

# Carlsbad Unified School District

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### District News

June 11th Graduation Day is almost upon us. The **Carlsbad Alternative Program** ceremony will be held on-site at 9 am. The **Carlsbad High School** ceremony will take place at 5 pm. Due to construction at the high school, temporary bleachers to hold more than 4,000 friends and family are being constructed on the field at Magnolia Elementary. This "stadium" is being designed to look and feel as similar to the traditional CHS ceremony and held as close to the campus as possible. June 11th is also a significant day for our fifth-grade and eighth-grade students, who will be taking on the challenges of middle and high school, respectively, beginning next fall.

Construction on the **new high school at College and Cannon** may be delayed an additional year, as a result of permits now required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which says it has jurisdiction over a segment of the property. Grading, which was expected to begin this fall, may be delayed by one year, pushing the opening of the campus for classes to Fall 2013.

The **Carlsbad Education Foundation** continues to make progress on their work in defining specific programs and budgets within the new music and science impact areas. In year one, music will most likely focus on elementary-aged students—with weekly music classes for every grade K-5. To balance the K-12 focus, more funding in the hands-on science area will likely focus on middle and high-school programs in year one, though the exact programs and costs are still in the works. The educational innovation impact area may come on-line in a second wave after the initial announcements for music and science.

### School News

Third-graders throughout CUSD elementary schools are wrapping up their Historic Carlsbad lessons, which have included field trips to historic locales, along with the City of Carlsbad's City Stuff local government program. The latter, which aligns with Social Studies standards, culminates in classes visiting City Hall to participate in a mock City Council meeting. Pictured here are Mrs. McCabe's **Aviara Oaks Elementary** students outside the old Santa Fe Railroad Station.



Fourth-graders in Mrs. Garcia's **Aviara Oaks Elementary** classroom used technology to complete their memoirs of the year. During the guided writing lesson, Mrs. Garcia assisted the students in organizing information and details via her wireless keyboard and SMART board.

**Aviara Oaks Middle** parents of 8th-graders raised more than \$1,200 to support promotion activities by selling tiles donated by Irish Setters. The tiles were painted and affixed to two trash receptacles, which were obtained with an \$800 ArtSplash donation and ASB monies. Students purchased the tiles for \$20 apiece. Pictured here are parents Debbie Warren, Nikki Slatton, Doug Vaughn, Steve Gough and Dave Steffy with their tile handiwork.



## Notable Links

- VAPA (Visual and Performing Arts) Newsletter - June 2009
- Prop P modernization slated to begin at school sites - check website for updates
- June 2009 message from the Superintendent
- Registration and Enrollment Procedures for 2009-2010 School Year

**Carlsbad High's** "Sweeney Todd" directed by Monica Hall is under consideration for a number of awards; among them the John Raitt Awards for Youth and National Youth Theatre Awards. Earlier this spring, the musical captured a Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Educational Program Award. The school's Wind Symphony Spring Concert took place on May 29 under the direction of Greg Anderson. Throughout the spring, the symphony has received the highest scores in several festivals.



Life sciences are alive and well on the **Kelly Elementary** campus! Principal Tressie Armstrong says, "Our current hero is this courageous dad who removed the five-foot king snake that visited our field."

After expanding opportunities for **Poinsettia Elementary's** monthly Student Recognition Awards Assemblies, Principal Steve Ahle observes, "Many more students are now eligible and there is a more positive attitude and work ethic." The school's Second Annual Variety Show in mid-May featured nearly two hours of great acts and demonstrations, highlighted by the PTA-funded new lighting, teched-out by Lab Tech Nick Covino.



More than 70 young ladies and 40 mothers enjoyed **Valley Middle School's** first Adelante Mujer Latina Student Conference in May. Students and moms participated in separate workshops focused on college preparedness, health and self-esteem.

Connect-Ed is being widely used at various sites. When **Valley Middle** sent a Connect-Ed message to parents regarding monies owed to the cafeteria, it was 90% successful in reaching intended recipients. **Hope Elementary** issued two messages during one week in May. Principal Richard Tubbs explains, "One message was delivered to our entire population with our Hope eHappenings and the other reminded families about our fifth-grade music rehearsal."

Many schools hosted Open Houses during the latter part of May. Each event showcased unique attributes of their site and students. **Valley Middle's** Open House/Art Show featured students' musical performances and artwork. The **Aviara Oaks Elementary** PTA organized live music and the Hot Dog on a Stick truck for a picnic on the lawn. **Hope Elementary** fourth-graders performed songs and poems that shared historical information about California, from the pre-Columbian era to the Spanish Mission and Mexican Rancho periods.

## Student News

Two **CHS** seniors have won notable awards. **Cindy Hsu** received the 2009 Alexander Hamilton Citizenship Achievement Award. In addition to cash and other prizes, she became the proud owner of a note from the fifth great-grandson of Alexander Hamilton. **Timothy Rempher** won the 2009 CIF Spirit of Sport Award. These are just two of many CHS students receiving awards this spring