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A Message from the Superintendent - Dr. Mary Sieu

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Congratulations Gahr HS!



Congratulations to the Gahr High School Marching Gladiators on winning the 2021 California State Band Championships! After taking 1st place in Division 5A Finals, Gahr advanced to the State Finals and won 1st place. This now marks Gahr's seventh consecutive California State Band Championship title.

This achievement is a result of countless hours of hard work and dedication from the students, instructional staff, band booster parents, and alumni. To make this happen, it takes an army of parents sewing uniforms, building props, transporting equipment, and so much more.



The School Services Department once again hosted its annual Holiday Giving Tree for ABC Foster and Homeless Youth. Currently ABC is serving 150 Foster and Homeless Youth. District employees donated a wrapped gift by selecting an ornament from the Giving Tree that was located in the School Services Department. ►



News From Our Schools and Around The District

Teacher Induction Ceremony



The Teacher Induction Program provides support with instruction and a mentor to new teachers for two years enabling them to complete their teaching credential. Mentors work with the Los Angeles County Office of Education on training new teachers. The following teachers were recognized for completing their two-year program: Cesilia Callejas, Kaitlyn McGranahan, Matthew De Gucci, and Nancy Villalon-Vasquez. ▮

ABCUSD Golfers Win!

Jasmine Koo from Cerritos HS and Sarah Yoo from Whitney HS advanced to the State Regional finals in girls high school golf based on their exceptional play at the CIF Southern Section Final held at River Ridge Golf course in Oxnard. Sarah Yoo won the two-day 605 League finals held at Lakewood Country Club and Los Amigos Golf course. Jasmine Koo won the CIF Girl's Individual Golf Champion for 2021. Congratulations to Jasmine and Sarah on their great wins, and a remarkable season. ▮



Jasmine Koo, Cerritos HS



Sarah Yoo, Whitney HS



Cerritos ES named National Blue Ribbon School

Superintendent Dr. Sieu, Principal Craig Spratt, and teacher Stephanie Watson from Cerritos ES attended the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program in National Harbor, MD. The program was founded in 1982 by the second U.S. Secretary of Education, Terrell H. Bell, who began the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program to highlight schools that modeled the kind of excellence and sound practice that all American schools could strive for and reach. This year, of more than 132,000 Elementary and Secondary schools in the United States, only 302 public schools received designation as National Blue Ribbon Schools. ▶



On December 1 Cerritos ES held their Flag Raising Ceremony to celebrate this award.



Left to right: Stephanie Watson, Principal Spratt, Dr. Sieu

Expanded Learning Bikes for Kids Program

The Bikes for Kids Program (BK Program) is a collaboration between the Long Beach Velo Allegro Cycling Club and the YMCA of Greater Long Beach. Each year, the two organizations work with Title I schools within Los Angeles County that provide Expanded Learning after-school programs to ensure every third grader receives a bike, helmet, and lock regardless of program enrollment.

The BK Program offers all third graders at selected sites an opportunity to participate in an essay contest describing how a bike will help them make their community a better place. In preparation the Velo Allegro Cycling Club, the YMCA, the ABC Special Programs team, and other community volunteers work together to assemble over 50 bicycles for students. The students do not know that in addition to the winning essays, every third-grade student wins a bike. Students are individually fitted with a new bike to embark on the road to a healthy lifestyle. ▶



All Aloha ES 3rd grade students received their bikes!

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Filipino American History Month

Cerritos Councilmember Frank Yokoyama presented Certificates of Recognition to the Cerritos High School Club Magkaisa Officers and advisor Mrs. Mizraim Oliva and to the Whitney High School Club Kaibigan Officers, Advisor Daryl David, and Assistant Principal Dr. Larry Natividad for their leadership and service in honor of Filipino American History Month. ▶



ABCUSD Schools Ranked Highly Statewide and Nationally

U.S. News & World Report has released its rankings for both elementary and middle schools. ABC Unified School District schools were highly ranked both statewide and nationally. All ABCUSD elementary schools were ranked towards the top half of all California schools, while the District's middle schools ranked within the top third.

The publication, famous for its rankings of colleges and high schools, analyzed nearly 103,000 elementary and middle schools nationwide, with about 3,500 middle schools and 6,600 located in California. The publication considered data on student diversity, teachers, counselors, test scores, and district spending in its ranking process. The entire list of ranked K-12 schools is available at usnews.com/education/k12. ▶

Whitney HS MUN Team



Whitney HS Model United Nations team won Best Large Delegation last month at the MUN Conference at Tustin High School.

Cerritos Football CIF

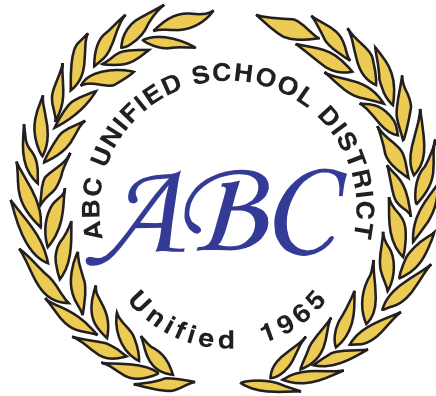


*Cerritos HS wins 1st place in the 605 Football League.
The varsity team advanced to the CIF playoffs for the first time in two decades.*

Food Drive

The L.A. Mission in coordination with The Way Out Ministries distributed Thanksgiving meal boxes on November 18, 2021 to families in need. Families drove through the parking lot at Hawaiian ES location in the City of Hawaiian Gardens to pick up meal boxes for the Thanksgiving holiday. Over 150 families in the community received a box. ▶





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