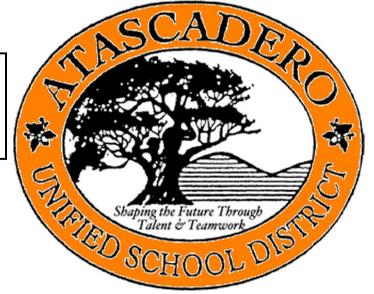


ATASCADERO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER-June 2016

CELEBRATING A WONDERFUL YEAR - Tom Butler, Superintendent



As the community gears up for the final few weeks of school and a well-deserved summer vacation it's an appropriate time to reflect on the 2015-2016 school year. Our *AUSD Team* and highly supportive community have accomplished many wonderful things:

- I've been thoroughly impressed by our staff, parents, and community members modeling of our District Core Values: Respect, Integrity, Teamwork, and Excellence. Our students are fortunate to learn from the outstanding example set by the adults in our community.
- Thanks to our elementary teachers and secondary English teachers that actively participated in the Language Arts textbook adoption process. I firmly believe that this new instructional material will be a tremendous support for student learning.
- The Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation Department is doing an admirable job of keeping up with an accelerated pace in our Bond facilities projects. It's exciting to see our schools take shape and begin to reflect and compliment the excellent educational programs we have in AUSD. Next year we will have reconstruction taking place at Atascadero High School, Atascadero Middle School, Fine Arts Academy, and Santa Margarita Elementary School.
- The one-to-one technology initiative is off to a flying start, thanks to the stellar efforts of the Santa Rosa Academic Academy staff and the Technology Department. We look forward with great anticipation as Monterey Road, Creston, Carissa Plains, and the Fine Arts Academy begin this effort next year.
- [ACE \(Appreciating Classified Employees\)](#) was an amazing job-shadowing experience this spring. Everyone had an opportunity to learn about the many different roles and contributions of our classified staff. We are already making plans to create our own AUSD version of this powerful event.
- Student achievement continues to rise as we saw our AUSD students enter Cuesta College with tremendous English and Math readiness. AUSD continues to lead the way with the largest number of graduates earning the *Cuesta Promise Scholarship* in the county. Atascadero High School is currently projecting a university readiness rate approaching 50%. This is approximately a 4% increase from last year and a testament to the great work happening across our district.
- Career Pathways are alive and well at Atascadero High School and I am pleased that we are purposefully discussing how to align programs at the middle school and then begin introducing careers at the elementary school.
- We are very excited to offer a Parent Academy next year that will cover key educational topics and support parents in working collaboratively with the school district to accomplish our shared goal of developing the top students in the nation.

As you can see we have many accomplishments to celebrate from the current school year and much to look forward to in 2016-2017. These accomplishments are truly shared and the Board of Trustees and District Staff thank everyone in our school community for their contributions.

I sincerely wish our students, parents, and staff a relaxing and positive summer with family and friends.

Go AUSD!

**Elementary Update - Santa Rosa Academic Academy -
Chris Allen**

It's been a big month for Santa Rosa! Our commitment to integrating technology into the classrooms continues to grow as teachers and students work together to develop new ways to create and collaborate. Imagine classrooms where teachers can push out assignments to each student, monitor them all simultaneously, and make comments in real time. Imagine students able to use music, video, pictures, drawings, search engines, green screens, coding, and much more to engage with the curriculum. Imagine online targeted interventions that help students develop reading skills with assessments that take place right in the classroom on a student's own device. It's all happening at Santa Rosa, as we learn and grow in imaginative and effective ways to use technology.

This month has also been a culmination of many important areas of learning. Every single fourth and 5th grader participated in the Battle of the Books, as almost half of the student body celebrated reading with songs, games, prizes, food, and of course a day long competition ending with the "grand battle." In addition, our online incentive program called "Reading Counts" really picked up steam as more and more students reached their reading goals and earned medals each week. The upper grades also put on a "Science Night" with offerings that included an actual working robot, the dissection of an eye and giant telescopes that could view the sun, while our eighty student strong after school program partnered with UC Cal Fresh, Orchard Supply Hardware, Kiwanis, and a local garden club to re-launch our school garden. The garden itself has been beautifully restored, allowing students to learn about gardening and nutrition each week, and the Food Bank even provides a monthly Farmers Market where each student gets to pick out bags of fresh fruits and vegetables, and recipes to prepare them!

There is so much yet to come, and so much to look forward to at Santa Rosa. Our school is very proud to be able to offer so many enriching opportunities to its students and is thankful for all of the district, community and staff support that makes it all possible. Our sincere appreciation goes out to everyone with wishes for a restful summer break.

[May/June 2016 at Santa Rosa Slideshow](#)



Secondary Update - Atascadero High School - Bill Neely

The 2015-2016 school year is coming to a close. My first year as principal of Atascadero High School has been a year filled with many great activities, events, and achievements. There have been too many to try to acknowledge and recognize in one short article!

There are many people to thank for making this year a success. Thank you to the wonderful staff here at AHS, students, parents, and community. Thank you to the boosters that support their respective groups: Band Boosters, Choir Boosters, Athletic Boosters, Ag Boosters, Drama Boosters, Robotics' Boosters, and the Grad Nite Committee.

I congratulate the class of 2016 and wish them the best in their future, I am certain they will make us proud. I look forward to continue coming together as the AHS Family to support our students working toward the graduate profile.

Graduate Profile: Preparing the Top Students in the Nation

- Critical Thinker - Our graduates are original thinkers. They observe, they wonder, they create, and they have the ability to solve real world problems.
- Effective Communicator - Our graduates convey their thoughts and responses clearly and comprehensively. They have highly refined reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.
- Teammate - Our graduates are skilled collaborators and understand the value of achieving common goals through teamwork.
- Self-Directed Individual - Our graduates accept responsibility for their learning. They recognize their strengths and work to their full potential. They value learning as a lifelong skill.
- College and Career Ready Scholar - Our graduates navigate the pathways that connect education and employment to a productive, rewarding and secure life.
- Responsible and Contributing Citizen - Our graduates display integrity and civic responsibility. They aim to make a positive contribution to their communities.

Please enjoy the slide-show recognizing many of these activities, events, and achievements.

[AHS 2015-16 Year in Review](#)



Upcoming Dates:

Site	Date	Event
District	6/8/2016	Last Day of School
District	8/24/2016	First Day of School 2016-17 School Year
District	8/27/2016	CAPS 10th Annual Evening for Education
District		2016-17 School Calendar

Core Values for Students, Staff, Core Values for Students, Staff and Parents:

Respect: We respect the views of others and cultivate positive, professional relationships that are built on trust and accountability.

Integrity: We are honest and trustworthy. We aspire to the highest standards in all we do.

Teamwork: We recognize the talent of our students, staff, and community and understand that we can provide a world class education through teamwork.

Excellence: We aim for the highest levels of performance and achievement for our students, staff, and community.



Committee for Atascadero Public Schools

SAVE THE DATE!
AUGUST 27, 2016

10th Annual Evening for Education

Dinner ♦ Music ♦ Casino ♦ Auction
SpringHill Suites, Atascadero

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