

## Weekly from Dr. Rudolph

September 28, 2018

### Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 4	Castro/Mistral PIQE, 5:30 p.m. Board Meeting, Graham MUR, 6:15 p.m.
Friday, October 5	Bubb Walkathon, 3:00 p.m. start Crittenden Luau Music Fundraiser, 6:00 p.m.

### The Superintendent's Calendar in Review

- Met with three direct reports
- Met with two principals for goals conference
- Led the weekly Cabinet meeting
- Met with Board president

### From the Public Information Officer

- Released "Let's Talk" [video #1 Parent Engagement](#)
- Lunch account balance communications
- Government relations and school successes talking points
- Public records requests
- Boundaries communications and timeline planning
- Survey presentation and climate survey planning
- Supported MVPD with filming video about SROs at schools

### From the Director of Technology

- Continuing to work on the influx of support requests since the start of the school. In the past month, we have received 807 support requests and we have resolved 80% of those requests.
- David Harris, Teacher on Special Assignment and Director of Technology, Jon Aker visited classrooms at Huff to observe technology use.

### From the Chief Academic Officer

On Monday, Cathy Baur attended a meeting at Square Panda with several administrators from the District including Dr. Rudolph. MVWSD and Square Panda will partner so that the students benefit from their multisensory phonics learning system and they can get feedback from teachers to continually improve their product.

On Wednesday, the District hosted a parent preview of Puberty Talk. Puberty Talk is the 5th grade human growth and development program. It is delivered to students over a one-

week period at their school site and parents will be notified before instruction begins. Parents unable to attend the preview and want to review materials are welcome to do so at the District office.

On Thursday, Cathy viewed the North-South Assessment and Accountability Webcast. This meeting covers information on the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) system as well as the California Dashboard.

Cathy continued holding goal setting meetings with coaches and principals and visited classrooms at Graham Middle School.

### **Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment**

This week in the Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment department, Tara met for coaching sessions with 3 principals with whom she reviewed data, visited classrooms, and discussed goals and actions for their sites.

She met with the principal and instructional coach at Mistral to discuss District benchmarks and updates to the assessment process to better align with the instructional program at the site.

Tara also met to review a new procedure and protocol for the instructional coach's meetings. The new procedure will allow for more strategic and focused training on topics and a more collaborative approach to the monthly meetings.

A new Kindergarten Entrance Profile was shared with all Kindergarten teachers this week. It can be used to identify areas of strength and growth on both the learning and developmental needs of students. The new tool is optional this year with the intent of gathering feedback and refining the tool for full implementation in 2019-20. Within the first few hours of sharing the tool, 7 teachers had already expressed excitement about it and confirmed that they will be using it now.

Finally, Tara attended the District Administration Leadership Institute STEM Conference.

### **Federal, State and Strategic Programs**

#### **Site Visits--**

**9/25:** Huff--English Learner (EL) Shadow Day--Administration shadowed several EL students and observed opportunities for language use or instruction

**9/25:** Mistral--Leadership Check-in Support/Review of Facilitator roles and parent Engagement Strategies for series workshops and SLS funds usage

**9/23:** Monta Loma--Friday SIOP Walkthrough

**9/25:** Crittenden--Site Planning support provided by EL Coordinator

**9/28:** Crittenden SIOP walkthrough

#### **Other--**

**9/24-9/26:** Continued interviews and schedule/assignment coordination of parent conference interpretation needs at all sites.

Coordination and support of district wide parent engagement English as a Second Language classes with Vision Literacy.

**9/27:** ELPAC Coordinators staff meeting--Training webinar--CALPADs data system--maintaining accuracy with student records

**9/25:** ELD Newcomer Strategies Workshop for Teachers - 3:30-5:00pm District Office Presented by Arline Siam

**9/25:** Interpreter Training 6-7:30pm District Office Presented by

**9/26:** Supported Puberty Talks curriculum information meeting 6:00pm-7:30pm Graham Middle School

### **Special Education**

Special Education Coordinator, Arianna Mayes held the monthly meeting with our speech therapists to review special education best practices and policies. Gary attended the Learning Challenges Committee and provided an update to them about special education. Parents asked about substitute teachers and aides. Ability Awareness was also discussed. A timeline for each school to hold their Ability Awareness Week is being developed, but Huff has already held theirs. Gary met with McArthur-Levin, our special education attorneys to review pending/potential cases. Arianna held her monthly staff meeting with the Slater pre-school staff. Special education team meetings were held at Theuerkauf, Monta Loma, Huff, and Mistral.

### **Preschool**

#### **Enrollment**

We have just a few students in the process of enrollment. If they complete the process, we will have one state preschool space available as we head into October. In recent years, we have not been able to fill our program until December or January so this year we have seen a dramatic shift in enrollment patterns. We look forward to further expansion of the preschool program next year which will allow us to continue to enroll families throughout the school year as they move into our school district and reduce the number of fee-based or full-day families on the waiting list.

#### **Golden Bell**

We have our Golden Bell Award validation visit scheduled for October 15. Our staff looks forward to showcasing the work that we do with our preschoolers and their families.

#### **Assessments**

Student vision, dental and hearing screenings have been completed as a free service to our families in collaboration with Healthier Kids Foundation. Developmental screenings have also been completed on all students. Parents and teachers work together on these screenings which will help us identify students who may need additional classroom support or assessment through the special education program. Teachers are currently working on both in-house assessments (developed by our program - Developmental Progress Assessment or DPA) and the state mandated Desired Results Developmental Progress (DRDP). Assessments and developmental screenings will be reviewed with parents during our fall conferences which will be held on November 8 & 9.