

# GOLD GAZETTE

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



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SECURES CCSPP GRANT  
FOR \$13.5M TO SUPPORT  
WELLNESS PROGRAMMING**

**SUPERINTENDENT  
GATHERS COMMUNITY  
SUPPORT FOR "SEE  
SOMETHING, DO  
SOMETHING" PLEDGE**

**MJUSD CELEBRATES  
TEACHER APPRECIATION  
WEEK**

Greetings! This is the May issue of the Gold Gazette newsletter. This month we are celebrating some of the remarkable things happening throughout our district!

In this issue, you will discover information about the CCSPP Grant we successfully secured for \$13.5M, our Community Pledge, Teacher's Appreciation Week, Graduation dates and times, the SEAL pledge to Community Service, AVID and Leadership activities, art contest winners and so much more!

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## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Greetings MJUSD families:

As we get to the last few weeks of school, I want to capture some highlights from this year. I have had the opportunity to meet with parents at every site during my 1:1 site parent meetings and online Let's Connect meetings. It has been an honor and privilege to serve our parent partners in this community.

MJUSD programs, students and staff have won awards and accolades, locally, regionally and nationally. Programs such as FFA, Academic Decathlon and Mock Trial along with individuals and groups of students in music, art and sports have received awards. Several MJUSD teachers, administrators and support staff, have also been recognized across the county and the region. Let's congratulate them. We are so proud of you!

A huge thank you to our community leaders for their support of our Wellness Pledge- a call to action that you will read more about on Page 4. This is a labor of love- our collective commitment to work together to maximize our resources for the well-being of our community.

Our student leaders, the SEAL team, was successful in developing an action that embraces their vision to make community service a part of the high school journey. You can read about this on page 12.

With safety and wellness in the forefront of all decisions, we have made extensive progress with installing door buzzers, cameras and fences to address security at school sites. We have also approved and moved forward with four large projects that have been talked about in this community for decades- building a track and field at both high schools, rebuilding Foothill Intermediate and a new school at Covillaud. All these projects have either already started or will be breaking ground over summer. Shade structures are continuing to go up across several sites as part of the ongoing solar project. Our facilities and technology teams are hard at work to make our schools better each day.

The state of the art Wellness Center at Lindhurst is the first State-of-the-art community wellness facility in this county and similar facilities will be opened at Cedar Lane, Yuba Gardens and Marysville High School. Yes, we have been busy and our community leaders have partnered with us to make this happen. We thank them for their ongoing support to ensuring the wellness of students, staff and families.

The Adult School program reopened its doors after 10 years of closure, graduated 25 adults with their high school diploma and served over 200 learners through various programs. Excellent leadership from staff whose commitment has set the course for ongoing success.

Finally, as we head to the graduation and promotion ceremonies, I am excited to shake hands with every senior.

## MJUSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Trustee Area 3  
Term 2022-2026



The culmination of their hard work and commitment is going to be on full display for all of us. I want to thank our families, counselors, administrators, teachers and support staff for guiding our students to the finish line.

As we wrap up the 2022-23 school year, please join me in a moment of silence for the young lives lost this year. Our prayers and thoughts will forever remain with the families.

Thank you MJUSD community for trusting us with the education of your students. We also thank our retirees who were honored this month for their years of service. We are truly proud of what we are seeing across the district that demonstrates the commitment in our schools to build tomorrow's leaders, today. Enjoy your summer and we look forward to seeing you back, when school opens on August 9th.

In partnership,

Fal Asrani, Ed.D.  
Superintendent





## MJUSD SUCCESSFULLY SECURES \$13.5M GRANT FROM CCSPP



MJUSD, like several other school districts across California, wrote the Communities School grant this past March. The grant is to design schools as the hub for the community and bring resources and programs to improve the learning environment. Through the community schools program, the school and the community work together to improve the lives of students, staff and families through coordination of services and resources.

The grant was written by our own staff who did a phenomenal job. 10 schools were identified to receive this grant. Each school identified their priority focus areas and an action plan.

The members of the School Site Council (SSC), English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC,) and school leadership teams were equally involved in the discussions related to the development of this project at each site.

District wide data indicates that similar to what is noticed across the nation, students in MJUSD are also struggling with behavior, academics and attendance. We have seen that the concerns have exacerbated after COVID closures and has a significant impact on the needs within our school communities. Family stresses have had a direct impact on our students' academic, attendance and discipline. Chronic Absenteeism has doubled since 2018-19, similarly fighting, aggressive behaviors, defiance and abusive language has resulted in significant increase in suspension rates. The funds will be used to design support services at each site to achieve these main goals:

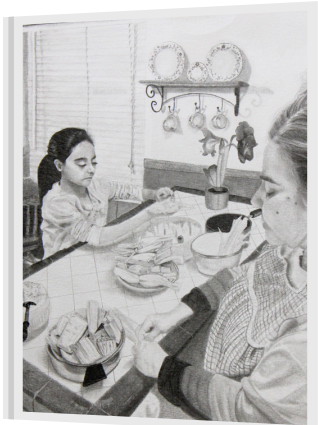
1. To improve attendance and academic preparation and decreased discipline
2. Identify new community partnerships to support schools in a consistent manner to bridge the gaps in home-school partnerships
3. Design academic and co-curricular support for a successful transition to high school and college & career readiness.
4. Provide and expand parent education to support the capacity of families

Since last year, wellness has become the focus of our work at MJUSD. We believe that if students, adults and families are physically and mentally well, they will be able to move to the next level of success in their work, school and careers. Please stay tuned for more information on this at your school sites.

## MJUSD STUDENT ART ON DISPLAY



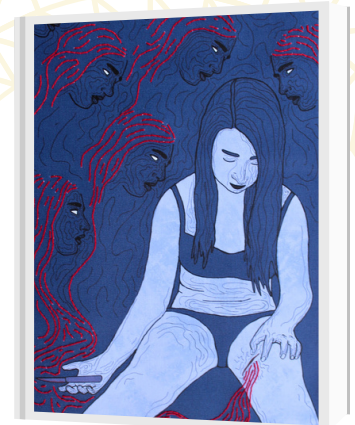
MCAA student Illiana Walter won the Congressional Art Contest for CA District 1 with the theme of "Food Grows where Water Flows." This art will be displayed in Washington DC for one year at our Congressman's Office.



MCAA student Alexa Barragan won 2nd place in the Congressional Art Contest for CA District 1 with the theme of "Food Grows where Water Flows." This art will be displayed for one year in the Congressman's District Office.



Illiana Water's painting titled "An Eye to the World" was selected to be displayed as part of the Kingsley Art Club 2023 Juried show at the Crocker Art Museum.



Hope Cross' painting titled "Haunting Whispers" was selected to be displayed as part of the Kingsley Art Club 2023 Juried show at the Crocker Art Museum.

MJUSD STUDENTS AWARDED \$40K IN SCHOLARSHIPS FROM YUBA RIVER ENDOWMENT



MJUSD is extending an attitude of gratitude to the Yuba River Endowment who awarded 18 MJUSD students \$40,000 in scholarships. The Endowment’s generosity will help make our student’s dreams of college or trade school a reality. Congratulations to the exceptional students who inspired the Endowment to award \$71,500 in scholarships instead of the \$50,000 they originally intended to provide to Yuba County students.

Lindhurst High School Scholars

- Sebastian Cabrales \$2,500
- Ayla Herr \$2,500
- Aaliyah Jones \$2,500
- Samuel Klonecz \$2,500
- Norberto Montero-Hernandez \$2,500
- Valeria Jimenez-Duran \$2,000
- Laney Halsted \$1,500
- Jasmine Miranda \$1,500

Marysville High School Scholars

- Ashley Baggett \$2,500
- Jacob Flavell \$2,500
- Hailey Hicks \$2,500
- Abigail Redfield \$2,500
- Laney Halsted \$2,000
- Kaitlyn Johnson \$2,000
- Sophia Rogers \$2,000
- Jace Roper \$1,500

Marysville Charter Academy Scholars

- Anna Galvin \$2,500
- Melanie Rodriguez-Lopez \$2,500

Thank  
you!

Our student wins when “Yuba County Farmers Give Back!”

MARYSVILLE CHARTER ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS PERFORMS "THE LITTLE MERMAID"



The Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts (MCAA) recently presented a stunning production of Disney's The Little Mermaid. The show ran for four performances, April 27-29, and was met with enthusiastic crowds. A cast and crew of nearly 50 students were involved in the production, which was cast in early December 2022 and rehearsed through the Winter and Spring. The students worked hard to bring the classic story to life, and their dedication and talent were evident in every scene. The show featured all of the beloved songs from the Disney film, including "Part of Your World," "Under the Sea," and "Kiss the Girl." The students performed with energy and enthusiasm, and the audience was clearly captivated by their performance.

The production also featured stunning sets, lights, and costumes, which helped to create a magical underwater world. The technical crew did an excellent job of bringing the show to life, and their work was essential to the success of the production. Overall, MCAA's production of Disney's The Little Mermaid was a huge success and we are so proud of the students who worked hard to create a magical and memorable experience for the audience!



# SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD GATHER SUPPORT FROM COMMUNITY LEADERS



## Community Pledge

The Marysville Joint Unified School District, like many other districts across the State of California, is severely impacted by a rising level of bullying, cyberbullying, physical altercations, vaping and other infractions. This is also impacting the larger community and families.

Student discipline and disruption in our schools have tripled since the pandemic and continue to grow. Some would call this a crisis. Our discipline related infractions are compromising teaching and learning environments.

MJUSD community partners have committed to a pledge of: **See Something, Do Something.**  
This initiative is designed to address mental health and increase positive behaviors across the community.

**TOGETHER, THE PARTNERS IN THIS CALL TO ACTION WILL:**

- Continue best practices and evidence-based programs to support consistent and appropriate consequences for escalating behavior issues
- Increase staff education on ways to address bullying behavior from the onset and create safe spaces for students to report these behaviors
- Provide regular workshops to guide adults and students about accessing wellness resources
- Enhance early interventions to curb or prevent escalating behaviors
- Amplify efforts to establish a respectful and collaborative relationship with families to create a safe space to report their concerns without consequences
- Ensure families and staff understand the difference between bullying and bad behaviors
- Introduce more parent education to support families by providing skills to address the issues they experience at home
- Open wellness centers and community hubs that will serve as one-stop resource centers for mental health and wellness support
- Refine and update school district policies and processes and create an appropriate and effective reintegration plan for students
- Provide accommodations and modifications that are most helpful for students who are experiencing school avoidance

ON THIS DAY, **MAY 9, 2023**, MARYSVILLE JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE PARTNERS LISTED HERE, PLEDGE THEIR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS TO COORDINATE ACTIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS IN OUR SCHOOLS AND ACROSS THE COMMUNITY.

<b>Dr. Fal Asrani</b> Superintendent, MJUSD	<b>Gary J. Criddle</b> Trustee, MJUSD Board	<b>Seth Stamen</b> Trustee, MJUSD Board
<b>Frank J. Crawford</b> Trustee, MJUSD Board	<b>Randy Davis</b> President, MJUSD Board	<b>Chong Yang</b> Trustee, MJUSD Board
<b>Doug Criddle</b> VP, MJUSD Board	<b>Alican R. Hasty</b> Clerk, MJUSD Board	
<b>Wendell Anderson</b> Yuba County Sheriff	<b>Dr. Tawny Dotson</b> President, Yuba College	<b>Jon Meesick</b> Yuba County Supervisor
<b>James Arnold</b> Yuba County Probation Chief	<b>Sara Eberhardt-Rios</b> Sutter County Health & Human Services	<b>David Read</b> Yuba Sutter Arts
<b>Dominique Betza</b> Marysville City Council Member	<b>Seth Fulmer</b> Yuba County Supervisor	<b>Francisco Reveles</b> Yuba County Supervisor
<b>Rick Bingham</b> Director, Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health	<b>James Gallagher</b> Assemblyman, District 3 - CA	<b>Christian Sachs</b> Chief of Police
<b>Don Blaser</b> Yuba County Supervisor	<b>Stuart Gilchrist</b> Marysville City Council Member	<b>Mandi Sanders</b> Blue Zones Project
<b>Gary Bradford</b> Yuba County Supervisor	<b>Kyle Heggstrom</b> Fire Chief, Mt. & Linda Fire Protection District	<b>Jim Schaad</b> City Manager, Marysville
<b>Chris Branscum</b> Mayor, City of Marysville	<b>Brad Hudson</b> Marysville City Council Member	<b>Andy Vasquez</b> Yuba County Supervisor
<b>Johnny Burke</b> Director, Sutter Yuba Homeless Consortium	<b>Kevin Kiley</b> Congressman, District 3 - CA	<b>Jennifer Vasquez</b> Yuba County Health Officer
<b>Bruce Buttacavoli</b> Marysville City Council Member	<b>Doug LaMalfa</b> Congressman, District 1 - CA	<b>Willie Whittlesy</b> General Manager, Yuba County
<b>Chris Champlin</b> CEO Adventist Health Redwood	<b>Kevin Mallen</b> County Administrative Officer	<b>Randy York</b> Fire Chief - Olivehurst Fire Department

As our students face ongoing behavioral health challenges, negative student conduct is impacting learning environments throughout the district.

To meet these ongoing challenges, we have established the first of its kind Community Pledge with a focus of "See Something, Do Something."

This pledge garners support from community leaders who pledge to support the hallmarks of our Call to Action, which provide meaningful support to our students, teachers and schools.

Below, see pictures of Superintendent Dr. Fal Asrani and Trustee Doug Criddle meeting with Congressmen Doug LaMalfa and Kevin Kiley and Marysville Mayor Chris Branscum.



## LEADER IN ME TEACHES STUDENTS THE 7 HABITS OF HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL TEENS

The SEAL (Student Engagement and Leadership) Team dove into a two-day leadership training designed to help unleash their greatness on May 16 and 17. Leader In Me is an evidence-based, comprehensive training model based on Stephen Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Successful Teens. The facilitator challenged students to hone their leadership and life skills while creating the foundation for a high-trust school culture and sustained academic achievement. Leader in Me helps students find their voice and purpose and apply life-ready leadership skills not only to college and career goals, but a principle-centered life.

ASB leaders from McKenney and Yuba Gardens middle schools joined leaders from Lindhurst and Marysville high schools as well as leaders from North South Lindhurst and South Lindhurst. The May Leader In Me training is a continuation of a series that kicked off in the fall.

Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens has been utilized by millions of people, young and old alike, to make life more rewarding and productive. Highly proactive students recognize that their behavior is a product of their conscious choices.



### THE 7 HABITS OF HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL TEENS

**Habit 1:** Be Proactive- Take the initiative and the responsibility to make things happen.

**Habit 2:** Begin With The End In Mind- Start with a clear destination so as to understand where you are now, where you're going, and what you value most.

**Habit 3:** Put First Things First- Manage yourself. Organize and execute around priorities.

**Habit 4:** Think Win/Win: See life as a cooperative, not competitive, arena where success is not achieved at the expense of exclusion of others.

**Habit 5:** Seek First To Understand, Then Be Understood- Build the skills of empathetic listening that inspires openness and trust.

**Habit 6:** Synergize- Apply the principles of cooperative creativity and value differences.

**Habit 7:** Sharpen The Saw- Preserve and enhance your greatest asset- yourself by renewing the renewing and strengthening the four key dimensions of life – body, brain, heart, and soul.



## YUBA GARDENS MUSIC PROGRAM PERFORMS COMMISSIONED PIECE AT SPRING CONCERT



Yuba Gardens Intermediate School is passionate about music! Recently, music composer Randall Standridge wrote a song commissioned by Yuba Garden's Music Director Becky Stewart that debuted at the Yuba Gardens Spring Concert on May 11th.

The song entitled *Me (re:Affirmation)*, takes a deep, emotional dive into the composer's journey of being a victim of bullying and the challenge of learning to love himself in the midst of hate. "Bullying happens to our youth. Bullying happens to our adults. And it is NOT okay," Standridge stated in a social media post. The piece was composed as a lullaby that allowed the composer to figuratively take a step back in time to carry a message to his younger self of, "hey buddy...it's going to be okay." According to Standridge's post, "late in the piece, a defiant heartbeat is heard that grows to the climax, before resolving to a gentle message of hope."

Referring to the performance on May 11th, Yuba Gardens Middle School Music Director Becky Stewart expressed her pride. "This is always an exciting concert because we get to see the students' growth for the year on display," said Stewart. "We were very pleased to commission and perform this piece of beautiful music by Randall Standridge who we admire immensely," she continued. "We are so excited to be a part of "The unBroken Project" which focuses on mental health and provokes discussions about all aspects of mental health," finished Stewart.

Yuba Gardens Band has achieved many high honors. Students have achieved silver, gold, and command performances at regional and state solo and ensemble festivals. As an ensemble, they've achieved Superior ratings at regional festivals and a silver rating at the nationally-ranked Forum Festival. A Silver rating at Forum places the Yuba Gardens Band in the top 20% of middle school bands in the country.

Marysville Joint Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Fal Asrani shared that every time she hears these students perform, it's heartwarming. "Yuba Gardens Music program has elevated itself to the highest standards under the direction of award-winning Music Director Becky Stewart," said Dr. Asrani. "I'd like to be among the first to congratulate Ms. Stewart on being recognized as Title I Music Educator of the Year by the CMEA Capital Section Board."



## EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

On April 27th, the Yuba County Office of Education hosted an inspiring event that celebrated staff from all five school districts in Yuba County. Educators were recognized in three categories: Classified Support Staff, New Teachers, and Veteran Certificated Teachers. MJUSD Board President Randy Davis attended with Superintendent Dr. Fal Asrani along with representatives from the offices of Congressman Doug LaMalfa and Assemblyman James Gallagher who handed out certificates to each winner.

MJUSD teachers and classified staff, nominated by their Principals, were recognized for their hard work and commitment to students and their schools. We thank Principals David Vujovich from Marysville High School, Zack Schulz from Linda Elementary, and Karen Dow from Cordua Elementary and Assistant Principal Nohemi Arroyo-Magaña from Lindhurst High School, for introducing each award recipient.

**Jesus Hernandez**, Custodian extraordinaire at Cordua Elementary, was recognized for his commitment to keeping the school sparkling and clean so students and teachers can enjoy teaching and learning.

**Alexandra Romero**, Principal's Secretary at Marysville High School, received an award for her genuine caring and kindness for students, families and staff. She keeps the school operating like a well-oiled machine.

**Leticia Collier**, New Teacher at Linda Elementary School, was recognized for her dedication to the children in her classroom. She is part of the Special Programs team and her commitment to students is very evident.

**Morgan DeVico**, New Teacher at Lindhurst High School, is an excellent addition to the entire MJUSD. She brings her energy and enthusiasm to her classes each day. She is also the superstar teacher who started the first Mock Trial team in the entire Colusa-Sutter-Yuba county region. The Lindhurst team is already winning awards at this very prestigious academic competition. The Yuba-Sutter Bar Association has started working with this team, preparing many of these students to become future lawyers and judges.

**Youa Chue** from Ella Elementary and **Kayla Coughlin** from Marysville High were recognized as Veteran Teachers of the year, for their ongoing impact on the schools and programs that they have been a part of. Both these long-standing teachers are the cornerstones of their schools. Youa serves as the principal's designee at the site when needed and her classroom creates a challenging education environment. Each year her students outperform the State of California in the State tests and is one of the highest performing classes in the district. Kayla leads the Career Technical Education's Agriculture Program, and continues to win state and national awards for student leaders and for the program as a whole. Her commitment to building future farmers and agriculture industry leaders has made this program one of the highest performing programs both in California and in this region.

Please join us in congratulating these team members for being part of our community and for their commitment to our students and families. MJUSD is always proud of all our teachers and classified staff and to be able to honor a few at this event was truly wonderful. Thank you, Yuba County Office of Education, for bringing this event back after the pandemic.



Featured left to right:  
Marysville High School  
Principal David Vujovich,  
award-winning educator  
Kayla Coughlin,  
Superintendent Dr. Fal  
Asrani, award-winning  
educator Youa Chue and  
Ella School Principal  
Jennifer McAdam.



## EDUCATORS CELEBRATED DURING TEACHER'S APPRECIATION WEEK

May 8th-12th is recognized as Teacher Appreciation Week. MJUSD is fortunate to have nearly 500 compassionate teachers serving our students. During this special week, we came together to show our support for teachers by standing with them, and taking action to ensure that every classroom teacher feels supported as they impact the lives of our students. Teachers are the backbone of our society, and the National Education Association and National PTA are engaging in important discussions with educators, leaders, parents, and students about critical topics facing public schools and the solutions needed to ensure every student has access to a high-quality, equitable, and inclusive education, regardless of their background. It is our teachers who make this happen. We hope you all took a moment to reach out to a teacher you know and thank them for their dedication and hard work.



## STAFF LAUDED FOR LONGEVITY AND RETIREMENT



Staff who have called MJUSD home for a substantial duration as well as those who retired this school year or are set to retire next month, were honored at a ceremony held on May 17, 2023. Congrats to all! We wish our retirees well and thank them for their immeasurable contributions to our students and district.

### Retirees:

Mary Buck, 22 years  
Michelle Burke, 5 years  
Sheri Carpenter, 26 years  
Carol Chilton, 40 years  
Anne Covert, 32 years  
Jerry Crosby, 6 years  
Jacqueline Garner, 33 years  
Socorro Harrison, 12 years  
David Huett, 16 years  
Michael Jenkins, 26 years

### Retirees:

Sol La Bruzzo, 15 years  
Randall Lee, 12 years  
Gwendolyn Lyons, 4 years  
Kathleen Maldonado, 21 years  
Molly McKay, 28 years  
Richenda Nagle, 22 years  
Robert Paez, 15 years  
John Pease, 8 years  
I. Blane Perrin, 32 years  
Beverly Spade, 15 years



## LINDHURST HIGH SCHOOL CTE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN DESIGN-BUILD COMPETITION

Lindhurst High School CTE Instructor Jim Walz took seven students from his Construction class to a Design-Build competition organized by the California Industry Education Foundation on May 3 and 4th.

The two-day event was held at Consumnes River College, where Lindhurst students competed against 38 other schools. The students utilized skills acquired in Mr. Walz class including framing, cutting, measuring, window and door installation, roofing, and plan reading.



**Congrats to Lindhurst High School for placing 8th out of the 39 competing schools!**

## SUMMER SCHOOL OFFERS SOMETHING FOR EVERY STUDENT!

Summer opportunities provide students with enrichment, consistent routines, academic activities and social development which benefit students emotionally and academically. TK-6 students will enjoy learning about other places on their Imagination Vacation themed intersessions and summer school. Attending both programs provides activities for students from 8am-5pm Mondays through Friday from June 5 through June 30. Secondary students can recover credits, participate in leadership activities and learn about financial literacy. Call our Expanded Learning Opportunities Program office at 530-740-6445 for more information.



Lori Guy, Director of Data and Student Improvement

## ADULT EDUCATION GRADUATION CEREMONY IS FILLED WITH HEART



We are proud to announce that twenty-five Marysville Joint Unified School District Adult Education students, graduated with their high school diplomas on May 9th. The Adult Education program was re-established in 2022 after a 10-year hiatus. Pictured above are fifteen members of the graduating class along with MJUSD board trustees, staff and Superintendent Dr. Fal Asrani.



## SEAL TEAM IMMORTALIZES SENIOR PLEDGE TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

The MJUSD Student Engagement and Leadership (SEAL) team, which was established in 2022, have taken the first of many actions to enhance student impact on the community.

Senior students, class of 2023, developed and brought to the School Board an action to recognize students who have participated in community service with a seal on the high school diploma, a letter from the Superintendent, and a teal cord at the graduation ceremony. Community Service as part of a high school experience is not a new idea. College applications and many job applications ask about experiences related to community service.



President Davis and Superintendent Dr. Asrani ratify a pledge to Community Service presented by members of the SEAL team.

This builds character and civic minded future leaders. MJUSD did not have a formal process to recognize this until our student leaders developed a concrete plan and presented that to the School Board. With this action, they are saying that giving back to the community is important and encouraging others to do so. A committee is hard at work in developing the criteria and the process to ensure that students will readily access community service opportunities and participate to improve their community.

With organizations like SAYLove and Blue Zones seeking community support to host several projects, there are many opportunities for MJUSD students to get involved in community improvement efforts. There are other organizations that could absolutely benefit from this commitment by reaching out to us and providing this opportunity. These organizations will have to complete required paperwork before being added to the list and parents will have to sign the approval for students to participate. Either way, we will now be seeing many more of our future leaders actively engaged in efforts to make our community better.

The MJUSD College & Career department has established a process whereby students can sign up and participate in these activities throughout the year. A committee is hard at work establishing the number of hours required and the process to validate the hours. For more information, please contact [brolufs@mjusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:brolufs@mjusd.k12.ca.us).



## CONGRATULATIONS MS. STEWART!

*on being named*

**Title I Music Educator of the Year  
by the CMEA Capital Section Board**

## Our District Reads!

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

**211,195 BOOKS**

**678,949,883 WORDS**

for **17** minutes per day!



## NATIVE PEOPLE'S DAY CELEBRATION

On Thursday May 11, MJUSD hosted the annual Native People's History day. This program is instrumental in bringing together American Indian students enrolled in the program and attending in the following school districts:

Brittan Elementary  
Browns Elementary  
Camptonville Unified (C.O.R.E.)  
East Nicholas Unified  
Franklin Elementary  
Live Oak Unified  
Marcum-Illinois (South S.Charter)  
Marysville Joint Unified  
Meridian Elementary (C.A.V.A.)  
Nuestro Elementary  
Plumas Lake Elementary  
Sutter County Office of Education  
Sutter High School  
Wheatland Elementary  
Wheatland High  
Yuba City Unified  
Yuba County Office of Education



The event is planned as an interactive learning opportunity. Students see and hear directly from leaders in the community about the history and cultural practices. Additionally, they get hands-on experiences with various activities. This full day program is engaging and exciting for hundreds of students who attend.

## COLLEGE EXPLORATION THROUGH ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION (AVID)

After 14 years, AVID returns to MJUSD providing students with an opportunity to receive additional academic, social, and emotional support to help them succeed and become college-ready. AVID can be taken as an elective at McKenney Intermediate, Yuba Gardens Intermediate, Lindhurst High School and Marysville High School. The program will be expanding to Arboga School in the 2023-2024 academic year. Foothill Intermediate also provides students an opportunity to be part of AVID, but they have taken a school-wide approach.

During the 2022-2023 school year, AVID schools went on two college trips. Colleges and universities visited include: Chico State, Sacramento State, San Francisco State, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Santa Cruz, and the University of Nevada, Reno. For most students, this was their first time on a college campus. For some, it was their first time traveling beyond the Sacramento region. College visits give students an opportunity to envision themselves continuing their education after high school.

Next year, AVID will continue to expand at both Lindhurst and Marysville High School by having a 9th and 10th grade class. Students will grow their writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading skills to help them learn at higher levels and increase rigor in the classroom. Additionally, students will continue to explore college campuses to see what is the right fit for them.

“AVID has made my year better and helped me see what I’m looking for in a college. I can now see college clearly in my future.” - 9th Grade MHS AVID Student

“UNR was a fun time with the human cadavers and being able to touch them. These are the things that I look forward to doing throughout my college career.” - 9th Grade MHS AVID Student



## THE MIDDLE COLLEGE ACADEMY



# ACHIEVE MORE WITH US!



## THE MIDDLE COLLEGE ACADEMY

YUBA COLLEGE, MARYSVILLE CAMPUS

### OPENING FALL 2023 TO INCOMING 9TH GRADERS!

### Join us for Parent Information Nights!

When: May 16, 17 & 18 at 6:00 pm

Where: Yuba College, Room 716 (700 Building)

#### PROGRAM BENEFITS:

Blended program - high school and college courses within the school day

Full access to Yuba College resources & tutors

Full service academic & career counseling

High academic rigor & progress monitoring

Flexible scheduling for student needs & interests

Transferable credits to four-year universities

High-wage, high-demand career certifications

Savings on up to two years of college expenses

Small school feeling

Completion of 6 years of school in just 4 years

Obtain your high school diploma, along with an AA/AS degree



## APPLY ONLINE TODAY!

## AROUND THE DISTRICT



Superintendent Dr. Fal Asrani meets  
Dakota from Browns Valley School



Good Day Sacramento visits Yuba Gardens  
Campus to feature their Music Program



Superintendent Dr. Fal Asrani meets  
with members of Marysville Lion's  
Club



Superintendent Dr. Fal Asrani and  
district employees attend the Native  
People event,

## MJUSD SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Choosing the right career path can be intimidating for high school students. A summer internship is the perfect way to answer questions that can help steer students' futures. What does a Physical Therapist really do all day? What about a Teacher? Do students have the patience to work with young kids all day? Do students prefer to work inside or outside all day? Do students have the right stuff to be a radio broadcaster? Participating in a summer internship is the perfect way to answer these types of questions.

This summer, select students have an opportunity to make this decision a little easier with experience gained through an internship. Starting June 7, MJUSD students have the opportunity to be dropped directly into a local business as a Summer Intern.

Through the 4 week (June 7 - July 5) program, students will earn 5 elective credits upon completion of 60 hours of work-based learning. During this timeframe, students will also be enrolled in a weekly 50 minute online class focusing on career exploration and development through the California CareerZone portal.

An internship gives students the opportunity to not only get a first-hand look at the career field they are interested in, but it also provides a hands-on experience to boost a resume, scholarship application, and college application. The easiest way to get a job is through someone you know. By completing a summer internship, students gain a professional network that can act as a ladder into a lifelong career.

To apply for the MJUSD Summer Internship Program, contact Becca Rolufs, Work-Based Learning Specialist at [brolufs@mjUSD.com](mailto:brolufs@mjUSD.com). Take the opportunity to explore your career aspirations, get a headstart on your future, and start building your network.

**COLLEGE & CAREER**  
MARYSVILLE JOINT UNITED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Internships start June 7th

**Interested in a Summer Internship?**  
Earn elective credits and work experience through a summer internship with a local business.

**Summer Interns gain:**

- 5 elective credits upon completion of 4 weeks and 60 hours of interning
- Business experience
- Networking opportunities
- Professional References
- Exposure to your future career
- Online career exploration and development course
- One on one career advice

**Opportunities Include:**  
Internship positions include:

- Administration
- Event Coordinating
- Healthcare
- Social Media Managing
- Education
- More

Contact for more information or to apply now!

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## GRADUATION CEREMONIES AT A GLANCE

**MARYSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL  
JUNE 2ND AT 8 P.M.**

**LINDHURST HIGH SCHOOL  
JUNE 2ND AT 6 P.M.**

**MARYSVILLE CHARTER ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS  
MAY 31ST AT 7 P.M.**

**NORTH AND SOUTH LINDHURST HIGH SCHOOL  
MAY 30TH AT 7 P.M.**

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN SCHOOL  
MAY 31ST AT 7 P.M.**

**YUBA GARDENS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
JUNE 1ST AT 6 P.M.**

**MCKENNEY SCHOOL  
JUNE 1ST AT 7:30 P.M.**

**FOOTHILL SCHOOL  
JUNE 1ST AT 6 P.M.**

**MARYSVILLE CHARTER ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
MAY 31ST AT 5 P.M.**

# SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

## '23 SUMMER OFFERINGS



### Intercession

TK-6 Grade | June 5th - June 9th | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
\*8:00-8:30 Breakfast  
Edgewater + Cedar Lane  
Summer Camp, Coding, Physical Activities,  
Robotics, Piper Computers, Legos, Project Based  
Learning, Arts + Crafts

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### Elementary Summer School

TK-6 Grade | June 12th - June 30th | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
\*8:00-8:30 Breakfast  
Edgewater + Cedar Lane  
Academic Program  
EL Language Development Classes  
GATE Class

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### Secondary Summer School

7-12 Grade | June 12th - June 30th | 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Marysville HS, Lindhurst HS  
• 7-12 - Credit recovery, College/Career Interest,  
Preparing for HS, Leadership, Intramural Sports,  
Entrepreneur Course (Financial Literacy), SEL

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### American Indian Education

- Pow Wow, June 10th-11th, Yuba College
- Summer Day Camp, June 19th-23rd, Ella
- Family Camp, June 26th-30, Sycamore Ranch
- June Archery, Mon - Thurs, 3:30pm-4:30pm + 5pm-7:30pm
- July Archery, Monday only, 3:30pm-4:30pm + 5pm-7:30pm

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### College and Career

11-12 Grade | June 7th - July 3rd  
Summer Internship - California Career Zone  
Earn 5 Elective Credits

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### ESY - Extended School Year

TK-12 Grade | June 7th - July 3rd  
Cedar Lane  
• For students with ESY in their IEP

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### FEV On-Demand Tutoring

June 1 - 30 | Grades 3-12 | Virtual Program Only  
• FEV Tutor is available 7 days a week from 7 am-10 pm  
and can be accessed anywhere internet is available.  
• Grades 3+ can participate during class, the after  
school program, or at home.

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For more information call: Tori Vallejos, Expanded Learning Opportunities (530) 740-6445

## INTERSESSION SCHOOL DAYS

Imagination Vacation! "Travel" Around the World

**Monday - Friday**

- 8AM - 8:30AM Breakfast
- 8:30AM - 12:30PM Classroom instruction
- 12:30 PM - 5 PM After-school activities (Enrichment, Recreation, and Snapper Meal)

• Breakfast, lunch, and supper provided

• Transportation will be available

\*Monday will be run by STARS staff all day

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
PETE PANTOJA (530) 749-6117  
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Hosted at Cedar Lane+ Edgewater

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## PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!

### MJUSD PRESCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT

BEGINS  
MAY 2023

TO RECEIVE MORE INFO:  
2023-24 ENROLLMENT  
INFO FORM



OFFICE PHONE  
530-749-6165

For 3 & 4  
Year Olds!

MUST TURN 3 BY DEC 2, 2023



PRESCHOOL WEBSITE >>>



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## LINDHURST HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS CAREER FAIR

More than 40 local businesses and organizations packed the gym at Lindhurst High School on May 17 to introduce students to career paths available in our community. More than 75 business leaders interacted with students during the half day Career Fair. Students were engaged, asking questions, and even taking physical fitness tests to see if they could meet entrance requirements for select careers. At the conclusion of the Career Fair, business leaders were rewarded for their contributions with a delicious lunch prepared by Chef Tim Levitt and LHS Culinary students.

Special thanks to Janel Walter, LHS Counselor, and partners at Yuba County Office of Education for coordinating the event and making the career connections possible.



## MAY SCHOOL SITE NEWSLETTERS



Browns Valley  
Elementary School



Cordua Elementary  
School



Edgewater Elementary  
School



Ella Elementary  
School



Johnson Park  
Elementary School



Linda Elementary  
School



Lindhurst High School



Marysville High School



Olivehurst Elementary  
School



South Lindhurst  
High School



Yuba Feather  
Elementary School



Abraham Lincoln  
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Cordua Elementary  
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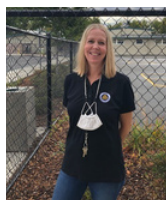
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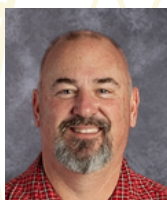
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