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# CJUSD Newsletter

## CJUSD NEEDS YOU!

One of the most vital components of our District's success is the incredible support we receive from our parents and guardians. Parent volunteerism greatly enhances the school community. It fosters a sense of belonging, strengthens the connection between home and school, and enhances the overall educational experience for our students. When parents volunteer, they demonstrate their commitment to their child's education and actively participate in the learning process. In this newsletter, I'd like to shine a spotlight on the invaluable contributions of parent volunteers and explore ways for continued involvement.

### Ways Parents Can Get Involved:

- 1. Classroom Helpers:** Parents can assist teachers with various tasks such as organizing materials, supervising activities, or even sharing their expertise in specific subjects or skills.
- 2. Resource Development:** Parents can help create educational resources like flashcards or study guides. Many of these items can be worked on at home, especially for parents who are unavailable during the day and would like to support the classroom/school from home.
- 3. Library Aides:** Support the school's library by helping with book check-outs, organizing shelves, or even reading stories to students.
- 4. Guest Speakers:** Parents often have unique skills, careers, or life experiences they can share as guest speakers, enhancing classroom learning.
- 5. School Committees:** Parents can assist with decision-making opportunities at the school by participating in the School Site Council (SSC) and the English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC).
- 6. Safety and Supervision:** Parents can volunteer their time helping to supervise morning student drop-offs, lunchtime supervision, or student dismissal.
- 7. Student Incentives:** Parents can assist with the school store, special lunchtime activities, and creating certificates.
- 8. Field Trip Chaperones:** Accompanying classes on field trips ensures a safe and enriching experience for all students.
- 9. Special Events:** Contribute your time and talents to help organize or assist with special school events like literacy nights, math nights, assemblies, Constitution Day, Career Day, Senior Exit Interviews, or cultural celebrations.

Parent involvement is instrumental in creating a positive and nurturing learning environment for our children. We encourage all parents to explore volunteer opportunities that align with their interests, skills, and availability.

Thank you for being an essential part of our Corcoran Joint Unified family. Together, we can make this school year a memorable and enriching experience for all of our students. If you're interested in learning more, please follow this link to our district's requirements for parent volunteers. <https://www.corcoranunified.com/News>

In the upcoming weeks, we will update this website with additional opportunities for parent volunteers.

# What is DELAC?

## District English Learner Advisory Committee

DELAC provides a forum for parents/guardians to advise, assist and provide recommendations to District administration and the Board of Trustees for the continuing improvement of programs, services, and policies for English learners and their families. They also advise on matters related to the EL Master Plan, district wide needs, intervention programs, professional development, and any other language needs pertaining to English learners.

The Committee is composed of elected ELAC representatives from each of the CJUSD schools with 21 or more English Learners. In the case of our district, all five comprehensive schools have representatives as voting members. Though the committee has voting members, all DELAC meetings are open to the public and may provide comments related to topics on the agenda.

DELAC informs parent representatives so they can take the information back to the school site. Topics that are addressed during the meetings include, but are not limited to: understanding ELPAC data, student Reclassification, ELD requirements, Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) funding for English learners, LCAP Input, Categorical (Federal) Program Monitoring and compliance.

### CORCORAN JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## DELAC MEETING

When:



**MEETING LOCATION**  
District Office Board Room  
1520 Patterson Ave  
Corcoran, CA 93212  
Contact Us: (559) 992-8888

### Upcoming events/ reminders

Regular Board Meeting  
October 11, 2023  
@ 6:00 PM

Regular Board Meeting  
October 25, 2023  
@ 6:00 PM

NO SCHOOL  
Veteran's Day  
November 10, 2023

# Bret Harte Elementary

## Highlights or celebrations:

Bret Harte students recognized Constitution Day this year by gathering on the blacktop before class to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and to sing "This Land is Our Land." Ms. Sweet's Kindergarten class is learning all about the alphabet and celebrated the letter M by having a special dress-up day.

## Important news or announcements for staff or parents:

The new TK classrooms are all up and running, and students are enjoying their new classrooms. The new rooms are spacious, with all new furniture and classroom supplies. Soon, the school will welcome our new TK teacher, Ms. Murberger. This will allow us to have smaller classes with more individualized support for our students.

## Upcoming Event for the next month:

In October, Bret Harte will celebrate Red Ribbon Week October 23-27 with educational activities and spirit wear.





# John C. Fremont

## **Highlights or celebrations:**

Fremont had a grand celebration of Constitution Day with a great turnout! Over 400 parents and family members came to celebrate this day. Students sang songs and learned more about the Constitution. The school also celebrated Dot Day, which reminds students that each person is substantial and each person makes a difference.

## **Important news or announcements for staff or parents:**

John C. Fremont's attendance is at an incredible 95.58%. Principal Prins would like to thank parents and families for bringing their children to school daily. "You make a difference in your child's education."

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

Red Ribbon Week will be the last week of October. Fremont will remind students about staying away from drugs and have a canine show. We will also celebrate ways not to be a bully during Bully Awareness Month in October. The theme is "Be a Buddy, not a Bully".





# Mark Twain Elementary

## Highlights or celebrations:

On Friday, September 15th, Mark Twain gathered to celebrate Constitution Day and commemorate the importance of the United States Constitution. We were honored to have Mrs. Stahowski sing The National Anthem.

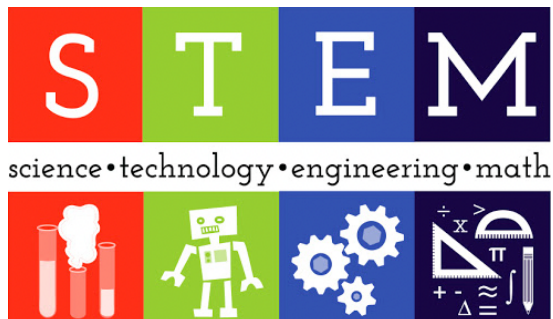
## Important news or announcements for staff or parents:

Mark Twain is excited to announce that the STEM Lab is officially open for students and teachers. Students can explore and create in our new Makerspace.

Picture Day is Monday, October 2. Don't forget to bring all the smiles!

## Upcoming Event for the next month:

Mark Twain is excited to host its Annual Cardboard Challenge Carnival on October 4th. We invite parents and the community to join us that evening for games, food, and fun! Mark Twain will celebrate Red Ribbon Week October 23-31. Students will participate in dress-up days and school-wide contests to highlight the importance of living a drug-free life.





# MARK TWAIN CARDBOARD CARNIVAL

**Wednesday October 4th, 2023**

**5:00 - 6:30 PM**

Mark Twain Elementary  
1500 Oregon Ave  
Corcoran, CA

**Event is FREE!**

Tacos from Taquizas Gonzalez & Churros from Stix | Churroholics  
will be available for purchase!





# John Muir Middle School

## JMMS Yearbook Class

The yearbook class has been working hard taking pictures of all events at the school.



John Muir Middle School hosted its first school year rally this week, with numerous highlights. Ms. Reid and her fantastic cheer squad excited the crowd with their incredible routine. Mr. Ghena and his band students added to the rally vibe with inspiring performances during and after the rally. The cross country, flag football, and volleyball teams were introduced, and each coach highlighted the successful start to their seasons. Both the flag football and volleyball teams are in a position to make strong runs in the playoffs, and the cross country team is poised for another successful performance in the upcoming league championships. The competition between students in "Football, Basketball," "Volleyball, Bowling," and "Baseball Bat Cross Country" added to the excitement, and the 7th grade won the first spirit competition of the year!



# *John Muir Middle School*

## **JMMS First Rally**





# Corcoran High School

## **Highlights or celebrations:**

CHS had Rush Week from August 28-September 1st. The new picnic tables have been installed under the big overhang next to the newly installed wing.

## **Important news or announcements for staff or parents:**

September 28 is the school's Aeries Parent Workshop at the TLC. Parents will learn how to create a parent account to access the portal to view their student's grades. They will also learn about the Dashboard for parent communication. Child care will be provided. September 29 will be a curriculum preview for 9th-grade parents as their students take the Life Skills class. 5:00 p.m. will be in English, and 6:00 will be in Spanish in the TLC.

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

Homecoming week is October 2-6.



KINGS COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES PRESENTS

**OCTOBER 28, 2023**

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