

Weekly from Dr. Rudolph

February 9, 2018

Thank you for your support of the State of the Schools address. We received great feedback about how to improve the program. We can't wait to start planning our second annual event.

Wanted to give you an update on the water fountain at Theuerkauf. We are looking into testing the line and replacing the fixture. As of right now we know that the water coming into the building is clear. Our goal is to test the line before we move to replacing the fixture. Depending on the cost we may need to cap the line. I will keep you posted.

Last week I participated in the Educational Research and Development Institute (ERDI). I attended the conference on my own personal time (taking leave). I learned some great things from superintendents and had the opportunity to look at some developing dashboards that may be of use to our district. The first of two big opportunities for us would be to partner with a startup tech company that is based in Sunnyvale. They work with early learning (preschool and TK) that assists in helping students learn how to read (especially EL, students with dyslexia). The second one is our district's ability to use a parent literacy class that was developed in Kalamazoo, Michigan. The program is called Lift Up Through Literacy.

<https://www.kalamazoopublicschools.com/Departments/TeachingandLearning/LiftUpThroughLiteracy.aspx>

Finally, I had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Wilcox, Superintendent of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. He may swing by our visit to Collinswood Elementary school next week.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 10	MVEF Gala, Senior Center
Monday, February 12	DELAC, Theuerkauf Library, 6:00 p.m. Graham SSC, ELAC, PTA LCAP presentation, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 13	Graham PIQE Parent Workshop, 6:00 p.m. Castro ELAC, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 14	Stevenson SSC, 4:45 p.m. Huff Musical @ Graham, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 15	Landels Principal's Coffee, 8:30 a.m. Huff SSC, 3:00 p.m. Castro Family Movie Night, 6:00 p.m.

The Superintendent's Calendar in Review

- Attended the Educational Research and Development Conference
- Met with President and Executive Director of Mountain View Educational Foundation
- Met with four direct reports
- Gave keynote address at the State of the Schools event
- Participated in Education Day for Leadership Mountain View
- Attended Graham's College Day event

- Attended Chinese New Year event at Yew Chung International School
- Attended the Mountain View Educational Foundation Gala

From the Public Information Officer

- Four media interviews, plus research and information gathering for media requests
- Parent communications
- State of the Schools event!
- Social media updates
- Parent and staff newsletters
- Landels/Monta Loma web site redesign
- LCAP survey communications
- ThoughtExchange community survey planning

From the Director of Technology

- Attended technology directors meeting at the county office of education
- Visited the Krause Center at Foothill to discuss summer technology PD and to see their new makerspace
- Visit from PAUSD. Took them on a tour of Monta Loma and Crittenden to observe technology use

From the Chief Academic Officer

Cathy Baur, Tara Vikjord and Robert Clark attended the Local Control Accountability Training at the County Office of Education on Monday morning. The first part of the training focused on the goals, actions and services sections in the LCAP and the second section focused on the budget summary and increased services for target students. The Local Control Accountability Plan survey is open and taking responses. There are three surveys, one for staff, one for parents, and one for students. The parent survey is available in Spanish and paper copies are available as well. The survey window opened on February 1 and will close on March 1.

Cathy attended a counselor collaboration meeting at the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School district (MVLA) on Wednesday. The focus of the meeting was to begin a conversation on how to best support our students as they transition from 8th grade to 9th grade. The meeting was facilitated by MVLA Superintendent Jeff Harding and included our middle school principals and counselors, the assistant principals and counseling coordinators from both high schools, and the Associate Superintendent from MVLA.

Cathy also had a second meeting with the middle school principals, math department chairs, and math coach to discuss the math pathways for the 2018-19 school year. The new 8-period schedule gives the opportunity to make some adjustments. The pathways will be finalized and communicated at the Town Hall meeting on February 28.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

This week in the Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment department, Cindy Lundberg continued her work with Guided Reading training and support at Theuerkauf School. Cindy also continued visiting sites this week, observing first instruction in Language Arts in order to provide support for the RTI program.

Tara supported the middle school literacy coaches with their 6th grade release day, focused on common planning and expectations for students.

Tara provided training for principals on Matrix One, the state tool that identifies the available supports and accommodations available for students on the upcoming CAASPP test. Tara also researched Dual Immersion programs within the state of California.

State and Federal Programs and Strategic Initiatives

Arline Siam attended the PURE Good Foundation donation event at the Santa Clara County Marriott. The event included donations to various organizations. MVWSD received fifteen new bikes for students. Bikes will be used for prizes at Parent University, Long-term English learner events and disseminated among sites for families in need.

Lexia Rapid Training was hosted at the District Office to support teachers working with long-term and at-risk English learners. Imagine Learning online platform training was held at Theuerkauf School for teachers and staff to support increased usage by newcomers at sites

Parent University “Parenting in the age of technology” was held at Graham Middle School with a focus on digital awareness, supervision strategies, and latest trends.

Arline and Heidi Smith attended and supported the State of Schools address at Crittenden Middle School. Interpretation in Spanish was provided.

MVEF Gala--Heidi attended the sit-down dinner and evening event in support of MVEF fundraising efforts.

Upcoming event: ELPAC Parent Information Night - 2/26 at 6:30pm at Theuerkauf Elementary School. All current English learner families invited to attend. An invitation was included in ELPAC testing notification letters to parents.

Site Visits

Arline Siam conducted ELD instruction observations and shared feedback with the teacher and principal at Monta Loma.

Participated in professional learning community walk at Theuerkauf with a principal-determined focus of learning/language objectives, vocabulary use, and student engagement.

ELPAC roadshows at Crittenden, Graham, and Stevenson. Staff were informed of changes in assessment for English Learners and practice testing. Options for SIOP support planning was conducted with Crittenden administrative team (Arline Siam).

Special Education

The middle school co-teaching workgroup met last week and this to continue developing recommendations for co-teaching implementation. The Specific Learner Needs Task Force met Tuesday evening and provided input for communication with parents around co-teaching, the new middle school bell schedule, electives, and English Learner support.

From the Chief Business Officer

Capital Projects

Stevenson's first row of buildings were placed this week. PG&E was on site starting the work to "power up" the site.

We conducted interviews for the Theuerkauf and Slater lease-leaseback contractor. We have selected a contractor for each project. Those recommendations will come to the Board at the March 1 or March 15 Board meeting for consideration.

Fiscal

This week we made progress on the online purchasing project by starting the setup process in our financial system (QCC) with the support from Santa Clara County of Education. The online purchasing function not only improve efficiency by saving time on the approval process, but also help us become a greener district by reducing papers. Our goal is to implement this online purchasing in 2018-19

We continue working on 2nd interim by meeting with department managers, review position control, and updating budgets in system. Districts are required to file two reports during a fiscal year (interim reports) on the status of the district's financial health. The second interim report is due March 19 to the Santa Clara County Office of Education for the period ending January 31 for 17-18.

Food & Nutrition Services

Monta Loma opened the new MUR and kitchen last week, February 1. The opening was celebrated with balloons, a visit by Chef Dalton, cooking on site a catered meal for the staff and visitors. The new kitchen drew out crowds of students that were curious about the kitchen and Chef Dalton. The average meal counts have increased and the students are eating everything on the salad bar.

Working with Second Harvest Food Bank on improving/expanding the Summer Mobile Feeding Program. The goal is to increase the number of meals served over last summer's phenomenal success.

Maintenance, Operations and Transportation

MOT continued on work orders, cleaning the MOT Warehouse Yard, and organizing the Warehouse. We are preparing for a surplus equipment auction. We were holding onto the many tools/equipment from the MV and Whisman merge.

General Business/Chief Business Officer

I started three days this week at the MOT Warehouse and Transportation Office. We reviewed work orders and discussed various maintenance jobs, tasks to complete. I attended an LCAP training meeting at the County Office. I met with the rep from Sonitrol to discuss transitioning to one alarm company in the District. Currently we use both Sonitrol and Bay Alarm (pre-merge days). Our goal is to use one, but cost of converting from one to the other is usually high. We are reviewing options with both Sonitrol and Bay Alarm.

Preschool Director Terri Wallace and I had a phone interview for the Kaboom playground grant. We discovered during the call the expectations for the grant exceed our limits. We have requested to transfer our application from the Latham Preschool site to the Montecito Preschool site. Kaboom agreed, thinking the current Latham Preschool yard is not best suited for their program. The new Montecito Preschool has a much larger yard space and would allow many more options for installing a playground for both typical and special needs students.