being.



EL CAPITAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

El Capitan Middle School staff are hard at work helping provide opportunities for English Learners and all students alike to take their learning to new levels. English learners are being provided with additional learning opportunities to overcome language acquisition challenges. Our staff has been hard at work participating in professional learning to increase their ability to support our students and community. Students being actively engaged in their learning is El Capitan's priority! We are proud of our students and the hard work they are putting in to achieve their academic and personal goals. English Learner camps are being provided throughout the year to support the progress needed to achieve proficiency on the English Language Proficiency Assessment of California (ELPAC). The hard work of our staff, students, and parents does not go unnoticed!



GLACIER POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL

From Academics to Activities to Athletics, Glacier Point Middle School has had a great start to the school year. Students and staff are having a great time on campus while working hard in the classroom and on the athletic fields. We are very proud to announce that Glacier Point has been recognized as one of America's Healthiest Schools of 2022 by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation.. Our library has hosted multiple events for students to help them discover books and tools available to them. In the classroom, our focus is to engage students with content, curriculum, and assessments that will help support academic growth and prepare them for high school and beyond. The fall semester has also been successful in athletics, with tennis, golf, football, and girls' volleyball all competing in postseason play. We are looking forward to winter sports and our fall visual and performing arts programs.



RIO VISTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Exciting things are happening at Rio Vista in the 2022-23 school year. We have our sights set on increasing engagement in the classroom, promoting parent and community participation, and improving our school culture to move towards a more inclusive campus. Academically, our teachers have found their groove and are engaging students in lessons that pique their interest, ensuring they are excited to learn. Our students are working hard each class period however, we know that sometimes they need extra help, so tutoring is taking place every week. Teachers are available before and after school to make sure students have the assistance they need. Tutoring information can be found on our school website and in our weekly parent email.

Rio Vista hosted Special Olympics Soccer in October for both elementary and middle schools from Fresno County. In fact, over 300+ athletes participated from 31 different schools! We were back in full effect with players, spectators, and parents in attendance. Our community support was tremendous as we had volunteers from Fresno City College softball players, Central East Varsity Boys' & Girls' Soccer teams, and Unified PE from Central East High School who helped referee the games and support with the skills events. This Special Olympics Soccer was next level, we had such a great turnout with parent and student participation which made it a fabulous community event for all! Go, Titans!



CENTRAL EAST HIGH SCHOOL

Since the school year started, Central East High School has provided multiple opportunities for our students and staff to achieve their goals, as they strive to be the very best every day.

We are improving school culture by discussing the importance of making a positive impact at the beginning of each class with staff. We have greatly improved campus culture at CEHS, by improving the production of our daily announcements (CTV). This has allowed us to bring purpose and something new or different each day to raise awareness of school activities and learning opportunities. This has been instrumental in making our school events successful and optimizing involvement in each event and dress-up day.

Our CEHS team has also been working hard on improving our schools' academics. We have implemented a morning and afternoon tutoring program as well as weekly credit recovery classes to help students get back on track. Our team is also stressing the importance of improving clarity in the classroom and continuing to offer professional development to strengthen our Professional Learning Community groups. This includes changing their approach to learning and becoming more actively involved and engaged. We still have a long way to go, but we are very confident in the work we are providing our students and staff toward a better future for those who are part of our Grizzly family. Central Grizzlies Over Everything!



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Central High School celebrated 100 years of tradition, history, and legacy on October 29th this year. GO GRIZZLIES! CHS is now in its second year as a school of choice and continues to build the Early College dual enrollment program in partnership with Fresno City College. The Early College program began last year and gives students the opportunity to graduate high school with an Associate's Degree. Because of the augmented GPA of most college classes, many students in dual enrollment classes experience an increase in their grades. "We have sophomores well above the 4.0 GPA. Dual enrollment will provide greater opportunities for our Central High students for college acceptance and scholarships as they move forward in life," said Gurpreet Dhillon, Central High School Counselor.

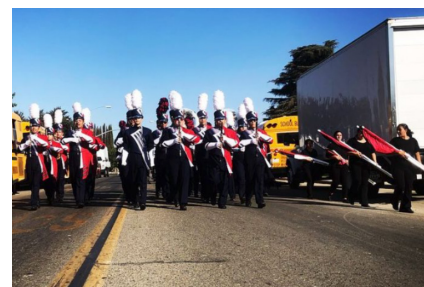
The Central High School Career Technical Education pathways also provide the perfect opportunity for students in Central Unified. The criminology, education, and health pathways are designed to provide students with skills for the next steps in furthering their education or in the workforce. Our Ag program continues to win awards for the opportunities it provides CHS students. This year over 100 awards were earned by Ag program students who competed in the Big Fresno Fair. So many opportunities are available at Central High School to take students to the Next Level!



JUSTIN GARZA HIGH SCHOOL

Justin Garza Guardians opened the 2022-2023 school year by expanding their grade range for the first time ever to include Juniors. Adding on the additional grade level has led our campus to expand in the world of athletics, arts, performing arts, clubs, activities, and many more extracurricular activities. By building our student base, we are able to expand our programs and the dedication of our students to these extracurricular activities.

The Justin Garza Guardian Marching Band and Color Guard participated in their very first Field Show competition and walked away with many accolades on Saturday, October 8th. The team won Best Music, Best Visual, Best Color Guard, and Best General Effect in their class. Our Guardians put countless hours and energy into their performances and their efforts have paid off! Great job Guardians!



CENTRAL ONLINE HOME SCHOOL

COHS is working to bring student engagement to the next level by providing students with opportunities to engage with school and interact socially. The Virtual Back to School Rally was a success with over 200 participants. We established the first Leadership club under the direction of Dr. Yost. Students hosted an in-person rally with games and prizes. We invited all secondary students to participate in a community service event day, led and organized by students and sponsored by the City of Fresno. In addition, we offered a "movie night" outside at our COHS facility. The Hybrid Art Club is a success. Students express their creative side with schoolmates while working on projects. Students may join from home on Zoom or campus. A big Thank You goes out to the Central Foundation for awarding COHS the grant to help purchase supplies.

Our youngest students had the opportunity to come together and show off their costumes with our walk-through Trick or Treat and dress-up days for Red Ribbon week.

In synchronous weekly Homeroom meetings, students connect about topics that include anti-bullying, goal setting, using a growth mindset, and the 7 habits of highly effective teens. Our seniors have completed college applications and financial aid workshops, and we have six seniors graduating in December 2022.



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

Our students and staff have been working diligently to begin the 2022-2023 school year and have continued to make improvements as a result. Our staff at our Independent Study School have created various models to support our senior students in their pursuit to meet graduation requirements this school year, as well as help ensure they receive support and guidance with their FAFSA application, college, and various post-secondary endeavors. Our staff has made instructional support in the evening available for many of our senior students as a way to provide an additional layer of academic and instructional guidance. All of our senior students have been given the opportunity to meet with college counselors. As a result, many of our students have completed college registration and submitted their applications for financial aid.

Our Adult School continues to experience steady enrollment growth in a variety of classes and programs. A portion of this growth can be attributed to a new registration and orientation process that provides a more welcoming, informational, and in-depth introduction to our school. The new student orientation process provides a platform for us to meet with students for approximately one hour. During this time, we share a wide spectrum of support and services that are provided to help students navigate the "next steps" of their career and/or higher education.



PATHWAY COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL & PERSHING CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOL

Pershing and Pathway are off to a great start this school year! Our students are taking their learning to the "Next Level" and are already completing the credits needed to graduate. Our Library is also raising the bar by hosting Teentober events every Friday thanks to Library Tech Aide Mrs. Lopez. Our first learning trip to the Scout Island Leadership Academy ropes course was a success. Senior students said, "We learned you have to work together, trust people and face your fears." For Red Ribbon Week, our Pathway classes competed in a friendly and festive door decorating contest. In athletics, the Pershing Mustang football team has already won two of their three games this season. Our FFA has started strong with garden displays at both the Madera Fair and the Big Fresno Fair and took second place at the Fresno Fair. Pershing and Pathway are making the 2022-2023 school year one to remember!



NEXT *Level*
EXCELLENCE FOR EVERYONE

