Message from the Superintendent

Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

April 1, 2017 marks the completion of my first full year in the GUSD. Every job-related interaction I’ve had with each of you has added to my knowledge of our organizational strengths and increased my understanding of areas that need improvement. Overall, I am extremely proud of our district and the strong academic culture that permeates our school sites.

Last month, the California Department of Education released the California School Dashboard, the State’s new Accountability and Improvement system for evaluating schools. I am happy to report that overall GUSD received very strong ratings.

This new Dashboard further supports our efforts in identifying our strengths and opportunities for improvement, and providing targeted assistance to our schools and student groups that need additional support. I encourage you to use your school’s data to develop strategies and continuously improve outcomes for every student.

I recognize that spring is a busy and stressful time of year for everyone, and I appreciate your complete mental presence, positive attitudes, and constant dedication to our students. Let’s finish this year strong!

Your partner in education,

Winfred B. Roberson, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

Clark’s Robotics Team remains undefeated champions

On March 25, Clark Magnet High School’s FIRST Robotics Team 696 competed against 59 other teams from across California and some from as far away as Arizona, Hawaii, and even Chile. The competition was fierce and intense, but Clark’s students did an amazing job.

Clark instructor of engineering & manufacturing and Robotics team coordinator David Black reported, “Of the 60 teams competing, Clark’s team was the only undefeated team through nine qualification rounds, and remained undefeated through the quarterfinals. The team went on to win two of three matches in the semifinals, and then again in the finals, crowning them winners of the 2017 Los Angeles Regional competition held in Long Beach. The regional win is the first for our team in the last 10 years, and the second in the team’s history.”

Additionally, the team was presented with the Quality Award sponsored by Motorola, which is the team’s fourth win of this award in the past six years. The Quality Award represents not only the robot, but the team’s pit area presentation, apparel, operating procedures, and overall program quality.

To reach this competitive level has been a long time in the making, and has truly been a team effort of students, administrators, parents, board members, volunteer mentors, sponsors, and support staff. So many individuals have played a role in the success of this program over the years and we all have a lot to be proud of.

The team will be competing in Phoenix, Arizona on April 5-8, and at the FIRST Robotics World Championship in Houston, Texas on April 19-23.

New chapter begins for Board Member Christine Walters

April 11, marks the final GUSD Board meeting for Board Member Christine Walters; she is retiring after eight years on the Board.

Board Member Walters is a Glendale native and has a long history in GUSD. She attended R.D. White, Wilson, and Glendale High, where she was the Student Body President and played varsity basketball and softball.

She was also very involved in the district as a GUSD parent, serving as treasurer of the Keppel Foundation and then on PTA boards, including president of the Hoover PTSA.

Mrs. Walters was elected to the Glendale Unified School Board in 2009 and will be completing her second term this April. She has served as President of the Board twice, and has also served as President of the Five Star Coalition, comprised of GUSD and four of our neighboring school districts.

Please join us for a reception to celebrate Board Member Walters on Tuesday, April 11, at 3:30 P.M., in the District Office Board Room.

Take a bow, Honorable Mrs. Walters, for a job well done.
Health fair raffle prize winners

Congratulations to the following raffle prize winners. Thank you for participating in the health fair and remember to thank our vendors when you see them.

- 10-Piece Pyrex Set, Carolyn Burg
- Arbonne Aromaessentials, Frida Petrosyan
- Arbonne Aromaessentials, Carmen Luz
- Balboa Dental Teeth Whitening Certificate, Clark Tarverdians
- Bicycle (Blue), Ledik Aghamal
- Bicycle (Green), Flora Garabedian
- Black Delta Dental Bag, Charlotte Sassounian
- Blue Shield Dental Blanket, Fritzie Liwanag
- Carbon Monoxide Alarm, Aykanush Isadzhanyan
- Cigna Basket, Carmen Ledesma
- Convection Oven, Ani Gerogian
- Convection Oven, Vallerik Karapetian
- Crest Bag, Armine Davidian
- Crock Pot, Kori Seaton
- Damsel in Defense, Susan Lockhart
- Dear Oprah Book, Lynn Hill
- Dear Oprah Book, Unis Choi
- Dignity Health White Bag, Armineh Hartooni
- George Foreman Grill, Katy Compton
- Health Care Partners Bag with Mug, Susan Smith
- Health Care Partners Blue Tote With Wheels, Nelly Jimenez
- Herbalife Bag, Hermineh Avanessian
- Honey Baked Ham Certificate, Kim Marquardt
- Huntington Hospital Water Bottle, Caroline Lau
- Let’s-Go-to-the-Movies Bag, Armineh Shamirian
- Let’s-Go-to-the-Movies Bag, Nora Amirkanian
- Lularoe Pants, Barbara Ophoven
- Massage, Tina McCormack
- Massage, Angelica Tovar
- Massage, Jane Park
- Met Life bag with Target Gift Card, Jo Ann Jarboe
- Olive Oil, Kristine Nam
- Rocket Blender, Rita Galvan
- Rocket Blender, Monica Plascencia
- Rocket Blender, Anna Nerisyan
- SchoolsFirst Gift Basket, Jenny Hong
- SchoolsFirst Gift Basket, Paul Fee
- Schools Solar Wine, Andrea Camba
- Silicone Utensils, Anita McCarthy
- T-Fal Cookware, Laurie Hanson
- T-Fal Cookware, Diana Espiritu
- TV – 39”, Marie Azzizlorestani
- TV – 50”, Annie DeKruyf
- Vakian
- VSP Sunglasses, Sosi Parsegian
- Weight Watchers Cookbook, Sandy Benetic
- Weight Watchers Cookbook, Rosa Vasquez
- Young Living Essential Oils, Miriam Varela
- Zebra Bag – Bracelet, Avra Warsofsky

Congratulations to all gift card winners and to Sherry Kully (above), grand prize winner of the $250 Target gift card.

Katie Warren is CUE national honoree

ETIS teacher specialist Katie Warren was one of four Ed Tech professionals awarded with CUE’s Gold Disk award on March 14 at the CUE National Conference in Palm Springs.

There were 13 honorees altogether, from different school districts nationwide, being awarded the Platinum Disk – CUE’s highest award – Gold Disk, Blended and Online Educator of the Year, Emerging Teacher of the Year, Site Leader of the Year, Technology Leader of the Year, Outstanding Teacher of the Year, Advocate of the Year, and ISTE’S Making IT Happen awards.

According to the ICUE website, the honorees were recognized for infusing curriculum with technology, for leading through innovation, and for continually finding creative ways to help students succeed.

CUE, of which Warren is an active member, is at the forefront of providing professional development to education technology.

Valley View staff learns to save lives

Clockwise, from top left: Dr. Reynolds giving Carlos care; patient, Bob Gif ford having some fun; Valley View teachers practice providing care on a child-size dummy as instructor Barbara Bourland looks on; and Katie Gonzalez and Jodi Fitzgibbons practice routine on a dummy.

Valley View teachers and staff were given CPR training during Staff Development day on March 27. Training was led by district nurses, Lynda Burlison, Barbara Bourland, Judy Winter and Michelle Green. Teachers were given the opportunity to train on adult and child-size dummies to learn life-saving techniques of CPR and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. In addition, the Valley View staff learned how and when to use an automated external defibrillator (AED) to assist an individual who has no pulse and is not breathing. First aid procedures were taught to treat upper airway obstructions by foreign objects by way of abdominal thrusts to assist and save an adult or student from choking. This valuable training was provided by the District to help the Valley View teachers and staff become more knowledgeable in their life-saving skills.
9th Annual Elementary Robotics Competition

The 9th Annual Elementary Robotics Tournament was held in the gymnasium of the Ron Grace Memorial Sports Complex on the campus of Roosevelt Middle School. The event was hosted by Roosevelt Robotics and staffed almost entirely by volunteers from Roosevelt Middle School, Clark Magnet High, Crescenta Valley High, Glendale High and Glendale Community College. Hundreds of volunteer-hours were given to ensure the 163 students from 12 of our elementary schools had an enjoyable learning experience.

Competition focused on the STEAM subjects: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. Teams created a STEM Presentation using a slide-show format explaining how computers and robotics can be used together to help improve human actions.

The Robot Design component required students to explain the design of their robots and how they programmed the robots to solve the mission challenges. The Robot Performance component required teams to operate their robots on the Deep Space Terraformers competition field to complete 11 different robotic tasks.

Awards were given to the top three teams in each area of competition: STEM Presentation, Robot Design, and Robot Performance. The Champions Award is also given to the teams for overall excellence in all three areas.

Special thanks to Mrs. Lyn-Repath Martos, Master of Ceremonies and recipient of the Outstanding Volunteer Award, and to guest speaker and GUSD graduate, Ms. Molly Shelton, of JPL’s Power System Engineering Group.

For more information and pictures of the event visit the Roosevelt Robotics webpage at http://rooseveltms.com/Page/63.

Champions Award
1st Place - Dunsmore
2nd Place - Muir
3rd Place - Edison

STEM Presentation
1st Place Tie - Balboa, Edison
2nd Place - Cerritos, Lincoln
3rd Place - Dunsmore, Monte Vista, Muir

Robot Performance
1st Place - Dunsmore
2nd Place - Muir, Verdugo
3rd Place - Fremont

Robot Design
1st Place - Keppel, Columbus
2nd Place - Dunsmore,

Participating Schools
Balboa
Cerritos
Columbus
Dunsmore
Edison
Franklin
Fremont
Keppel
Lincoln
Monte Vista
Muir
Verdugo Woodlands

2017 Team 696 Students and their roles:
- Asadourian, Nanor N. - CNC Machinist
- Barga, V, Marcus Dominic S. - Web Developer
- Boghosian, Lousaper - Manufacturing Team Lead
- Cragnotti, Anthony T. - Lead Animator
- Fenyes, Alexander V. - Fabricator & Mechanism Developer
- Gallagher, Devin R. - Fabricator & Mechanism Developer
- Garcia, Claire M. - Computer-Aided Manufacturing Programmer
- Goff, Jake B. - Mechanism Developer, Battery Systems Analyst
- Hasan, Syed A. - Java Programmer
- Housepian, Emil - CAD Designer, 3D Printing Specialist
- Karroum, Anthony R. - CAD Team Lead
- Krakishyan, Noraik - Java Programmer, Human Player
- Lopez, David - Fabricator & Mechanism Developer
- Luke, Alexander C. - Team Captain, Drive Team Coach
- Matar, Michael F. - Computer-Aided Manufacturing Programmer
- Mikhaelyan, Bagrat J. - Mathematical, systems, and strategy analyst
- Mirbasoo, Jasmine L. - CNC Lathe Operator
- Morris, Eden P. - Lead Welder
- Najarian, Karin G. - Team Vice-Captain, Robot Operator
- Nazaryan, Narek M. - Welding Apprentice
- Nunez Delgado, Sebastian - CAD Designer
- O’Gara, Michael L. - Animator
- Parsamyan, Anna - Business Team Lead
- Price, Jonna M. - Computer-Aided Manufacturing Team Lead
- Rovello, Lauren C. - Prototyping Team Lead
- Ruano, Christopher - Animator
- Terteryan, Allen - CAD Designer
- Thompson, Samuel - CNC Machinist, Human Player
- Torres, Daniel I. - Programming Team Lead, Robot Driver
- Vazquez, Andrea S. - Graphics Designer
- Witt, Samuel V. - Photographer & Videographer
On March 13, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital visited a sixth grade class at Fremont Elementary to demonstrate how the Xenex Germ-Zapping Robot works. USC Verdugo Hills Hospital is the only hospital in the area equipped to kill harmful infection-causing hospital bacteria using ultraviolet C rays.

The Xenex robot lifts a high-powered ultraviolet C-emitting bulb that kills bad bugs. However, the robot’s powerful bulb was not turned on during the demo due to the damage it could cause to unprotected eyes.

Fremont gets first glimpse of germ-killing robot

Muir families keep favorite tradition alive

On March 2, students and their families were invited to come to school dressed in pajamas with their favorite blanket to hear special guests read their favorite stories. Milk and cookies were served and every student went home with a book to add to their home library which was part of the RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) grant.
Principal Reynolds gives fifth graders effective lesson on taxation

Valley View Elementary School principal Dr. Brook Reynolds visited Arus Boggs’ fifth grade class and took on the role of King George to demonstrate taxation by the British monarchy during colonial times.

The students experienced unfair taxation as their jelly beans were taken by Dr. Reynolds. The class went on to discuss the idea of Taxation without Representation, and how unfair the colonists were being treated by the British. Dr. Reynolds did a good job getting his point across!

Muir Elementary hosts very interesting visitors

On March 16, Teresa Pedras, Education Advisor to Consulate General of Spain, enjoyed her visit at John Muir Elementary School. She interacted with students and asked them about their learning.

Glendale High team claims Scholastic Bowl trophy

The 27th annual Scholastic Bowl event was held on March 6, 2017 at the John Wayne Performing Arts Center at Glendale High School. Quizmaster Harold Greene, a seven-time Emmy winner, challenged some of the District’s brightest students.

The Scholastic Bowl provides GUSD high school students an opportunity to represent their schools and engage in academic competition. Each high school has a team consisting of five members. Only four members compete at one time. Coaches may elect to put in their fifth team member during different phases of the competition. The students answer questions from five content areas: Science, Language Arts, Mathematics, Fine Arts, and Social Studies.

Phase one of the competition is an essay contest. Team members are given 60 minutes to write on an assigned prompt. The prompt is based on a current controversial issue. The teams’ scores are added and used as a base score for the next phase of the competition and will also determine which school wins the essay competition. This year’s winner of the essay portion of the contest is Crescenta Valley High School.

Phase two of the Scholastic Bowl is a quiz format. During the first part of the quiz section, team members may consult with each other and write the team’s response to the questions on a sheet of paper. The last phase of the competition moves more quickly, as it is the buzzer round. The first student to hit the buzzer (similar to Jeopardy) can respond to the question first.

Each competing member receives a certificate and scholarship money. The overall winning team and the team that wins the essay contest also receives a trophy that remains with their school until the next year’s Scholastic Bowl.

Coaches:
- Clark Magnet High School: Susan Newcomer
- Crescenta Valley High School: Amanda Lyons (Won the Essay Contest this year)
- Glendale High School: Kelly Palmer and Sarah Morrison (Won the Overall Competition this year)
- Hoover High School: Brian Crosby

Final Scores and Awards:
- First Place: Glendale High School (71 points0) Tie Breaker (3 points); ($500 award)
- Second Place: Crescenta Valley High School (71 points) Tie Breaker (0 points); ($250 award)
- Third Place: Hoover High School (69 points); ($150 award)
- Fourth Place: Clark Magnet High School (68 points); ($100 award)
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Rosevelt students use roller coasters to learn physics

Eighth grade students at Roosevelt Middle School made roller coasters in physical science class on March 13. The class build the rollercoasters as part of a final project to help them learn how physics work.

Bob Hope Airport tower banner contest top 3 from GUSD announced

The top three finalists for the Glendale Unified School District Bob Hope Airport Student Art Tower Banner Contest were chosen by District judges on January 25, 2017. The judges were Education Services assistant superintendent Dr. Jacqueline Perez, Categorical Programs director Travis Collier, ETIS director Frank Schlueter, and Mountain Avenue principal Jaclyn Scott. The judges reviewed a total of 13 entries submitted by students from Crescenta Valley, Hoover, and Clark Magnet High Schools. The judges used a rubric to rate each piece of artwork.

Hollywood Burbank Airport has a beautiful tower façade visible to tens of thousands of airport visitors every day as they drive or walk to and from the historic airport terminal building. The Burbank – Glendale- Pasadena Airport Authority annually seeks student artwork to be made into banners for display on the building façade to offer airport visitors an added dimension to their experience of the airport and of aviation. Student artists from Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena School Districts’ high schools, from grades 9-12, are encouraged to create art that will take best advantage of a large-scale, outdoor display venue and effectively target viewers who are on the move with decorative, creative illustration that is bold, colorful, and at the same time instantly viewable, understandable, and stimulating.

On February 16, the top three pieces of artwork were provided to the City of Glendale Arts and Culture Commission. The commission used the same rubric and determined the placement of the artwork. The winners from GUSD are: 1st place, Jennifer Bae, Grade 11, “Soaring Across the Red Carpet”; 2nd place, Michelle Tahmasian, Grade 11, “Walk of Plain”; and, 3rd place, Angellena White, “Take Flight Hollywood.” All three winners are students of Mr. Ngai at Crescenta Valley High School.

The winners were recognized at the Burbank Airport by the Burbank Airport Authority on March 6. The Airport Authority will provide an award of $3,000 to the GUSD at a board meeting in May 2017. Student winners will be awarded a gift certificate for art supplies in the amounts of: $300 for 1st place; $200 for 2nd place; and $100 for 3rd place. Schools with students who submit artwork will be awarded $400 or more to purchase art supplies.

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Claire Davis of Rosemont Middle School won the 2017 Great Kindness Challenge Video Competition sponsored by Dignity Health – Glendale Memorial Hospital. Officials from Glendale Memorial presented Rosemont MS with a $500 award, as well.

Additionally, Claire received a commendation from Glendale City Mayor Paula Devine and an award certificate from the hospital.

To view Claire’s video, follow this link: https://www.facebook.com/DHGMH/videos/10154039854

Roosevelt students use roller coasters to learn physics

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Balboa Elementary debuts new building with ribbon cutting ceremony

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on March 16 to debut Balboa Elementary School’s brand new building. This 17,000-square foot building was completed using Measure S and state funds, and features 12 classrooms and a technology lab for Balboa’s students.

GUSD Superintendent Winfred B. Roberson, Jr. welcomed all of those in attendance followed by a lively presentation by Balboa’s finest, second graders from Ms. Joanne Gallagher’s class.

From left to right: Tony Barrios, Education Services assistant superintendent Dr. Jacqueline Perez, and Dr. Sona Arakelyan.

The occasion was graced by the members of GUSD’s board of education and district administration. The Board president, Dr. Armina Gharpetian, addressed the crowd followed by Balboa’s principal Dr. Sona Arakelyan and Planning and Development Executive Director Tony Barrios.