



OSBORN



Superintendent's Update

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TO: GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS, STAFF & COMMUNITY

FROM: Dr. Michael Robert

DATE: October 29, 2021

Merriment in Melrose to Return in December 2021!

The past 18 months have been a trial for everyone and communities around the globe. One aspect we all miss are events that bring the community together. For years now, the holiday season has been a time where community in Osborn has been highlighted by the event known as Merriment in Melrose. Merriment in Melrose began in 2015 as a fundraiser and advocacy event for Osborn Music programs and has grown into an awesome community mini-street fair with food trucks, two stages of live music, and over 50 vendors. With the help of Melrose Community Alliance, we've been able to raise thousands of dollars to purchase Orff instruments for our younger children and euphoniums and bell kits for our band students. We are really looking forward to coming together again this year!

If you are interested in volunteering (or performing!), feel free to reach out to igeorges@osbornsd.org If you are interested in becoming a vendor, you can [register here](#).



First Childhood Vaccination Clinic Next Weekend

We are so proud of all our efforts thus far to work in protecting the public health of our school community with the efforts in maintaining universal masking in our schools, following health department recommended quarantining protocols, maintaining strong mitigation strategies, leading the way with over 90% of staff vaccinated, and holding 7 COVID vaccine clinics for ages 12+ at Osborn Middle School this summer. That is why we are beyond excited to partner with **Maricopa County Department of Public Health, Phoenix Union High School District**, partner elementary districts, and local pharmacies to bring the first of many vaccination clinics to Osborn on Saturday, November 6 from 9:00am-5:00pm at Osborn

Middle School. The pediatric Pfizer vaccine will be administered for ages 5-11 and the Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson shot series and boosters will be available for anyone age 12 and older. For those who may live outside our boundaries, below is a list of all sites where the doses will be administered. Members of the community are encouraged to call (602) 764-1500 for more information or for a ride to and from the event.

- The Academies at South Mountain
5401 S. 7th St, Phoenix, AZ 85040

- Bernard Black Elementary School
6550 S. 27th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85041

- Carl Hayden Community High School **(ASL interpreter available)**
3333 W. Roosevelt St, Phoenix, AZ 85009

- Madison No. 1 Middle School
5525 N. 16th St, Phoenix, AZ 85016

- Maryvale High School
3415 N. 59th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85033

- Osborn Middle School
1102 W. Highland Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85013

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Working to be Bully Free at Solano

October is National Bullying Prevention Month, and during the week of October 18-22, staff and students at **Solano School** engaged in activities to examine how they can build a culture of being bully-free in their school

community. All at Solano came together on Unity Day behind this endeavor in support of bullying prevention, with class activities and learning centered on aspects of their overall social and emotional learning around community and global citizenship.



National Bullying Prevention Center



An Osborn Success Story—Embracing Language and Culture through a Dual Language Education



Solano School English Language Paraprofessional **Martha Corral** has not only been connected to Osborn schools by working in the district. She has been an Osborn parent as well. When choosing the school community that was going to serve her family best, she chose the Dual Language Program at Longview School. Her son, **Felipe Corral, Jr.**, attended Longview and Osborn Middle School, and the value of studying in his home language of Spanish, becoming bilingual, biliterate, and living out a multicultural life at home and in school has had a huge influence on his career path. Felipe is now a bilingual reporter and broadcaster for the Arizona Cardinals. Felipe's father is a longstanding broadcaster for Univision, but the younger Felipe did not want to choose a path that focused on one language. His ability to navigate both languages professionally, and not have to choose one or the other is allowing him to

explore a professional path that embraces both English and Spanish—something he learned to embrace at home and school a long time ago. Learn more about Felipe and his professional career [here](#) in this recent story on KTAR. To learn more about the Osborn School District Dual Language Programs, available at all our schools—preschool through 8th grade—check out our program website [here](#). Pass on the word to anyone you know that they can enroll in Dual Language at Encanto, Clarendon, Longview, Solano, or OMS!





Valle del Sol Mobile Health in Osborn

Our ongoing partnership with **Valle del Sol** will be undergoing an exciting turn in the coming weeks with regular health clinics from the Mobile Health Van program that is expanding. Valle is working with each school's principal to set up times for the Mobile Health Van to be stationed at their school. We should have weekly clinics happening around the district, so that even if you miss a clinic at your school, you could pick up an appointment at a close-by Osborn school. With regular scheduling, we hope to build a sense

of regularity for our parents in scheduling pediatric, well check, and other health appointments for their families. Valle del Sol has been instrumental to building physical, mental, and emotional health in our community for a long time and this mobile clinic will only strengthen that!

Two-Time "Farm Fresh Challenge"

Top Performance Awardee



The Farm Fresh Challenge is an HNS initiative designed to empower CNP operators to cultivate excitement around fresh and locally sourced foods. Participating operators must complete a series of challenges that promote the tasting, teaching, and connection of

participants to foods local to Arizona. The components of the one-week challenge are TASTE, TEACH, and CONNECT. During the challenge, Osborn's Child Nutrition Department served a minimum of 3 locally sourced meal components (TASTE), provided at least 2 educational activities (TEACH), and used our Instagram page to promote these activities (CONNECT). The evidence of these activities were sent to Health and Nutrition Services at the Arizona Department of Education, and Osborn was a clear recipient of a gold level Top Performance Award. We look forward to receiving our second watermelon trophy! Congratulations to **Cory Alexander** and **Kayla Anderson** for their work to help connect our students to where their food actually comes from. Follow Osborn's Child Nutritious Department [here](#).



OSDEF Fall Mini Grant Winners Announced

The **Osborn School District Educational Foundation** is proud to announce that 11 successful mini-grant proposals were awarded to be fully funded in the fall 2021 cycle. These grants were made possible by contributions from the Phoenix West Rotary Club. The total funded in this cycle was \$3241.80. Successful grants submitted by:

Encanto School

Kindergarten Literacy Centers (**Sara Borghaus**), Cube Regulators (**Luis Valencia**), Active Calming Center (**Amanda Renning**), Hands-On Literacy and Math (**Desiree Barnett**), Secret Stories—Alphabet Project "Cracking the Reading Code" (**Sean Conway & Sara Aguiar**)

Montecito Community School

Botany in the Primary Montessori Classroom (**Tere Obrochta & Jill Singh**)

Solano School

Solano Community Preschool Garden (**Marina Wright**)

Osborn Community iSchool

Building Phonics (**Samantha Wright**)

Clarendon School

Harnessing the Wind: A Renewable Energy Engineering Design Experience (**Hannah Evans**)

Districtwide

Native Books for Native Students (**Amber Stevens**), Playground Core Communications Board (**Denise Kohrs**)



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Solano School takes Center Stage at Fundraising Event



Children's Action Alliance is a local non-profit that has led the way to protecting children's causes in the state of Arizona for 30 years. The focus points for CAA are education, health policy, early childhood policy, and child welfare and juvenile justice, and economic advancement for families. Their annual fundraiser was held October 28, and **Solano School** took center stage for much of the event. The theme of this year's post-pandemic gala was "Healing Through the Eyes of a Child." Two prominent Arizonans were honored for their work advocating for communities during COVID—former state health director and current Executive Director of the Arizona Public Health Association, Will Humble, and chef and activist Silvana Salcido Esperza. Sharing the difficulties for children and communities was Solano Principal **Lisa Norwood**. Principal Norwood's address focused on family and parent connection, student social emotional health, conscious discipline, a team approach to utilizing the school behavior interventionist, psychologist, and social worker to assist students in this return to school, and healing, stress-relief, and community building for educators.



The evening began with a silent auction, where for the second straight year (January 2020 pre-pandemic and now), Solano artwork was auctioned off. The beautiful pieces were coordinated, taught, framed, and prepared by art teacher **Alice Patterson**. It can be honestly stated that the artwork of Solano students has raised thousands of dollars in charitable giving to CAA to do the work of protecting children in the state of Arizona. We are extremely grateful for Alice's giving of time



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Board Meetings

Thursday, November 4: Governing Board Work Study Meeting, 4:30PM

Tuesday, November 9: Osborn School District Educational Foundation Meeting, 5:00PM

Tuesday, November 16: Governing Board Regular Meeting, 5:00PM

