

Superintendent Report-December 9, 2021

Castroville Elementary School students are learning about simple circuits during their Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) instruction. After some direct instruction, they had an opportunity to ***practice using an online circuit simulator***. Following the simulation, they made a simple paper circuit to power up a light saber. In their next session they will use their new found knowledge to light up a reindeer for the holidays. School wide spirit days help students and staff builds community at Castroville School. Students showed off their creativity and had some fun during Crazy Hair Day.



Echo Valley Elementary School Dolphins make WAVES! Introducing our updated PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) system. We are grateful for our School Site Council, staff, and students who provided valuable input on how we can recognize our dolphins for making safe and respectful choices during recess and lunch. The *students love making WAVES and earning stars* on their Flip Cards! [Echo Valley Dolphins Make WAVES!](#)

Prunedale Elementary School:

- A collaborative group of 4th graders created a ***seasonal sweater*** done by a 4th grade class.
- The ***6th grade band concert*** took place outside and was also recorded for Facebook Live.
- Students are connected with daily announcements that are incorporating SEL components: ***Mindful Mondays, Talk about it Tuesday, Wellness Wednesday, Thinking Thursday, Full of Gratitude Friday***. The challenge for Thinking Thursday included “What would you do without a device for 24 hours?”
- The writing samples of work from Ms. Solis’ 6th grade class, included a small picture with writing used as a “hook” for students to respond and incorporate in their writing.



North Monterey County Unified School District hosted the ***Monterey County Virtual Health Science and Medical Technology and Public Service Pathways Advisory***. We had 45 attendees representing K-12, Adult Ed, community college, and industry as well as students from North Monterey County High School, Carmel High School, and Mission Trails ROP Adult program. In addition to reviewing current pathways and courses, the **Advisory also reviewed equipment, textbooks, materials for the pathway courses, Career Technical Student Organizations and leadership opportunities, work based learning opportunities, and reviewed labor market and future trends in their respective areas.**



● Health Medical Technology

- Tatiana Romero
- Cheyenne Mata
- Kaylie Carvalho
- Rachel Mankins
- Kayla Flores

● Public Service

- Angel Jimenez
- Omar Lara



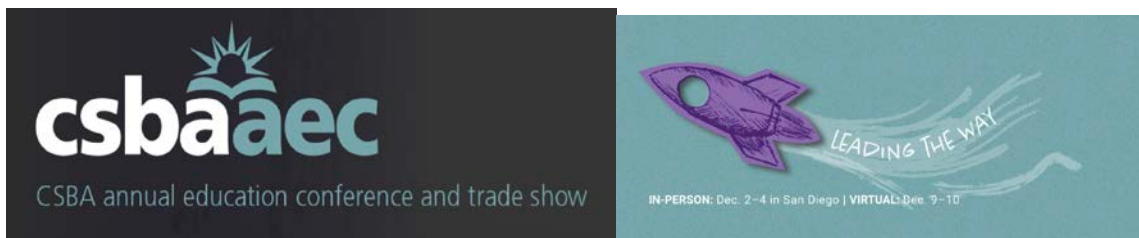
Student Panel



The **Child Nutrition Department** distributed **10,500 breakfast and lunches** for the Thanksgiving Holiday meal distribution at North Monterey County High School. A Big Shout out to Ms. Sarah Doherty and her amazing staff!



California School Boards Associate Annual Education Conference: Superintendent Kari Yeater, Board President Adrian Ayala, Board Member Martha Chavarria and Senior Executive Assistant Yvette Padilla attended the CSBA conference. The annual conference offers continuing education program, serving to connect members with colleagues from across the state to discuss relevant and important education topics such as school funding, special education, and distance learning. They also offered amazing speakers, enriched learning opportunities, and a variety of networking opportunities.



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Examples of a few informative sessions included “Outdoor Learning Programs and Designs” from which schools transfer each space on campus to be purposeful, useful and engaging. In addition, we heard about a great program, *From Risk to Promise*, championed by Dr. Victor Rios, a Harvard Professor who has researched effective ways to engage youth. “We need to invite the souls of the young people that we work with, and once they’re able to refine-identify their grit, resilience and character that they’ve already developed—their academic performance will improve.” Dr. Rios.

WINTER BREAK MEAL SCHEDULE

Friday (12/17): Hot Supper meal service
(4pm - 5pm) at Castroville Elementary
School - FREE for students & adults

Monday (12/20): 14 days of meals
distributed from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at
North Monterey County High School
FREE for all youth 18 & under

While supplies last



**WISHING YOU A SAFE, HAPPY AND
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Volunteers Helped Make the November 24, 2021 Castroville Food Distribution a Success!

Although we were not able to host the annual Thanksgiving Feast this year, 500 boxes of food, eggs, potatoes, and bags of fresh fruit and nuts were provided to families the day before Thanksgiving Day. Additionally, we distributed \$25 Safeway gift cards to families.

Your contributions of time, labor, smiles, and donations reflect the goodwill that exists in our community, local businesses, and the people we call our neighbors, friends, and family.

A Special Thank You To

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NMCUSD Students and Staff
The Monterey County Food Bank*

*The Alderete Family
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Supervisor John Phillips and Patti
Dan and Susan Villa
The Web Family*

We are planning a second food distribution in December 2021 and hope we can count on your support. If all goes well, we also hope to host the annual Castroville Thanksgiving Feast once again in 2022.

From my family to yours, wishing you a warm and safe place to call home filled with good food, friends, and family this holiday season and always.

With Sincere Gratitude,

Diana Jimenez

Thanksgiving Feast Coordinator,
& NMC LULAC President

