

East Side Union High School District Newsletter

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Dear Parents/East Side Community Members,

In an effort to improve our communication with all stakeholders, I will be sending out monthly or bimonthly newsletters updating you on all of the outstanding activities and successes in our district. I hope you enjoy this issue and please share it with anyone else who is interested in hearing the great things that are happening in our organization.

Strategic Planning

I have completed fourteen community engagement meetings, as well as six focus group meetings to gather feedback on the direction the community would like to see our organization go in the future. [Attached](#) is the Executive Summary of all of the information that was gathered and synthesized over the last four months. The Board will have a Study Session on Thursday, April 25th, at 6:00 pm in the Board Room to review the findings and discuss the District's proposed new Vision, Mission, and Core values.

Santa Teresa High School

Students from from the Santa Teresa International Relations Club (IRC) took the Award of Merit, a 3rd place award, at this year's National High School Model United Nations Conference. There were over 3,000 participants from all over the country and the world. They worked cohesively as a team. Team members included the following students: Stas Banach, Eric Parella, Eron Lake, Brandon Lake, Spencer Phillips, Kunal Patel, Dani Bader, Darlene Tran, Ash Bhat, Sam Schulteis, Rohan Phadte, and Vikram Kalahasthi.

They were in the General Assembly Room in the United Nations building in New York City. They were role playing,

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speaking and voting as Serbia. We are fiercely proud of their tremendous accomplishment.

Texas Instruments

Two Santa Teresa teachers won the Texas Instruments STEM Teacher of the Year Award. Ms. Channy Cornejo (Math) and Ms. Debra Dimas (Science) are winners of the Texas Instruments Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Teacher of the Year Award from the Santa Clara County Office of Education. To read more about this prestigious award, click [here](#).

2013 Glenn Hoffmann Exemplary Program Award for College Connections Academy (CCA)

The College Connection Academy is one of several recipients of the 2013 Glenn Hoffmann Exemplary Program Award. The award is named for Glenn W. Hoffmann, who served as the Superintendent of Santa Clara County schools from 1967 to 1984.

A committee of school administrators and board members scored entries from several Santa Clara County school programs. This year, awards were given to the top five programs, which received the highest scores out of 17 total entries.

The demands of our changing economy and the need to foster a more educated workforce inspired the creation of an innovative partnership between the Franklin-McKinley School District, the East Side Union High School District, and Evergreen Valley College. Our three communities will increase the number of first generation college graduates, equipping them with the education and experience they need to succeed in life and family-supporting careers. With the support and involvement of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the College Connection Academy welcomed its first 7th grade class in 2008. For more information, click [here](#).

East Side Education Foundation 4th Annual 5K Run/Walk

Help support the ESUHSD athletics by participating in this year's 5K Run/Walk. For more information, click [here](#) to access flyer. Thank you for all your support!

Check out ESUHSD's Annual Art Exhibition at Eastridge Mall

ESUHSD's Annual Art Exhibition will take place at Eastridge Mall (2nd floor near the food court) from Friday, April 26th, through Sunday, April 28th, 2013. The exhibition will feature art from the high schools around the district. Click [here](#) to access flyer.

ES11 Photography Awards Ceremony

The 34th Annual ES11 Student Photography Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 1 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the District Office of the East Side Union High School District, 830 N. Capitol Avenue. The panels of student photographs will be on display from Monday, April 29, through Friday, May 3, in the foyer of the District Office.

Independence High School's Engineering and Space Academy

Below is a link to a video clip from CBS5 (KPIX) that features the Independence High School Engineering and Space Academy. It features several of our students and teacher Leo Johnson. The Engineering and Space Academy is the combination of the Electronics Academy and the Space Technology Magnet.

Click [here](#) to view video.

Sincerely,

Chris D. Funk, Superintendent
East Side Union High School District

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ESUHSD Education Foundation
Presents
4th Annual 5K Run/Walk

Sunday, May 19, 2013
7:30am - 8:30am Registration - 9:00am Start Time

Run starts at Mt. Pleasant High School
1750 S. White Road, San Jose, CA 95127

Food Trucks
DJ Entertainment

Registration/Check-In: 7:30a.m. - 8:30a.m.
Start Time: 9:00a.m.

Help raise funds for ESUHSD Athletic Programs

Registration will be available through: www.active.com
ESUHSD 5K Run/Walk

\$35 Registration Fee ~ \$25 Registration Fee for 12 & under
T-Shirt - \$10.00

Our Goal is to help raise the necessary funds to support all athletic programs

WE Can Do It!

Come Visit ESUHSD's Annual Student Art Exhibition

Friday April 26th through
Sunday April 28th 2013,
Eastridge Mall



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Independence
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