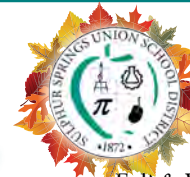




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A Newsletter for Parents and Community

Fall & Winter 2018

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The Public is invited!

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## Students, Parents and Staff Message for 2018-19 School Year

*Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi, Superintendent*



Dear Sulphur Springs Union School District Families and Staff,

We have begun this year with another great start, and we have come together to implement our new Vision Statement. Staff are committed to working together to empower students to be critical thinkers, and assist them with the tools, supports, and learning environments to be creative innovators to excel both academically and socially.

Last year, we had the opportunity to open with a new English Language Arts reading series for our students in grades transitional kindergarten through sixth, and we have continued to implement this program to further support our children in mastering the California State Standards. This year, we have also implemented a new reading series for our children with moderate to severe needs. This program is focused on reducing barriers for children, and allows the children to access curriculum, and assists in setting high expectations for achievement. Our outstanding teachers, support staff, and administra-

tion are leading the way to prepare our students for college, career, and life.

Thanks to the support of our families, and the excellence of our teachers, administrators, and support staff, we are confident that our schools will continue to be highly successful. Not only have we continued to ensure that our classrooms are equipped with technology that further enhances the learning in the classrooms, but we have also made sure that we are collaborating together to stimulate innovative thinking, and providing our students the skills needed to solve problems to support their success as they grow from elementary years to middle and high schools and beyond.

It is important to remember, that the District's goal is to continue to partner with our families to do whatever it takes to support our students' successes in school. As your Superintendent, I know that each of us matter in the District's ability to complete this mission. The Board of Trustees and I thank you in advance for all of your support that you provide our staff and their students. We look forward to continuing to work with our families and community throughout this school year!

## Vision Statement

*Empowering all students through a relevant and personalized education, supporting them as critical thinkers, and providing them the tools, supports, and learning environments needed to be creative innovators.*



## Daily Attendance is Key

*By Mr. Josh Randall, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel/Pupil Services*

More and more research points to the educational value of daily attendance for students. Studies have shown that students who regularly attend school in TK-2nd grade have a higher reading level than those students who do not. Some have even linked drop out rates to attendance rates in elementary school. It is

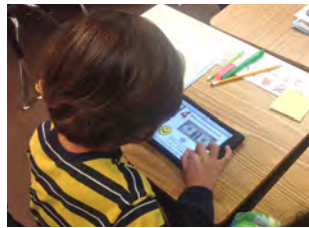
for these reasons and many more that we support student attending each and every school day. If you, or someone you know is struggling with student absences, please give Pupil Services a call at (661) 252-5131 ext.257. We are here to support your child in reaching their full potential.



## Educational Services Meeting The Needs Of All Students

By Dr. Jezelle Fullwood, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

The Educational Services Department takes pride in the work we do with our teachers, students, families and the community. As we progress through the year, we focus on meeting the needs of all learners. Additionally, we look for ways to



foster the home school connection and want to nurture open and ongoing communication.

### Student Learning

#### Goal Setting

During the first few weeks of school, students participated in a series of assessments in Language Arts and Math. These assessments enabled teachers to determine the skills that students had mastered and where they needed support.



#### GATE

Teachers utilize strategies that add depth, complexity, novelty, and/or acceleration to standards-based lessons. It is our goal that differentiated instruction maximizes the potential of students by meeting the academic, intellectual, social, and emotional needs of each student. Students will be presenting their culminating learning portfolios at the District GATE Night on Thursday, April 25, 2019.

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## District Seeks Measure CK Committee Member

By Mrs. Gretchen Berstrom, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

We would like to thank you once again for your support in



passing Measure CK in June 2012. Measure CK is supporting Sulphur Springs Union School District in continuing its tradition of providing a high quality education to our students. Funds from Measure CK have been used to upgrade technology in classrooms district-wide, along with a variety of facility improvements throughout the District.

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is a requirement to satisfy the accountability requirements of Prop 39, which allows the passage of a bond measure by 55 percent of voters. Committee members' duties include informing the public about the District's expenditure of bond proceeds, reviewing expenditures to ensure funds are spent only for purposes identified in Measure CK. The committee meets no more than four

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## New Families Orientation

By Mr. Josh Randall, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel/Pupil Services

Thinking about registering a child in the Sulphur Springs Union School District for the 2019-2020 school year? Come join us for our New Family Orientation at our nine school sites. Our staff and principals will provide new families with a presentation about their school followed by a tour.

### New Families Orientation Meeting Schedule

- Canyon Springs Community School  
January 16, 2019 5:30-6:30pm*
- Fair Oaks Ranch Community School  
January 22, 2019 6:30-7:30pm*
- Golden Oak Community School  
January 22, 2019 5:30-6:30pm*
- Leona Cox Community School  
January 24, 2019 5:30-6:30pm*
- Mint Canyon Community School  
January 24, 2019 6:30-7:30pm*
- Mitchell Community School  
January 28, 2019 6:00-7:00pm*
- Pinetree Community School  
January 17, 2019 5:30-6:30pm*
- Sulphur Springs Community School  
January 16, 2019 6:30-7:30pm*
- Valley View Community School  
January 17, 2018 6:30-7:30pm*

## Professional Development



*Teachers experiment with science projects during a recent Professional Development session.*

This year we have focused on Writing, Mathematics, Science and English Learners. Teachers engage in understanding good instruction and the curriculum we have in place to address each of our various state standards.

## Families and Community

Ed. Services has been hard at work towards our goal of empowering the families of our English Learner students. Our District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC)

parents had the opportunity to better understand what their child's participation in our English Learner program looks like. Over Fall Break, SSUSD Families attended a trip to CSUN! We had



some great conversations regarding how to support our EL students prepare for college and career!

Educational Services is proud of the work we do each day and look forward to a productive year for all of our students and their families!



## New Family Resource Center Opens

*By Mr. Paul Frisina, Director of Special Education*

The Sulphur Springs Union School District is very happy to announce the opening of our Family Resource Center (FRC), located at Canyon Springs Community School. The goal of the FRC is to help remove the barriers that often interfere with many students attending and thriving in school. The FRC can provide food, clothing, toiletries, and school supplies to our families in need. Also included in our FRC is a School Social Worker who works with students and families to ensure that they get their social-emotional needs met, either in the District or through referrals to outside resources. We are very excited to have this wonderful new resource available to our students and their families.



If you or another family are in need of resources that the FRC can assist with, please contact your school principal.

## TK/K Enrollment

*By Mr. Josh Randall, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel/Pupil Services*

We are excitedly already preparing for the 2019/2020 school year. We will begin accepting registrations for 2019/2020 on January 28, 2019. To register a child for Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten, it will be necessary to have the following documentation:

- A birth certificate or other official document verifying the child's birth date. According to California State law, a child must have been born between September 2 and December 2, 2013 to enter Transitional Kindergarten.
- A child must have been born on or before September 1, 2014 to enter Kindergarten.
- Immunizations: Proof of MMR (including proof of second MMR), Polio, D.P.T., and Hepatitis B, Varicella (Chicken Pox).
- Two Proof of Residency Verifications (driver's license, utility bill, rent receipt)

Registration will be held at the school to which your address is currently assigned, for both Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten. We again intend to offer Transitional Kindergarten at all of our school sites if numbers allow.

The Sulphur Springs Union School District is also having Open Enrollment, beginning March 16th through May 15, 2019 for all Intra and Inter District Transfers for the 2019/2020 school year. If you wish to request a transfer to any of our 9 schools, you may receive the necessary form from your home school or District office.

For more information on registration, please contact Pupil Services at (661) 252-5131 ext. 257.



# L.C.A.P. Parent Input Meetings

The LCAP is an important component of the LCFF (Local Control Funding Formula) which is California's approach to funding public schools by streamlining the system and giving school districts more flexibility in how they spend their resources to promote student achievement. The LCAP describes how school districts intend to meet annual goals for all pupils, with specific activities to address state and local priorities.

## Parent Input Meeting Dates

*February 28, 8:00 AM*

*DELAC Meeting at Canyon Springs  
(2018-19 LCAP Annual Update)*

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*March 5, 5:00 PM*

*Golden Oak  
(2018-19 LCAP Annual Update)*

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*March 5, 6:00 PM*

*Board Room at District Office  
(2018-19 LCAP Annual Update)*

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*March 6, 5:00 PM*

*In the Board Room at District Office  
(2018-19 LCAP Annual Update)*

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*May 7, 5:00 PM*

*Board Room at District Office  
(2019-20 New LCAP Goals)*

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*May 7, 6:00 PM*

*Board Room at District Office  
(2019-20 New LCAP Goals)*

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*May 9, 6:30*

*In the Board Room at District Office  
(2019-20 New LCAP Goals)*

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*May 16, 6:00 PM*

*DELAC Meeting at Sulphur Springs  
(2019-20 New LCAP Goals)*

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(4) times per year and is comprised of seven (7) members who represent various community members. The term is for two (2) years with a maximum of three consecutive terms.

We are currently looking for new members who represent the following groups.

A member who is active in a business organization representing the business community located in the District. An example would be someone who is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, etc.

A member who is active in a senior citizen's group. An example would be someone who is involved with a local senior citizen's group, an AARP member, etc.

A member who is in a bona-fide taxpayer's association. An example would be someone associated with an organization that has taxation as one of its interest, such as the League of Women Voters, Howard Jarvis Group, CPA, etc.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Applications are available at the District Office and online at [www.sssd.k12.ca.us](http://www.sssd.k12.ca.us), located under the Business Services Department. Visit our website or contact Gretchen Bergstrom at 661-252-5131 for additional information.

## Upcoming Events

### November

19-23 Thanksgiving Break

### December

24-31 Winter Break

### January

1-11 Winter Break

21 Martin Luther King Day

30 G.A.T.E. Night 6-8pm

location: Golden Oak

### February

15 & 18 Presidents Day Holiday

23 Many Families One Community  
Family Resource Fair

location: Golden Valley HS