

Weekly from Dr. Rudolph

January 5, 2018

This week we unveiled SchoolMint, our new online platform for school registration. After 1 day of using the system we had 900 re-enrollments and 100 new kindergarten students enroll. Would have never happened using the old system. Our team (Nubia, Evelyn, Karina) led by Mrs. Ghysels with the help of Mrs. Hausman did an amazing job getting us ready. For our new kinder parents this is their first experience with our district and it appears to be a success.

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, January 8, 2018 Mistral SCC/ELAC, 3:30 p.m.
Mistral PTA, 6:00 p.m.
Puberty Talk, 5th Grade Parent Preview, 6:00 p.m. @ Graham

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 Theuerkauf ELAC, 8:40 a.m.
Huff SSC, 3:00 p.m.
Stevenson Foundation, 3:30 p.m.
Monta Loma SSC, 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 Stevenson SSC, 4:45 p.m.
Castro SSC, 5:00 p.m.
Theuerkauf SSC, 5:15 p.m.
Monta Loma ELAC, 6:00 p.m.
Parent University, 6:30 p.m. @ Crittenden

Thursday, January 11, 2018 Theuerkauf Walk, Roll and Ride to School

The Superintendent's Calendar in Review

- Met with four direct reports
- Participated in the Board meeting
- Met with presidents of both employee unions
- Met with Special Education staffing
- Planned for State of the Union address
- Interview with member of the media

From the Public Information Officer

- Social media updates
- State of the Schools materials translation and editing
- Media interview
- Monta Loma newsletter template
- Climate survey presentation development
- Online student registration platform marketing & meeting

- Parent and staff newsletters
- Parent U web site, flyers and promotion
- Landels/Monta Loma web site content migration
- Public records request

From the Chief Business Officer

Fiscal

We are working with the Santa Clara County of Education on online purchasing project. This online purchasing project allows purchase requisitions to be processed faster by electronic approval. We are currently in the process of mapping out approval process, timeline and others. Our goal is to implement this online purchasing in 2018-2019.

We are also preparing for our January site visits happening in next week. During this visit, we will be reviewing site budget versus year-to-date expenditures with all principals and secretaries to help the sites manage their budgets. This is also a chance for questions or requests they might have. The next visit will be in late March or early April for both years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 budget.

Food & Nutrition Services

During the Christmas break we focused on cleaning the Crittenden production kitchen and I worked on obtaining information on the cost and operation of a food truck.

Several new laws went into effect that pertain to school food.

1. No lunch shaming
2. Excess food can now be donated to non-profits

We are looking forward to the opening of the new Monta Loma kitchen.

Maintenance, Operations and Transportation

Over the break, MOT worked on the fire inspection report items, and will be finished early next week. The Warehouse was a focus as well, with cleaning, purging, and organizing the facility. Routine maintenance items included changing the air filter in all HVAC units in classrooms.

Over the fall, the City tested all schools water for lead except Huff. (Huff water is supplied by Cal Water, not the City. They were tested this fall as well.) Over the break, we learned we were all clear, except one water fountain at TH. The limit is 15 and we tested at 17 parts per billion. The City commented it is like a drop of water in a swimming pool; very low risk. But, we closed off the fountain over the break and it remains closed. Today, the City collected a second sample to retest the fountain. We will know the results in 10 days. If we are "positive" again, we create a remediation plan to address the lead.

The engineered fire systems at both middle schools were inspected and passed.

General Business/Chief Business Officer

Sage Renewables submitted the applications for the solar interconnection with PG&E. (We switched to Sage for about half the price of Opterra.) The applications were received and now pending any action by MVWSD for solar, we are eligible for the better rate.

Debbie Austin and I attended a meeting at the Monta Loma MUR to plan for the transition from construction to operation regarding the kitchen.

I met with a Canopy representative to discuss adding trees to the fence line along Montecito Avenue adjacent to the field and trees along some of the concrete walkway at Crittenden.