

# CJUSD *Newsletter*

## Upcoming events/ reminders

NO SCHOOL  
April 3 - 10, 2023  
Spring Break

## *Partnerships for Pupils*

Community partnerships with schools have become an increasingly important way to support student learning and success. When schools collaborate with community organizations, businesses, and individuals, they can create opportunities for students that go far beyond the traditional classroom experience.

One of the most significant benefits of community partnerships is the access to resources that they provide. For example, a local business might give a grant or donation to a school, allowing the school to purchase sports equipment, books, or other materials. Community organizations can also offer mentoring or tutoring programs, giving students extra support and guidance as they navigate their academic and personal lives. Other organizations may allow students to participate in field trips and have learning experiences beyond the classroom they may not otherwise receive.

Community partnerships promote a more holistic approach to education. Schools can offer students a broader range of experiences by working with community organizations and businesses, such as arts and cultural programs, community service projects, and recreational activities. These experiences help students to develop skills such as leadership, teamwork, and communication, which are essential for success in all areas of life.

Recognizing our community partners' vital role in supporting our student's education and well-being is more important than ever. These partnerships significantly benefit students, educators, and the wider community. By working together, schools and community partners can provide students with a more well-rounded education that includes hands-on learning experiences and exposure to real-world challenges. Students with access to these opportunities are more likely to be engaged in their education and develop the skills they need to succeed in college and beyond.

Over the following district newsletters, we will highlight various community partners providing several resources that directly benefit our students. We thank our community partners for their ongoing support of our schools and students!



EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Community and Schools Together (CAST) was founded with the mission of developing local funding that will be used to serve the students of the Corcoran Unified School District.

Formed under the auspices of the Corcoran Community Foundation, CAST functions as a key to community development with the aim of retaining students living within the district while building educational excellence that will attract even more students and families to Corcoran.

The board of CAST represents a cross-section of the community, including representation from the school district.

Each of the District's campuses will be targeted to receive funding, so students at every grade level will benefit from the generosity of the local community.

### FUNDING FOR:

#### ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

- Cultural Events
- Fine Arts
- Academic Programs
- Educational Field Trips

#### INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

- Faculty Appreciation
- Student Performance Awards (commending students for meeting and exceeding state and federal benchmarks)

#### EXTRA-CURRICULAR SUPPORT

- Boosters and Clubs
- Uniforms and equipment for activities and sports

### FUNDING HOW?

Educational projects can be funded by CAST only if the community funds CAST.

The Corcoran Community Foundation provides matching funds.

### There are two ways you can support Corcoran Kids:

#### DOLLARS FOR EDUCATION (DOE)

This payroll deduction program is tax deductible and will allow you to evenly spread your contribution to CAST over the year. Your designated donation will be deducted from each paycheck by your employer and forwarded to CAST.

#### ANNUAL/ONE TIME DONATIONS

If payroll deduction is not workable for you, please consider a yearly donation or a special donation (such as through a will or in memoriam of a loved one).

### BE INVOLVED

Whether you live in Corcoran, lived in Corcoran, or just love someone in Corcoran, please say "YES" to the kids in this community!



# *Bret Harte School*

## **DANCE CLUB**



Bret Harte has a new after-school dance class with Mrs. Jessica Sweet as their instructor! Once a week, they begin with stretching and a quick across-the-floor work. They recently started learning choreography for two dances; one lyrical dance about friendship and one hip-hop dance. Mrs. Sweet said, "Last Wednesday, the class practiced a "throwback" dance, the Roger Rabbit! I'm also considering teaching the class a New Kids on The Block dance!"

# FARMERS MARKET

## BRET HARTE



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and vegetables.

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Thank You for  
the fruits  
and vegetables

Bret Harte school students showed their appreciation for their farmers market with pictures.



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Thank  
for the you fruits  
and vegetables



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# John C. Fremont School

Farm Day is Kings County Farm Bureau's biggest annual event every March. Farm Day best demonstrates what Farm Bureau is all about by bringing together around 2,400 third graders across Kings County for an interactive field trip about farming.

John C. Fremont 3rd-grade students had a fantastic day on March 16. They learned about agricultural jobs and about how tractors are used. Students could dig in the dirt and find worms in the earth. A vet talked about his career and how he could check a cow for a baby calf. Then students listened to their heartbeat with a stethoscope. The 3rd graders saw pigs, piglets, and goats and learned about their characteristics. They planted lettuce and took the plants home. Of course, the biggest hit was eating ice cream. The students came back and wrote about their experiences, and some created presentations using Keynote.





# FARM DAY





# FARMERS MARKET JOHN C. FREMONT



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# Mark Twain School



## Highlights and Celebrations:

A Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) activity was held on Thursday, March 30th. Each grade level had a 30-minute celebration with basketball, soccer, sidewalk chalk, music, and dancing. 4th-grade students have completed their field trips to the San Miguel Mission. The second-trimester awards ceremonies were held in each of the classrooms. Open House will be held on April 20th from 5:00-6:30 p.m., and State testing will begin Monday, April 24th.

# John Muir Middle School

The John Muir Advanced Band performed at the Tulare Band and Orchestra Festival on March 20 for local judges Calvin Carr, director of the Mission Oak High School Band, and Vernon James Kusserow, retired director of the Porterville High School Band. The band performed very well and received top marks from both judges, cementing that music education in Corcoran is on a major upswing and our talent rivals other schools in our area. The JMMS and CHS Band programs will have their Spring Concert on Thursday, May 18, at 6:30 PM. The community is invited to come out and attend the concert, and there is no fee for admission. The band will also perform at the next all-school pep assembly for the 4th quarter. This performance will be recorded on video and available on the John Muir Band YouTube channel in the near.

Come out and show your support for music education and our Districts students' hard work this school year!

- Treffley Ghana, Band Teacher

## Tulare Band & Orchestra Festival

Standards assessed at this festival are from the current CA VAPA Music Standards. This festival has focused on the performing standards however some concepts and comments might be addressed to the rehearsal standards but will not be factored into rating.

Performance Title:

School:

Group:

Director:

John Muir

Standards Festival Sheet	Exceeds (4)	Meets (3)	Developing (2)	Not Present (1)
Standard 5 Perform Music with Technical Accuracy	X			
Standard 6 Perform music with Stylistic Expression	X			
Standard 4 Perform music of a varied styles or genres		X		
Standard 4.3 perform with expressive qualities including; tone, blend, balance, intonation, phrasing	X			
Standard 2 Use of standard or iconic notation for performance	X			



# John Muir Invitational, 3/29/23



View results at - <https://www.athletic.net/TrackAndField/meet/479762/results>





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# *Cororan High School*

The Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), concluded their visit on March 22. The JG Boswell Scholarship interviews were held on March 23. Senior Exit Interviews took place on March 23 as well.

## **Upcoming Event for the next month:**

- Career Day - March 31
- Saturday School - April 14
- Open House - April 24 from 5-6:30
- Prom - April 29



Mr. Ochoa's 12th-grade class celebrating the end of successful senior interviews.

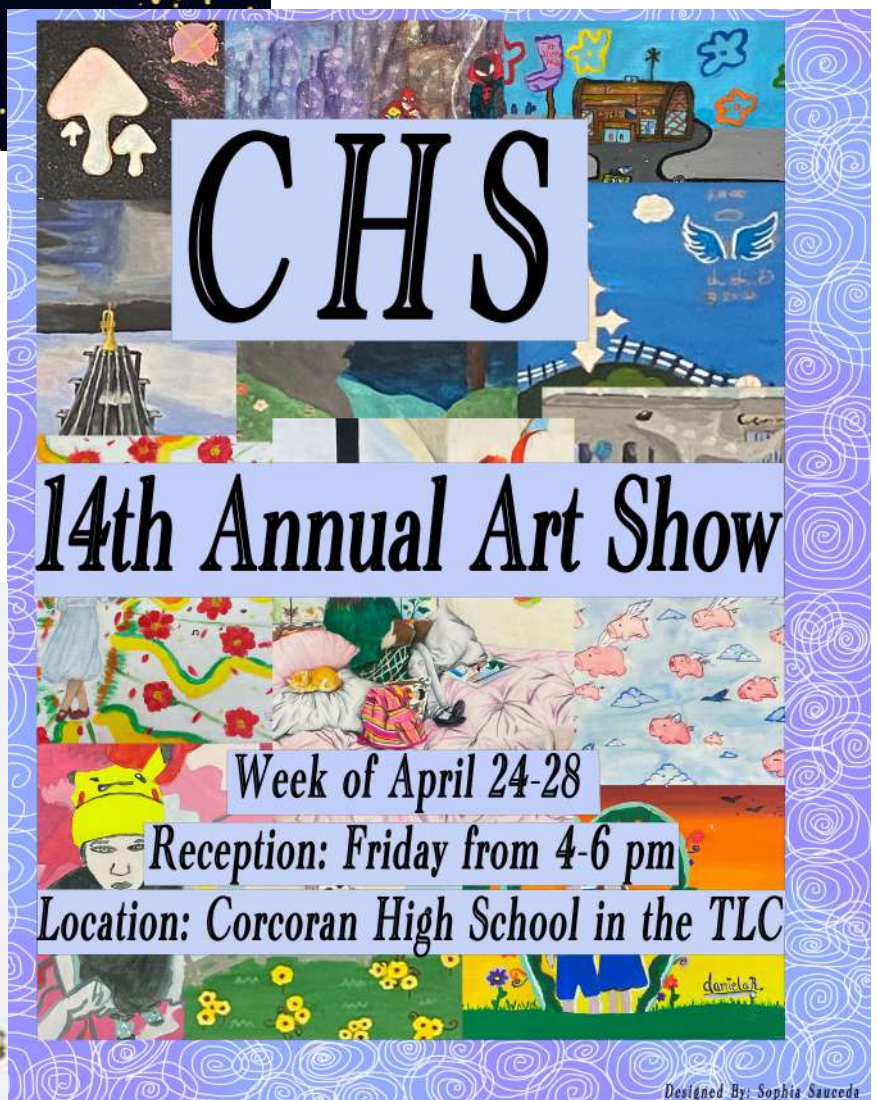




# CAREER DAY









# *Kings Lake Education Center*

Mr. Brian Brazier's school site will complete its circuit of college tours on April 19th, with a trip to Bakersfield college. This school year, they have already visited the College of the Sequoias (COS), Fresno, and West Hills College. Kings Lake will hold its graduation on June 5th at 6:00 pm at The Gerald Swank Auditorium.

## **Upcoming Event for the next month:**

- Spring Break
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Trip to Bakersfield College for students
- Visit Jamison for Administration Staff

