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SEPTEMBER SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dear Upland Unified School District Community,

Students across Upland Unified are already making great strides as the new school year gets underway. Back-to-School Nights were a tremendous success across our campuses, giving families an opportunity to meet teachers, learn more about curriculums and coursework, and strengthen connections with our school communities.

During September, our schools also focused on the importance of attendance and being at school every day, all day, ready to learn. We appreciate our families' partnership in helping students arrive on time and prepared for a successful day. Campuses also reinforced behavior expectations and school values, helping students understand the role each of them plays in creating safe, welcoming, and supportive learning environments.

It has also been wonderful to see students exploring their interests and talents in so many different ways. At Baldy View Elementary, students dressed as their dream careers and began thinking about the possibilities ahead of them. Across our elementary schools, students are once again engaging in visual and performing arts, while at Upland High School, our talented artists and vocal performers are creating impressive work. These experiences encourage students to be curious, creative, and confident as they discover what inspires them.

School spirit and community have been on full display as well. Cabrillo Elementary students enjoyed a Bubble Run made possible with the support of their families, while our Mini Scots had the opportunity to join Upland High cheerleaders under the Friday night lights. Moments like these help students build connections to their schools and to the larger Upland Unified community.

Our fall sports teams are also off to an exciting start, achieving personal records and racking up accomplishments. Congratulations to the Upland High School (UHS) varsity boys' water polo team for capturing the championship at the Thrills in the Hills tournament and to the girls' varsity volleyball team for taking first place at the Cardinal Classic!

From the classroom to the stage, athletic field, and career labs, our students are learning, growing, and discovering new possibilities every day. These first weeks of school have offered so many reminders of what makes Upland Unified special: students who are eager to learn, staff who create meaningful opportunities for them, and families and community members who support them along the way.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we keep Creating Excellence for All.

In gratitude,

Lynn J. Carmen Day, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools
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Valencia Elementary second graders marked the 25th anniversary of September 11 through service-learning activities centered on remembrance and service. Students read “Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of the John J. Harvey” by Maira Kalman, which tells the true story of a retired New York City fireboat called back into service following the attacks. Students also placed American flags on the school’s front lawn, creating a meaningful display of remembrance while learning about courage, service, and community.



Baldy View Elementary students dressed as their dream careers, imagining themselves as future doctors, first responders, educators, engineers, and more. The activity encouraged students to explore future possibilities, set goals, and begin making connections between what they learn today and the opportunities ahead.

