



Superintendent's Message

With the budget challenges still swirling around us, it probably went relatively unnoticed that the Board approved a new Strategic Plan for our district at its May 6th meeting. Every strategic plan is simply a road map to inform all of the stakeholders – students, employees, parents and community, of the district's mission, vision, values, and objectives. This strategic plan which extends from 2010 -2013, has six goals which are designed to advance the District's mission and vision.

The emphasis is on instruction in the classroom and therefore, the district wide priorities stress curriculum that is aligned to the state standards; materials, equipment, and technology for the classroom that is equitably distributed among all schools; professional development for teachers, administrators, and classified personnel which is instructionally based; and transparency and communication across the district.

In addition, the district's motto has been expanded. In addition to "achievement," "safety," and "positive climate," the motto now includes "humility," "civility," and "service." If we can approach each day with a commitment to serving our community at large with a sense of humility and with a civil tone, I am confident that our district can become the model for other districts statewide.

It is my sincere wish that we can all embrace our new Strategic Plan with a new found confidence and zeal in our unceasing mission to provide the optimum education to all of our students.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne M. Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a thin, hand-drawn oval border.

Wayne M. Joseph
Superintendent

Start the Weekend by Learning How to Help Your Child – Drug Forum for Parents Tonight

Parents, teachers, staff, grandparents – plan to attend the second parent forum on drugs and join the community-wide campaign to lessen the exposure of children to drugs. The forum is sponsored by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Chino Police Department and the Chino Valley Unified School District. Topics include trends and identification of drugs, recognizing the signs, preventing drug abuse, legal rights and responsibilities, and resources to help parents. The forum will be followed by a question and answer session. Due to the graphic nature of the presentation, children should not attend.

**Friday, May 21, 2010
7:00 p.m.
St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
Maher Hall
14085 Peyton Drive, Chino Hills**

Parents Celebrate As Well As Students at the Liberty Elementary and Woodcrest Junior High Parent Academy Graduation



As summer becomes within reach and students daydream of life after graduation, there are other students who have been studying hard and working toward graduation as well – parents. Liberty Elementary and Woodcrest Junior High's first Parent Academy graduation took place a few weeks ago for 49 parents who completed a four-week course.

"These workshops were designed to give our parents additional information, skills and tools so they may be more involved in their children's education," said Liberty Elementary Principal Bob Whale.

The Parent Academy was developed in response to both schools' desire to better inform parents about their schools and increase parent involvement in order to maximize student academic achievement. Topics covered in the Parent Academy included: Organization of the school system; understanding the California Standards Test and its impact on students; increasing parent involvement; high school graduation requirements, and the path to college.

This program was developed through the two-school collaboration and taught by Principal Bob Whale and Assistant Principal Kim Keys of Liberty, Woodcrest Principal Eddie Bustamante, Woodcrest teacher and School Site Council Coordinator Paula Miller, and CVUSD Title I and ELD Program Specialist Carol

Garman. Parents had the choice of attending morning or evening sessions. The course was free of charge and child care was provided.

The Parent Academy will return to Liberty and Woodcrest in the fall of 2010. Parents and guardians can sign up at registration for junior high in August and at both schools Back to School Night in September.

Summer Childcare Available



Enrollment is now open to all parents interested in the childcare program at Hidden Trails Fun Club in Chino Hills and Liberty Fun Club in Ontario. The summer program is open to kindergarten through sixth grade students beginning June 14, 2010 and ending August 27, 2010.

“Not only can you expect your child’s imagination to be ignited each day at the Fun Club, but you can rest assured knowing they are with highly qualified staff who inspire a love of learning,” said Child Development Coordinator **Sharon Gray**.

Staff will engage children in an enriching hands-on summer curriculum, physical activities and games to keep the child’s mind and body strong all summer long. A weekly field trip is included in the price of the tuition. Some of the field trips are: Bubblemania assembly, Wild Kingdom, *Toy Story 3* movie, bowling, Boomers, and California Science Center. Hours at Liberty Fun Club are 6:00 am – 6:00 pm and Hidden Trails Fun Club hours of operation for the summer are 6:00 am – 6:30 pm.

Weekly rates are as follows:

	<u>5 Days a Week</u>	<u>4 Days a Week</u>	<u>3 Days a Week</u>
K - 6 th Grade	\$135	\$122	\$105



Free or reduced childcare is available at the Liberty location for families who meet income and need requirements. For more information, please contact the Office of Child Development at (909) 628-1201, Ext. 6780, stop by the office located at 2730 S. Bon View Avenue, Ontario, 91761 or visit the website at www.childdevelopment.chino.groupfusion.net.

New Principals Named for Chino and Don Lugo high schools



Felix Melendez – Chino HS effective July 1, 2010

Currently Assistant Principal of Centennial High School in Corona (since 2004). Prior to that, he was Assistant Principal of Ayala High School from 2001-2004, Dean of Pupil Services from 2000-2001 and an English Teacher from 1992-2000 (all at Ayala HS). He also taught at Ramona JHS from 1987-1992.



Tamerin Capellino, Ed.D. – Don Lugo HS effective July 1, 2010

Currently Principal of Canyon Lake Middle School in Lake Elsinore (since 2007). Prior to that, she was Assistant Principal of Corona High School from 2005-2007 and held teaching positions in Corona-Norco USD and Santa Ana USD.

Congratulations

Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence



Ramona Junior High School teacher **John Burns** was surprised at school last week with the *Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence*. Burns, who teaches 7th grade science, received a \$10,000 grant and is one of just 34 science teachers across the United States and Canada who was awarded the grant.

Student and Teacher Form Dynamic Duo at Magnolia Junior High School

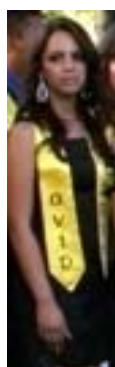


Magnolia student **Shahid Osuna** recently received *The California Teachers Association 2010 Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Education Award*. Shahid entered winning photos that will be on display at the CTA headquarters in Burlingame. Shahid received a certificate and a check for \$1000. Shahid was sponsored by Magnolia Science teacher, **Kelly Larned**, who also received a check for \$1000. Shahid will spend his reward on a lap top or a new camera. Larned is still in shock, but plans on spending part of his reward on his classroom for science supplies.



In Shahid's photo (right), the mother's weary eyes represent her fatigue from hard labor, the mask and gloves sickness from the pesticides, and the expired strawberries tie it all together how she has been worked without rights, without freedom.

Chino High School Senior Receives RIMS AVID Scholarship



Yessenia Barajas, Chino High School, has received a scholarship from Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID). She is one of 3580 AVID seniors graduating from high school this year in the Riverside, Inyo, Mono and San Bernardino (RIMS) region and first Chino Valley Unified School District student to receive the RIMS scholarship.

AVID is an international education program that began in San Diego and targets students in the academic middle who have a willingness to work toward college acceptance. Typically, AVID students are the first in their families to attend college.



Chino High AVID students at senior recognition held at Cal State San Bernardino in May. Carmen Martinez, teacher and AVID advisor, right.

"Chino High School AVID graduates received over 100 college acceptance letters and approximately \$450,000 in grants and scholarships," said Carmen Martinez, teacher.

Saying Good Bye is Never Easy

Students at Chino Hills High School hosted a memorial concert on Wednesday as a special tribute to fellow student **Yla Aquino** who passed away on May 10. There were performances by the Concert Choir, Treble Choir, and Chamber Singers from the CHHS Choir Department, and some selections from the CHHS Band Department, performed by the Wind Ensemble.

"Yla Aquino was a big part of our performing arts department (one year in drumline, and two going on three in choir) as well as an officer in Key Club, and this is a way for us to honor her, as well as help us heal," said **Laura Rutherford**, choir director.

In addition to the performances, students in the digital video class presented a video featuring Yla. The concert followed fundraisers at Tropical Smoothie and at the Ayala Band Concert and Ayala Choir Concert last week. Donations amounting to \$9500 were collected to help the family.

Author Visits Students

It was easy for Marshall Elementary School students in 4-6th grade to believe they were in the far off land of Ostia, if only for a little while. The author of the "Roman Mysteries,"

Caroline Lawrence, visited

with the students and gave them a glimpse of Ostia, an ancient Roman port that serves as the setting for her books. Now mostly deserted except for a few tourists and the curious, the former bustling port is steeped in mystery and artifacts, which makes it a perfect playground for her characters.



Lawrence, who writes from her home in London, has created a series of mysteries that are solved by a team of children who live in Ostia. These books not only hold



the attention of their readers, but give a glimpse of the life of the Roman people of the past. In the illustrated talk called 'How to Write a Great Story', Lawrence tells students how she started writing, how she uses archetypal characters and how she structures the story plots. Caroline signed autographs in her books that the students purchased prior to her visit.

CVUSD Alumni Come Back to Recruit at Ayala High School Career Day

Employees of the City of Chino Hills took part in Ayala's Career Day. This time, the former CVUSD grads sit on the other side of the table recruiting students for summer jobs with the City of Chino Hills. Pictured from left, Bryan Stewart, Ayala High School (2001), Coordinator



with the City Parks and Recreation Department; Scott Underdahl, Chino Hills High School (2006) is the City's Recreations Pool Manager, and Ashley Fernando, Ayala

High School (2006), is a Recreations Specialist. Over 40 representatives from colleges, trade schools and the armed services attended.



Do you know of someone who is In The News?

Please send information to julie_gobin@chino.k12.ca.us.

Congratulations

Michael Vaughn, Ed.D., Kimberly Cabrera, Ed.D., Tracy MacArthur, Ed.D., Amy Nguyen-Hernandez, Ed.D. and Michael Titus, Ed.D., at their hooding ceremony on May 13th at USC.



Board Bullets

Your Board of Education in action on May 20, 2010:

- Honored high school seniors who have enlisted in the Armed Services
- Approved the K-3, 30:1 class size effective 2010/11
- Approved an agreement with Florida Virtual School for the Pearson K12 Virtual Program
- Awarded a bid to expand the parking lot at Ayala High School
- Received for information a new board policy on Green School Operations; new courses including Music Theory AP, AP Stagecraft, Orchestra and Bible As/In History and Literature; and relocation of the District Media Center and Professional Development Center to the former Los Serranos campus



Calendar

May 21

Parent Education Forum on Drugs (7:00 pm at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church)

May 25

Band Showcase at Chino High School (7:00 pm)

June 3

Board of Education Meeting (7:00 pm District Board Room)

June 17

Board of Education Meeting (7:00 pm District Board Room)



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**ATTENDANCE
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