

CVUSD

A DESTINATION DISTRICT

District Update

*This document is to keep you abreast on upcoming items,
current issues, and what is happening in the District.*

Year In Review

It has been another great year, and we should not be surprised at the accomplishments and achievements of our staff and students. We believe in growth, plan for growth and keep growing and going forward - one step at a time. Remember, this was the "Year of the Climber," and climb is what we did:

- 98% grad rate from mid 80% just years ago.
- Almost a third of our graduates earned CSF Honors
- Career/College Ready graduates grew from 35% from 53%
- Grew from just a handful of college concurrent courses offered at the high school to over 20 college courses with a 97% (not including several college online courses).
- For the first time in years, we are graduating nine Continuation School Graduates!
- Year one for Big Brothers, Big Sisters with high school and Fremont School students!
- Air Force ROTC has been honored with a Distinguished Unit Award again this year
- County Teacher of the Year Isaias Ramirez
- Most Team Titles Won in the East Sequoia League (6) Six East Sequoia League Team Titles (Boys' Cross Country / Girls Tennis / Wrestling / Girls' Swimming / Boys' Track & Field / Girls' Track & Field)
- Our Boys' Wrestling Team won its fourth straight championship
- Multiple Individual League Champions: Boys' Cross Country / Wrestling / Girls Track & Field / Boys Track & Field / Swimming
- Multiple qualifiers for the CIF Valley Meets in Wrestling / Boys' Cross Country / Girls' Cross Country / Boys' Track & Field / Girls' Track & Field / Girls Swimming
- Suspension rates have dropped massively over the past seven years and this year has shown a continue decline.

Every Corcoran Student Can Achieve!

Quotes and Proverbs

It always seems impossible until it's done.

~Nelson Mandela

Our staff and students never cease to amaze us. As we look back not just this past year but over the past several years. We have seen our graduation rate grow close to 100%, our suspension rates drop by radical numbers, our athletic teams and individuals continue to excel and impress, our students excel in our County Spelling Bee, our teachers become role models and trainers for innovative and effective teaching using technology and ingenuity, and our community providing almost \$800,000 in scholarships for our outgoing seniors.

We are seeing more and more of our students advancing to their next educational and career experiences out of high school with more and more college credits already under their belt through their efforts to pass several of the offered College of the Sequoias (COS) and online concurrent college courses offered at the high school. We are seeing more and more of our students with greater confidence in speaking, writing, math work reading inspired by teachers who have created highly engaging and motivating personalized learning environments.



Upcoming Events

John Muir Promotion

Monday, June 3, 2019

High School Graduation

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Kings Lake Education Center Graduation

Monday, June 10, 2019

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.





Honoring CUSD 2018-2019 Retirees



Elma Albert

How long have you worked at CUSD and in what capacity?

I have been with the district for 34 years. I started as an aide at the High School then moved on to be the secretary for the Special Projects Director. I then became the secretary at John C. Fremont and now here for Bret Harte School.

Do you have a favorite memory from your years at CUSD?

I have many memories and it is hard to choose one. What I can say is, I enjoyed working with some really wonderful people.

Is there a pupil or person that stands out?

There are too many pupils to pick just one in particular. They will all have a special place in my heart.

What are you looking forward to in retirement?

I am looking forward to spending time with my family and my mom.

Do you have any advice for those coming into your position?

Be ready to work with some really nice people. Always be prepared and ready to work in a fast paced environment. Be physically fit in case you have to run after a student!



John Arriola



How long have you worked at CUSD and in what capacity?

I have worked at CUSD for 6 years first as a teacher at Mark Twain, then John Muir and now an administrator for Kings Lake.

Do you have a favorite memory from your years at CUSD?

I have many...and I have met and taught some wonderful students who I will never forget. I have even invited a few over for a swim party. It would be nice to send them all an email letting them know of my retirement.

Is there a pupil or person that stands out?

Again, many to choose from. I've enjoyed working and learning from everyone I have met here. I've also enjoyed all of my students-even the difficult ones. I am happy to say that I started the tennis program at John Muir and coaching those students on how to play that sport was a lot of fun and watching them compete and win was very satisfying because it was the first time these kids had ever picked up a racket. Coaching track at John Muir was a lot of fun too. I coached the distance runners and took several of them all the way to valley finals. That's why coach Ramirez at CHS has had so much success-haha!!

What are you looking forward to in retirement?

To doing the things I love most-travel and fly my airplane. I am looking forward to doing both.

Do you have any advice for those coming into your position?

Yes, keep your cool and don't take things personal. These kids come to us from some very bad environments which explains their behavior. Finally, don't be afraid to talk to these students and find out about them. For some, that's all they are looking for is someone to take an interest in them. Finally, have fun working with both staff and students.





Linda Halverstadt

How long have you worked at CUSD and in what capacity?

I have been with the Corcoran Unified school District for 26 years as a paraprofessional at Bret Harte School.

Do you have a favorite memory from your years at CUSD?

A favorite memory was going on several field trips to the Fresno Zoo with the Kindergarten classes. The zoo was always a special place to me because when I was a child growing up, my dad worked there as a zoo attendant. I was happy to share the zoo experience with the students.

Is there a pupil or person that stands out?

A person who stands out to me was the very first Kindergarten teacher I worked with for several years, Mary Hill. She taught me to love and care for the children and be a positive, happy influence. She loved teaching Kindergarten and her smile made each child feel special. Through the years I worked with many other dedicated teachers who were a positive influence in my life as well. It's been a pleasure working with everyone on staff at Bret Harte.

What are you looking forward to in retirement?

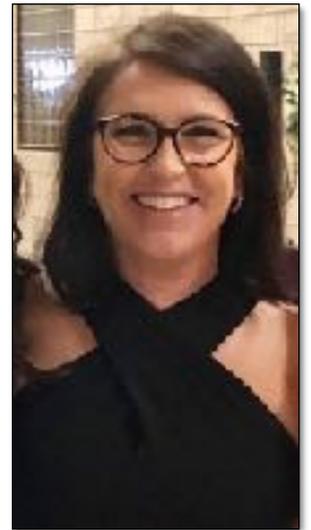
Looking forward to doing more traveling and especially visiting my children and grandchildren, who all live far away from Corcoran.

Do you have any advice for those coming into your position?

Be dependable. Keep a positive attitude even when things may be challenging. Always try to be a positive influence in the lives of the students, and let them know you care. Enjoy interacting with them and helping them learn and grow.



RaeAnn Boyett



How long have you worked at CUSD and in what capacity?

A total of 30.5 years. In January of 1989 I started at Fremont teaching 2nd and 3rd grade for 13 years. Then went on to Mark Twain to teach 4th grade for 10 years. I came back to Fremont as a Resource Teacher and have been here the past 7 years.

Do you have a favorite memory from your years at CUSD?

There are too many of them. My first year when my class participated in the Community play "At the Hop". Iona Burbank directed it. The other one would be when I won Kings County Teacher of the Year. Total shock!!!!

Is there a pupil or person that stands out?

I didn't have pets or they were all my pets! The person that stands out is Gloria Graville. She was my first principal. She was tough but fair. I learned so much from her.

What are you looking forward to in retirement?

Being able to take a vacation that isn't during the summer! HaHaHa! I plan on traveling, volunteering for CASA, and golfing with my husband.

Do you have any advice for those coming into your position?

Be present and live one day at a time. Enjoy the little ones!!



"I will miss my colleagues present and past and all the students that have taught me about life." -

RaeAnn Boyett



Lisa Thompson

How long have you worked at CUSD and in what capacity?

I have worked for CUSD for 35 years. I have been a Kindergarten teacher, Title 1 Teacher and the last 23 years a First Grade teacher.

Do you have a favorite memory from your years at CUSD?

A favorite memory would be one time the staff needed to make videos for PBIS that showed the teachers not following the correct expectations. I don't think I ever laughed so hard. The students loved to watch the videos & see their teachers misbehaving for a change.

Is there a pupil or person that stands out?

All of the students have touched my heart in many ways, especially in First grade when they discover they can read many kinds of books.

What are you looking forward to in retirement?

I am looking forward to moving back to Illinois and being close to my family.

Do you have any advice for those coming into your position?

When teaching young children you need lots of patience, love, and enjoy each day because they change so quickly. Someone shared this quote with me this year:

"I am a teacher. A teacher is someone who leads. There is no magic here. I do not walk on water. I do not part the sea. I just love children."

- Marva Collins



*And
so the
adventure
begins*

CUSD Star Students



A student was selected from each site to receive the Star Student Award. Pictured are Jeyliana Martinez Castro, Montreal Hemphill, Giovanni Mata, Michell Oregon Amador, Emilee Santos, and Roman Vargas. Back Row: Board Clerk Sammy Ramirez, Board President Patty Robertson, Trustee Karen Frey, and Trustee Robert Alcorn.



John C. Fremont *Accelerated Reading 40 Point Club!*



Every year John C. Fremont students read and try to become part of the AR 40 point club. This year Fremont had 32 second graders and 35 third graders that reached 40 points or more in AR. Our second grader with the highest points was Yahir Jaramillo with 93.6 points. Our third grader with the highest points was Esteban Carranza with 133.6 points.

Librarian Sara Nava shared - "I'm super proud of our little tiger cubs!"

John Muir Science Fair Winners!



6th Grade Group

3rd Natalia Cruz, Brie Williams and Amelia Cruz, Abigail Lopez (TIE),
2nd Christian Avila, Anahi Navarette, Natalia Cisneros
1st Emily Avalos, Daisy Martinez, Valeria Samono (**Best of Show**)

6th Grade Individual

3rd Tony Alvarez
2nd Jessica Tines (**Best of Show**)
1st Haley Sanchez (**Best of Show**)



7th Grade Group

3rd Samuel Luna, Alfredo Griego, Francisco Montez
2nd Fernando Alvarez, Victor Luevas, Caesar Meija
1st Ema Torres, Nia Orosco, Montserrat Maldonado (**Best of Show**)

7th Grade Individual

3rd Bryant Yapis
2nd Helen Suarez
1st Luz Medina (**Best of Show**)



8th Grade Group

3rd Alexia Juarez, Maria Mendez, Melissa Pena
2nd Christian Hernandez, Juan Amescua, Elias Vargas
1st Rome Johnson, David Perez, Jessie Ramirez (**Best of Show**)

8th Grade Individual

3rd Alexa Alves,
2nd Iman Hassan



CUSD 2018-19 Employees of the Year



The Employees of the Year were recognized at the May 28, 2019, Board Meeting. Pictured above: Trustee Robert Alcorn, Board Clerk Sammy Ramirez, Board President Patty Robertson, Employee of the Year Esmeralda Loera Barajas, Administrator of the Year Ed Larkin, Trustee Karen Frey and Kings County Superintendent Tod Barlow.