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Ask Dr. Roach . . .

Q. How is the Sage Creek High School construction going?

A. Great! The grading has been completed, underground utilities are being installed and structural frames for the buildings should be in place by December 2011. If all continues to go well, the campus will be completed in Spring 2013.

The Carlsbad High renovation should be done that year as well. We'll soon have TWO world-class high schools!



John A. Roach, Ed.D.
District Superintendent

Judy Siasosi Honored for "Sage" Advice



Assistant Superintendent Suzanne O'Connell, center, with Judy and Jason Siasosi.

Judy Siasosi, a mom of two CUSD students, was feted at the May 11th Board of Trustees meeting for submitting the winning name of Sage Creek High School. Like the shirt presented to her by CUSD's construction manager Gafcon, the name fits the site to a T!

Get up-to-date on construction and lots more on the District website and YouTube. To stay current with all District doings this summer, friend us on Facebook and follow us at Twitter!

THAT'S WORLD CLASS! These Students Are Second to None



Recently, Jefferson second-graders showed the content of their (IB) character and showcased May's District-wide character trait of ambition.

They mounted a school-wide campaign and visited all classrooms to collect hundreds of "Socks for Japan" to send, along with their good wishes, to victims of the earthquake and tsunami. (If you want to join Jefferson in helping a disaster-stricken Japan, visit <http://jasonkelly.com/helpjapan/>.)

In a separate venture, second-grade classrooms held a Business Expo highlight-



ing local business partnerships nurtured over a six-week period in which they learned about local businesses and utilized technology-based mapping skills to develop an understanding of their surroundings. At the Expo, students showcased their displays and discussed what they had learned in experiencing their roles as both consumers and producers of goods and services.

The children gained a great deal from the program. Keely Hannian reports, "I learned that it takes a lot of knowledge and skill to run a business." Kaitlyn McKibben says, "I learned that Linda's Yogurt sells ice cream, yogurt, smoothies and smiles!"

Congrats to All Grads!



Congratulations to CVA Valedictorian Brittney Smith.



CVA/CSA graduation.

June 9th is graduation day! Carlsbad Seaside and Village Academy students graduate at 8:30 am; the Carlsbad High ceremony begins at 5 pm. Check with other sites for days and times. Congratulations to all for a successful year; have a great summer!



Classified Excellence

Unified News is proud to introduce the current Classified Employee of the Month to you in each issue. Employees are nominated by site administrators for consistently performing above and beyond in the scope of their jobs.

Congratulations to April 2011

Classified Employee of the Month: Richard Nieves



Keith Holley and Richard Nieves.

Carlsbad Village Academy Campus Safety Assistant Richard Nieves joined the District in 1997, but his roots reach back to his own youth, growing up in town the son of a CUSD employee and graduating from Carlsbad High in 1972. Nominator Keith Holley, Director of Alternative Education, calls Richard a “transformational force. Rick’s interactions with students emphasize positive over negative and strike a remarkable balance between caring support for the individual student and unequivocal insistence on safe and appropriate behavior. His ability to gather and evaluate pertinent information, consult with administration and law enforcement, then join in cooperative, proactive preventive action is unsurpassed.”

Richard relates, “I enjoy being able to provide our students with a safe environment; one in which they can thrive. I’m happy to see these kids five and ten years down the road making something of themselves. I very much like being part of a program that allows students to grow and to know that they are safe here.”

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Robert Devich congratulates Classified Employee of the Month, Cindy Roslund, and Site Teacher of the Year, Shauna Bloomquist.

Pacific Rim Principal Robert Devich praises Administrative Assistant Cindy Roslund as being the de facto vice principal of this school with a student population of nearly 900 and a staff of more than 70. He says, “I could not be as efficient at running the school without Ms. Roslund’s assistance. I count on her opinions and expertise as she contributes to the decision-making processes for the well-being of our school. Ms. Roslund takes ownership and pride in developing a positive, helpful and customer-centered front office. Her dedication helps create a culture of excellence that factors into our positive school climate.”


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Recycling is the (B)right Thing to Do

Looking for colorful tranquility? Check out the Native Garden at the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center, 1580 Cannon Road. It’s abloom with “trashy” flowers crafted with recyclables by students at all nine CUSD elementary schools.



The Chamber’s May 20th Outstanding Educational Program Awards evening recognized the best and brightest academic programs. For nominees, winners and photos of this event, visit www.carlsbadusd.k12.ca.us and see our Facebook page.

ArtSplash Grants Fund Music and Arts Programs



An ArtSplash grant funded Music Educator Kate Battenfeld’s establishment of the Buena Vista Chorus, which regaled visitors to the May 14th CEF “Celebrate Carlsbad Day” at Legoland. See www.carlsbaded.org for more on the event.

If you’d like your wish for an enriching music or arts program to be granted for the 2011-12 school year, apply for an ArtSplash grant at <http://www.carlsbadartsplash.org/grant.htm>. Many schools and staff have done mighty things with mini grants; you can, too!



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