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# **GOLD GAZETTE**

## The Official Newsletter of the Marysville Joint Unified School District



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Greetings! This is the March issue of the Gold Gazette newsletter. This month we are highlighting some of the amazing things happening across our district!

In this issue, you will learn about how the Marysville High School Boys Basketball Team won its first division title in 30 years and the Girls Basketball Team made it to the Final 4 in the CIF State Tournament and broke a high school record for most wins in a season. You will also read about the new Middle College Academy (2023-24) and learn about how it compares to our Early College Program.

If you have a story idea for a future issue of the Gold Gazette, please email Courtney Tompkins at ctompkins@mjusd.kl2.ca.us.



## **MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Dear MJUSD Community,

MJUSD students and staff are astonishing. You can follow me on Facebook @FalAsraniEdD to see regular posts about our incredible students at work – Mock Trial at LHS, Science Olympiad at MHS, Arts Show at MCAA and so much more! Be it a regional competition or classroom work, our students and staff are focused on bringing their best every day.

The last few weeks have been difficult with the rain and cold weather, especially at two of our schools that had to tackle snow on top of everything else! Please join me in extending a heartfelt thanks to our teachers, support staff, maintenance crew and bus drivers who did everything possible to make sure Yuba Feather and Dobbins elementary schools were operating in a safe way, and thank you to our parents and students for your patience.

Thanks to the parents who have been joining the monthly Let's Connect Superintendent Sessions on Zoom. So far, I have met and spoken to more than 50 parents. This week I have been hosting multicultural parent meetings at elementary schools with translators to support parents who speak Spanish or Hmong.

#### **MJUSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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The district will be hosting a series of community meetings to talk about our facilities needs at multiple schools and receive input from parents, students and staff. As a district, we have continued to complete some long-standing projects with over \$45 million dollars invested in the past two years to complete a 16-classroom building at Covillaud, a full modernization project at Foothill, and new track and field complexes at Marysville and Lindhurst high schools. However, with growing enrollment across the district, we need funding to build additional classrooms at multiple schools, a new performing arts theater, and new science labs and gyms as we continue to prepare our students for the competitive world around us.

As always, thank you, parents, for your support of your neighborhood school. Thanks to our community partners who have continued to engage with us to support school improvement. The school district educates the future leaders of our communities and it is the collective responsibility of all to make sure that students are ready for the future. If you have any questions or suggestions, you can always reach out to me at fasrani@mjusd.kl2.ca.us. Be safe and be well.

In partnership,

Fal Asrani, Ed.D. Superintendent



### MCAA STUDENT TRAVELS TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TO MARCH FOR AWARENESS



Anna Galvin met with California Congressman Kevin Kiley to share her story.

Earlier this month one of our students traveled to the U.S. Capitol to meet with congressional representatives, attend leadership training and march for awareness about tuberous sclerosis, a rare genetic disease she was born with.

Anna Galvin, a senior at Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts, traveled to Washington, D.C., with the Tuberous Sclerosis (TSC) Alliance, a nonprofit that works to advance research for the disease and improve the lives of those living with tuberous sclerosis. In August 2022, Anna applied to become a future leader with the TSC Alliance. She was accepted into the program and invited to travel to the Capitol from February 27 to March 3.

"It was super inspiring and I was happy to have this experience," she said.

During the first day she attended training sessions to prepare for meetings with government officials and to better understand the scope of disease research in need of funding. As a representative of California for the TSC Alliance, she and others shared their stories and talked about how their lives had been impacted by the disease. She spoke with California Congressional Representatives Jimmy Panetta and Kevin Kiley as well as staff members from the offices of Congresswoman Doris Matsui and Senators Diane Feinstein and Alex Padilla.

Anna's journey with TSC started when she was just six months old. She was diagnosed with epilepsy and later with tuberous sclerosis. TSC causes benign cortical tubers to grow in the brain and other areas of the body, including the lungs, heart, kidneys and skin, and can lead to physical and neurological conditions such as epilepsy, autism, strokes and diabetes. Anna said she dealt with mild seizures throughout her childhood, and later experienced grand mal seizures, which involves a loss of consciousness and muscle strength and leads to violent muscle contractions.

"Before, I could play cello, I could run, I could play the piano ... but then when these fall-down seizures happened I developed a fear of what I was doing," she said.

In 2016, when she was 12 years old, a family friend helped fly her to the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio where she spent a week at the Ronald McDonald House and underwent a series of tests. Doctors were able to find medication to keep her seizures under control and it has now been six years without experiencing a seizure.

"For me, I was super lucky. I was able to get my seizures under control, and now because of the research that's being done, I am able to take medication to stop further problems," she said.

As a future leader for the TSC Alliance, Anna has been able to meet with other people living with tuberous sclerosis to platform more resources and information about the disease and the Alliance. Anna is fluent in Russian and attributes this to her being able to connect with people living with this condition on an international level. She plans to record a video detailing her experience with tuberous sclerosis in Russian through the TSC Alliance in hopes of spreading awareness. She also hopes to connect with others in the Yuba-Sutter community who may be living with her condition as well.

"I hope to share my story even further," she said.

#### MHS TEACHER'S ARTWORK IS ON DISPLAY IN LOCAL GALLERY







Marysville High School Art Teacher Yesenia Cachu Rios' eye-catching artwork is on display in the Theater Gallery at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts throughout the month of March.

Inspired by her Mexican roots and a love for nature, Yesenia is an artist whose work captures the beauty of both. The Lindhurst High School alumna said the first art class she took in high school opened up a world of artistic possibilities. Her first art teacher, Mrs. Greco, encouraged her to pursue art throughout high school and into college, which led her to where she is today.

Yesenia has found in her art a way to express her love for nature and her Mexican roots, creating pieces that are both full of color and emotion. She encourages others to explore their own personal roots and look for the opportunities to learn new things about themselves. Through these discoveries, she hopes that they may find healing in the beauty of nature and of their own culture as much as she did.

She stressed how important it is for educators to learn about their students' cultures and backgrounds because, as a student, feeling seen and supported by her teachers was integral to her success.

"Working with art again on a daily basis really reminded me of my college years and coming back and teaching gave me that inspiration to keep going," she said.

She said she encourages her students to have multiple dreams and to go after them.

The Theater Gallery is also home to several local artists including Dude Green, a metal sculpture artist, and Jesse Harris, an indigenous jewelry and beadwork artist. You can see Yesenia's work on display through Friday, March 31st. Her artwork is available for purchase.

#### SCHOOLS CELEBRATE 'READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK'



Superintendent Dr. Fal Asrani reads to students at Browns Valley Elementary School on March 2, 2023.



Yuba Water Agency staff members read to students at Ella Elementary School.



A Yuba County Probation team member reads to students at Johnson Park Elementary School.

## HOW THE MIDDLE COLLEGE ACADEMY DIFFERS FROM THE EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM

As you may know, the MJUSD Board of Trustees approved **The Middle College Academy** earlier this month. The creation of this small school will not interrupt the continuation of the Early College Program. Both middle and early college programs are offered in partnership with Yuba College and appeal to two different student groups. The Middle College Academy is a separate school on the college campus and students who enroll into this school will get the opportunity to earn both the high school diploma and the AA college degree in four years instead of six years. These students will not be enrolled in a traditional high school campus and are self-driven to balance high academics with internships, job placements and a flexible schedule to maximize their college and career readiness through options offered on the Yuba College campus.

Next year will mark the third year of the **Early College Program**, which is offered at all the high school campuses – Lindhurst High School, Marysville High School, South Lindhurst High School and Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts. Early College students attend morning classes at Yuba College and return to their respective high school in the afternoon. These are students who wish to add college courses on their high school transcript, but enjoy the experiences and opportunities offered on a traditional high school campus. Through this program, students can earn transferable college credits while earning their high school diploma.

#### Early College Program

- Started in August 2021
- Program offered at traditional high school
- Students complete college courses as part of high school diploma requirements and earn AA or make progress toward AA
- Pre-selected college courses support general studies college classes or general studies AA degree
- Students have access to athletics and extracurricular activities on their high school campus

#### Middle College Academy

- Starts in August 2023
- Separate high school at Yuba College
- Students on track to complete high school + 2 years of college in 4 years to earn AA degree and high school diploma
- Students select college major of choice in 11th and 12th grades
- Students cannot access athletics and extracurricular activities on their high school campus
- Students may earn a certification while in program, participate in internships, and/or be employed

Both of these academic pathways are designed to improve access to college and career readiness. Participation in an early or middle college program requires a strong work ethic, academic commitment, time management and resilience. Students looking to apply for The Middle College Academy are students who are highly driven to begin working toward not only their high school diploma but also what is typically referred to as "post secondary education." To do this, these students are looking for more than the traditional high school experience.

Applications for the Early College Program are available through your school counselor. Please reach out to Jami Larson, Director of College and Career, with any questions you may have at (530) 749-6160. Applications to the Middle College High School Academy will be available after Spring Break.

## AN INSIDE LOOK AT MCAA'S CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION PATHWAYS

As the district's only performing and fine arts themed charter school, Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts offers career pathways that prepare students for college and career advancement in the Arts, Media, and Entertainment (AME) Industry Sector. Through this Career Technical Education Program, students have the opportunity to graduate with experience in Design, Visual, & Media Arts, Performing Arts, and Production & Managerial Arts. In addition, MCAA has served as California AME Demonstration School, a recognition of the school's reputation in the arts-education community.

Students from MCAA are active performers in the Yuba Sutter and greater Sacramento Area arts communities and have been recognized in a wide variety of arts and academic programs and competitions.



#### ARTS, MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

#### Design, Visual & Media Arts Pathway

- Graphic Design
  - Design students study the technique, theory, and practice of computer-based graphic design. Using industry-standard applications and tools, students create the majority of the promotional materials for school events and activities.
  - Students from the Graphic Design program have worked developing professionally applied graphics and promotional materials for a variety of local businesses and government organizations.

#### Performing Arts Pathway

#### Dance & Choreography

- Dance students study a variety of techniques including ballet, hip-hop, modern, jazz, and tap. In addition to studying technique, students learn about the creation of choreography and what it takes to be a professional dancer.
- Dance students perform twice yearly in recitals featuring work from student, staff, and local professional choreographers.
- Professional Music
  - Music students are able to take a number of different classes as they prepare to graduate with this AME emphasis. In addition to traditional performance classes, MCAA offers Vocal Music, Piano, Guitar, Songwriting, and Orchestra.
  - Music students regularly compete in local marching band competitions, district-wide music performances, and on-campus recitals at the end of each semester.



- Professional Theatre
  - Theatre students journey through three individual courses which explore performance techniques, theatrical voice and movement, production management, Theatre history and theory, and practical performance activities.
  - Each year students perform in multiple fullscale plays and musicals, some of which tour to local elementary schools to share the joy of live theatre with our youngest MJUSD community members.
  - MCAA Theatre alumni have gone on to work professionally in local and national theatre, film, and television productions!

#### Production & Managerial Arts Pathway

- Technical Theatre
  - Tech students learn the art and craft of creating live performances from the ground up. From running theatrical lighting to designing props, these students develop an understanding of the "behind the scenes" aspects of dance, theatre, and music.
  - Technical Theatre students regularly create and implement their own original lighting, scenic, and sound designs in both school and local productions and events.



Hannah Miethe (Class of '22) hangs and focuses lights for a drama production as part of the Advanced Technical Theatre Class at MCAA.

#### **PROFESSIONALS SHARE CAREER ADVICE WITH 8TH GRADERS FOR SPEAKER SERIES**



A guest speaks to students during the 8th Grade Professional Speaker Series.

Our 8th graders are getting a special look into multiple career paths offered in the Yuba-Sutter area. Through the 8th Grade Professional Speakers Series, the College and Career Department is welcoming professionals onto middle school campuses once a month to inform students about their career.

Having kicked off in February and running through May, Foothill, McKenney, and Yuba Gardens intermediate schools are getting the chance to hear from medical, public safety, aviation, and engineering professionals.

This month, Foothill hosted D'Arcy McLeod of Beale AeroClub to learn about his experience as a pilot. McKenney students met Tanya Engler MSN, PHN, RN, of Adventist Health and Rideout Hospital, who talked with them about nursing and many other positions available within the field of healthcare.

Yuba Gardens welcomed Yuba County District Attorney Clint Curry, Linda Fire Chief Kyle Heggstrom, and Linda Firefighter Jake Leonard to learn about the many public safety positions available within Yuba County. The support of these business professionals in our schools has been exemplary and we are excited to keep this Professional Speakers Series going!

### CORDUA STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT PI DAY WITH HANDS-ON LESSON AND PIE



Pi Day at Cordua Elementary School.

On March 14, students in Mrs. Sanchez's class celebrated National Pi Day! Though not an elementary standard, students prepare for 6th grade by gaining familiarity with the symbol and what it represents. Using wiki sticks and rulers, they determined that pi is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. As they worked, they enjoyed a slice of pie to sweeten the day's celebration.

## 8 STUDENTS ADVANCE TO YUBA COUNTY SPELLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Eight students will compete in the Yuba County Spelling Championship this month after winning the District Spelling Bee.

Congratulations to our 4th-6th grade winners – Josey Chitwood from Cordua (1st place); Luis Zavala from Johnson Park (2nd place); Adalynn Delaney from Browns Valley (3rd place); and Raine Mediate from Foothill (4th place) – and to our 7th-8th grade winners – Ryan Delaney from Foothill (1st place), Roman Franco from Arboga (2nd place); Aaron Lam from Yuba Gardens (3rd place); and Caelyn Bowen from Foothill (4th place).



Students in grades 4-8 competed competed in the MJUSD Spelling Bee on March 9, 2023. Eight students advanced to the county competition. The winners are pictured above.

The District Spelling Bee was held on Thursday, March 9th, in the Gym at Anna McKenney Intermediate School. The event was organized by Hector Gonzalez, Director of English Learners and Student Supports, who put in a tremendous amount of work to bring this annual competition back to life after the pandemic. The last time this was held was in 2019 at Edgewater Elementary School.

The students who participated in Thursday's District competition won spelling contests at their school sites. These students had to spell some tough words and they did an incredible job.

The Yuba County Spelling Championships will be held on Thursday, March 23, at the Government Center. The elementary competition begins at 5:30 pm and the intermediate competition will follow. The winners of the County competition will advance to the State Spelling Bee in May with an opportunity to advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

## MHS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM COMPETES AT REGIONAL CONTEST FOR FIRST TIME

The MHS Science Olympiad team participated in the regional competition for bridge building on March 11th. The team is advised by Michelle Woodward. This group of boys brought the idea to Mrs Woodward and have been working tirelessly on a competitive product. They placed in Tier 1 and 11th out of 28 teams for their first competition. This is an opportunity that many elementary (5th grade), middle, and high school teams could take advantage of as there are a wide array of potential competitive options.



Teacher Michelle Woodward and students (L to R) Silas Ellenson, Logan Beach, Chase Uhrich, Benjamin Kanavalchuk, Syrus Harryman.



Our District Reads!

So far this school year, MJUSD students have read ...

154,252 BOOKS 504,712,762 WORDS for 17 minutes per day!



## OLIVEHURST'S 'SOARING ZONE' SUPPORTS LEARNING FOR ALL STUDENTS

The Olivehurst Elementary Learning Center, or "The Soaring Zone" as we like to call it, is a place that offers individualized learning opportunities for all students. Whether they have an individualized education plan (IEP) or are in need of targeted intervention, our model gives us the ability to intervene early and provide students the opportunity to work with their general education peers. We are here to support all of our students as they strive to learn and tackle new challenges–both emotionally and academically.



Olivehurst students learn skills in the Soaring Zone.

Every student that comes to the learning center is rostered to a general education classroom and provided grade-level curriculum. Not only do they participate in class, but they share fully in enrichment activities with their peers as well. This allows them to engage in all grade level experiences and offers the opportunity for interpersonal growth and enrichment. We feel that this emphasizes our core beliefs about our students.

Our core beliefs for all students at Olivehurst Elementary School are that first, each student has equal value to the classroom and community here at Olivehurst. Second, that this model ensures a common educational experience through meaningful and sustained access to the environment of the general education classroom. Third, that each and every student is a capable learner deserving of instruction reflecting high expectations and assured learning experiences. And fourth, that "The Soaring Zone " creates a unique space for educators because inclusive education requires the shared engagement and combined skills of many people; educators collaborating over their shared students is the essence of what we strive for. Afterall, we share a common vision for our students...success!

### BAND & CHOIR STUDENTS PERFORM FOR 'MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS' MONTH

March is "Music in Our Schools" month and the Marysville Joint Unified School District's music programs put on outstanding band and choir performances this month! Students from our middle schools and high schools participated in the concerts, which were held at Yuba Gardens on March 2nd and Lindhurst High School on March 8th. There was also a joint concert with Yuba College and MJUSD students on Friday, March 17th at Lindhurst High School; Trustee Alisan Hastey conducted the band. This month students also performed at the California Music Educators Northern Section Festival in Chico where the Yuba Gardens Band earned superior ratings. MJUSD students are competing in the CMEA Northern Section Honor Band March 24-25.



Director Christina Sleigh-Garcia conducts the Lindhurst High School Band on March 8, 2023.



Students prepare for the Music In Our Schools performance.



The Yuba Gardens Intermediate School Band performs on March 2, 2023.

### MHS BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS SET NEW RECORDS THIS SEASON



The Marysville High School Boys Basketball Team after winning the Division 4 title at the Golden 1 Center in Sacramento. (Chris Pedigo/Appeal Democrat)



Students in the county Special Education boys and girls basketball teams during the annual event held on March 15, 2023.

The Marysville High School Girls Basketball Team's Program scrimmage with MHS athletes from the winning season took them to the NorCal Final Four in the CIF State Tournament.

The Marysville High School boys and girls basketball teams both had historic seasons. The boys varsity team won its first division title in 30 years and the girls team finished the season 27-6 which broke a school record for wins. The girls team made it to the Sac-Joaquin Section Division 4 Semi-Finals and were the first girls basketball team from MHS to qualify for the CIF State Tournament where they reached the Northern California Final 4 for Division 4. We are so proud of these athletes and their coaches for their outstanding talent, hard work and dedication.

MHS basketball athletes scrimmage with students in the county Special Education Program On March 15th, members of the boys and girls basketball teams played in a series of short basketball scrimmages with students in the countywide Special Education Program. The MCAA band played the National Anthem to kick off the annual event, and energy filled the gym as students, staff and families chanted and cheered. It was a really special experience for all of the students involved. ASB President Kayden Ellyson, who served as captain of the MHS Varsity Basketball Team, said he really enjoyed the experience.

"It's always a fun experience when you get to work with kids with special needs," he said. "Their excitement, their joy and their celebrations were so pure, and it's hard not to be happy and excited when you get to play the game with them."

#### STUDENTS TOP COUNTY. STATE APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID

#### **Financial Aid Applications**

- CA 59% submitted
- Yuba County 48% submitted
- MJUSD 56% submitted
- MHS 65% submitted
- MCAA 64% submitted
- LHS 52% submitted

The counseling department at MHS found some creative ways to connect with seniors to ensure they submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) by the March 2nd priority deadline. Here are a few of the ways the team reached out to students:

Weekly Reminders were sent through Aeries communications, MHS senior Google Classroom and the MHS senior Remind app. The team also held two onsite Cash for College workshops in collaboration with Yuba College. In addition, the counseling department ran an opportunity drawing that awarded over 50 seniors with prizes including gift cards and MHS merchandise. Lastly, the team collaborated with Leadership students to track overall classroom financial aid application completion percentages and awarded the top four classes. Congratulations to all who applied and good luck!

# 8 MJUSD LEADERS WIN REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

We are proud to announce that eight Marysville Joint Unified School District leaders are being recognized for their work by the Association of California School Administrators, CSY Region 2. The award recipients will be honored at an awards gala on Friday, April 21st, at Munger Family Vineyards. Congratulations to:



Curriculum & Instruction Administrator of the Year Amy Stratton, Director of Curriculum, Accountability & Assessment

**Confidential Employee of the Year** Bobbi Vardell, Personnel Services Substitute Support Administrative Assistant II



District Central Office Administrator of the Year Greg Taylor, Director of Transportation



High School Principal of the Year Chris Schmidt, Principal of Lindhurst High School



Intermediate Co-Administrator of the Year Christie Beymer, Assistant Principal of Yuba Gardens Intermediate School



Intermediate School Principal of the Year Jim Hays, Principal of Yuba Gardens Intermediate School



Multi-site School Administrator of the Year Ashley Vette, Principal of Loma Rica Elementary and Foothill Intermediate School



**Region 2** Administrator of the Year Jolie Critchfield, Director of Child Development

## NORTH SOUTH LINDHURST HIGH SCHOOL CAREER FAIR WAS A SUCCESS



The March 15th Career Fair at the North Campus of South Lindhurst High School was a success! A big thank you to all our partners who took time to speak to our students vesterday! It was a really valuable experience for them. *Participants: Amazon*; Blue Zones Project Yuba Sutter; Build California; California Conservation Corps; Caltrans; California Highway Patrol; Future Toyota; Truck Driving Academy; US Air Force Army, Coast Guard, Marines, National Guard, and Navy; UTI; Wham Hair Studio Barber; Yuba County Office of Education; Yuba City Police Department; Yuba College; Yuba County One Stop; Yuba County Probation Department; and Yuba County Sheriff's Department.

#### OUTSTANDING STAFF AND STUDENTS WHO ARE MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT

Every month we celebrate students and staff members who are nominated for making a positive impact across the district. From the list of nominees, 10 staff members and 10 students are randomly selected to be recognized at the school board meeting. Here are the winners for the month of February who were recognized at the March 7th Board of Trustees meeting:



#### STUDENTS:

Alaiya Phifer, McKenney Intermediate School Alaiya works amazingly hard each and every day. She is self-motivated and driven. She is also a role model to her peers when it comes to her behavior inside and outside of the classroom.

Alexander Mosqueda-Cabrera, Yuba Gardens Intermediate School Alex has blossomed this year. He has made my days brighter with a smile each day. He comes to school with a positive attitude.

Angela Pineda, Cedar Lane Elementary School Angela is always coming into the office to greet us. She is always with a smile on her face when she comes through and says positive words to get us to smile or laugh.

Isais Sandoval, Cedar Lane Elementary School Isais is a good person and a very hard worker. He is funny, smart, and a good friend to others.

Izaac Barreras, McKenney Intermediate School Izaac has the most positive attitude. He works very hard in his classes and his happy mood makes those around him feel great. He asks questions and connects learning to life. Izaac is an asset to every classroom he is in!



Students receive their Positive Impact Award at the March 7th Board of Trustees meeting.

Jasmine Vang, Ella Elementary School For her bravery and patience during Valentine's Day.

Kamryn Gibbs, Arboga Elementary School Kamryn has been working especially hard to make better choices behaviorally. Despite numerous challenges and hardships in his life, he shows up to school with positivity and a smile on his face every day. He has shown great improvement in managing his anger, and I am so incredibly proud of him for that.

Keyvin Vang, Foothill Intermediate School Keyvin is an exceptional student. He is a team player, always kind and has a quick witted humor we all enjoy. He plays fair, thinks of others first, and is a joy to have at STARS.

Maddex Baker Marysville High School Maddex has gone above and beyond in his academic performance.

Samantha Lott, McKenney Intermediate School Samantha has worked hard all year! However, she does it with quiet determination which may go unacknowledged when it really should be praised and celebrated. I want her to know that I do see and I do appreciate her hard work and motivation.

Recognitions continued on p. 12

#### STAFF:

Adriana Jacquez, Johnson Park Elementary School Adriana is new this year and has done an amazing job helping both students and staff. She has rocked the SST process and has also helped with touchy student situations, as well as translating whenever needed. I don't know what we would do without Ms. Adriana!

**Fernando Ibarra, McKenney Intermediate School** Fernando is always a joy to work with. He is always positive and eager to jump in and help out when needed. He covers from the office to the classroom without a complaint. He also handles our kiddos with care, even the ones who think they are too old to be handled with care.



Staff members receive their Positive Impact Award at the March 7th Board of Trustees meeting.

Hailey Carlson, Linda Elementary School We had a long-term substitute teacher take over a second grade classroom for several weeks. During that time, Hailey made sure the substitute teacher had all the instructional plans and materials needed to ensure the students continued to receive a high-quality education while their teacher was out. The students and their families, the second grade team, and Linda Elementary are fortunate to have such a caring, hard-working professional like Hailey Carlson serving our school community!

Kim Moody, Edgewater Elementary School Mrs. Moody goes above and beyond to support all students in her classroom. She puts in so much effort to ensure students with disabilities are included. Mrs. Moody always comes to work with a great smile and makes it very easy to collaborate with!

Mathew Fridrich, Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts Mat regularly goes above and beyond in his support of students, colleagues, and families. He recently spent many hours coaching and encouraging students as they prepared for a local Poetry Out Loud event, but still made time for last minute review and assistance with a speech contest. All of this while teaching classes students are excited about, helping a colleague develop a proposed new class, holding accountable students from the D  $\cong$  F list by talking with them individually and helping them develop new study habits, and preparing for our school's upcoming WASC accreditation visit.

Randy Swan, Olivehurst Elementary School Randy creates great relationships with students and is always willing to provide help where it is needed. He is very supportive of all staff members. Thank you for being so great!

Ruda Nelson, District Office I probably email Ruda weekly regarding Clever and Google, and she is always so helpful. Thank you for helping us navigate through all the random technology issues we encounter! You've been a great helping hand for the reopening of adult ed.

Shelly Arrenquin, District Office Shelly is incredible! She went out of her way to get to work EARLY to be able to register over 40+ employees at 4 different locations including an out of state. This was not an easy task to do all on her own. She actively communicated with us throughout the process. Thanks Shelly!!

**Tisa Dominguez, Arboga Elementary School** Tisa comes in every day with a smile. She has unlimited patience, kind and gentle communication with her students and always a fun and cheerful attitude. Her positive energy is infectious. Her students love her and it shows when they come in ready & excited to be in class every day. She encourages them to be the best versions of themselves. Tisa is such an asset to Arboga!

Yesenia Cachu, Marysville High School This young teacher is hot! It took me a good 5 years to learn what this new teacher already knows.



# MARCH SCHOOL SITE NEWSLETTERS



Browns Valley Elementary School



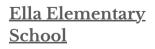
<u>Cordua Elementary</u> <u>School</u>



Dobbins Elementary School

<u>Edgewater Elementary</u> <u>School</u>







<u>Johnson Park</u> <u>Elementary School</u>



Linda Elementary School



Lindhurst High School



Marysville High School



<u>McKenney</u> Intermediate School



<u>South Lindhurst</u> <u>High School</u>



Yuba Feather Elementary School

Yuba Gardens Intermediate School



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