

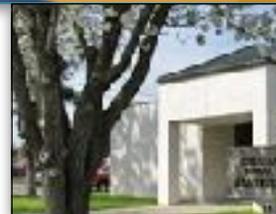
# A DESTINATION DISTRICT

## \*District Update\*

### Upcoming events and reminders:

- Finance Subcommittee Meeting Thursday, March 7 at 3:30 p.m.
- Board Meeting Tuesday, March 12 at 6 p.m. in Board Room
- Human Resource Subcommittee Meeting Thursday, March 14 at 3:30 p.m.

## Take a Look



Oftentimes I think to myself as I visit classrooms throughout the District, our parents need to see what is happening in our classrooms. The work of our teachers and students is a best kept secret. Here is what parents would be proud to see:

- Every student is engaged in their classroom activity, lesson, learning, etc.
- Every student receiving feedback on their learning from teacher, peer or a device.
- Every student knowing what is expected in the lesson.
- Every student learning from or teaching their peers at some point in their learning.
- Every student being challenged academically.
- Every student has an opportunity to learn in creative and personalized ways some time during their school day.
- Every student knows whether or not they are on the right track in their learning.



What is exciting and inspiring is that it is very rare to see an exception to the above rule. There was a time when we would always have a few to some students who may not be engaged, receiving feedback, know expectations, etc. When we visit classrooms, today we see teachers facilitating lessons that are well planned with high value, highly effective engagement strategies and focused on students learning and growing academically.

Part of my job is to let the "cat out of the bag" so to speak. The great things that are happening in our classrooms are a point of pride that are revealed more and more as our students continue to grow and excel!

*Every Corcoran Student Can Achieve!*

# Quotes and Proverbs

**To be inspired is great, to inspire is incredible.**

~ Napoleon Hill

When I visit several of our classrooms, I am wowed by what we are doing day to day for our students, but I also come away with a greater appreciation of what teachers do to set up kids for learning and success. The amount of preparation and expertise that goes into a single lesson for a full classroom of students is impressive. The personalized learning strategies, use of technology, teacher interactions, and communication with students all are in play to see that every student is engaged and learning.



But this is not all academic (which is our core work for all students). When you walk into most of our classrooms, you see and hear students communicating with each other and their teachers in a positive, respectful manner. You see students who like their teacher and like each other. Creating that type of learning environment is incredible!

## Caught in the Act

Before starting with the Corcoran Unified School District, I worked at ImagineU Interactive Children's Museum in Visalia. I am now in my second year of teaching First Grade at Bret Harte Elementary.

The most rewarding part of being a teacher is seeing that look on your student's faces when they finally learn something that they were struggling with before.



**Brittany Pitman**

The ones who have been the biggest inspiration in my life are my parents. They have always supported me no matter what and they always encouraged me to go after my dreams of becoming a teacher.



I was born and raised in Visalia. I went to Fresno State where I earned my Liberal Studies Degree and completed their credential program. I recently got engaged last June and will be getting married this October. I enjoy traveling to the beach or mountains any chance I get!

If the world were listening, what would you say?  
"In a world where you can be anything, be kind."

Be kind



**Rebecca Schreuder**



## Transportation & Maintenance

I have worked for CUSD for 20 years. In those 20 years, I have worn many hats. I started out as a Library Technician for Bret Harte. After several years there, due to budget cuts, I moved into a custodial position. I was placed at John Muir then to John C. Fremont. After several years in that position, The District Office Secretary II position became available; I applied and was offered the job. I have been here ever since.



What is most rewarding to me in this position, is when I am dealing with an upset parent that is demanding to speak with the superintendent. They are clearly upset and I am able to help them gather themselves in order to get information from them to relay the message to his secretary. During the process, as they are explaining their situation, they seem to be more at ease. Once the conversation is over, I feel like the parent is pleased with my assistance and effort in helping them. This is very rewarding to know that I played a part in making them feel better.

One of my jobs at the District Office is to put together the District handbook each year. Wow, I can't believe it, but it is that time again! I start gathering information from sites and offices of things that may have changed or updated to put in the handbook for this upcoming year.

*MOM*

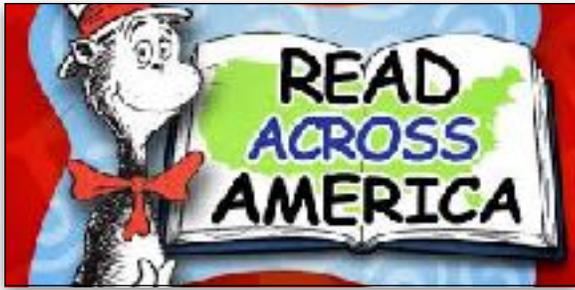
My mom is my biggest inspiration in life. She taught me so much for the 47 years that she was in my life. She let me know early on in life, that as long as I was happy, fulfilled, and making an honest living. It did not matter how I made a living to support my family, and myself whether it was when I was working in a supermarket or cleaning houses. She believed in me when I didn't believe in myself. She always supported me no matter what.

I am married to my wonderful husband Jack of almost 20 years. I have 3 children Joseph 28, Jake 28, and Jenna 22. I am a proud grandmother of two grandchildren Ryan Turner 10 and the newest addition to my family, 6-month-old Aiden Jax Sandoval. I love to garden when the weather permits. I love going Jeeping up in Shaver Lake. I like to spend quality time with my girlfriends. I am part of the 50/50 Club which is 50% Business and 50% fun.



If the world were listening, what would you say:

Take time to talk and visit with the elderly, you can learn a lot about life from them. Listen to our children; they are smarter and more observant than what we give them credit for. Be kind to people and always say please and thank you, manners are contagious. Pray for everything you have been blessed with, it may not seem like it some days, but the list is very long. Never take anything for granted.



# BRET HARTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Bret Harte Elementary School celebrated Read Across America February 25 - March 1, 2019. The students had a different dress up day for every day of the week.

**Monday - "Fox in Socks" Wear silly or mismatched socks**

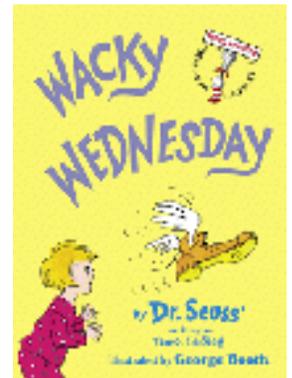


**Tuesday - "Green Eggs and Ham" Wear green**

**Wednesday - "Wacky Wednesday" Wear clothes backwards, inside out, or mismatched**

**Thursday - "The Cat in the Hat" Wear favorite hat**

**Friday - "Sleep Book" Wear pajamas or comfy clothes.**



Get ready for a  
day of reading!





# JOHN C. FREMONT ELEMENTARY

## L I T E R A C Y N I G H T

“What a great night we had at Fremont! We had over 100 people come to our Literacy night!”

- Principal Pearl Prins



A big thanks Steve Berry for setting up the stories. Also to Mrs. Bartron, Mrs. Mirales, and Mrs Schimpf for reading to all the students who came.



The Kiwanis Club came to the even as well. There were snacks and great prizes and many volunteered including 21 high school helpers from the MECHA Club. It was a great evening!



# John Muir Visits Bakersfield College



On February 8, 2019, close to 220 seventh grade students hopped on the bus to visit the California State University Bakersfield. Students separated into groups and were given a tour of the campus. A Student Panel Presentation was given in the Icardo Center. This gave the students a better understanding of the importance of post-secondary education.

