



OSBORN

Superintendent's Update

TO: GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS, STAFF & COMMUNITY
FROM: Dr. Michael Robert
DATE: March 3, 2023

From Pride to LOVE

Osborn has identified Five Core Values that drive our work in the district. They are *Integrity, Equity, Joy, Growth, and Relationships*. We have been recognizing individuals who are shining examples of Living Our Values Everyday in Osborn (LOVE). So the award we previously called Points of Pride is now being renamed as the **Spread LOVE Award**. At this month's Governing Board meeting, it was Encanto School's turn to recognize their staff.

Integrity: Amanda Renning
Equity: Jodi Enriquez
Joy: Ana Valencia
Growth: Ashley Goetter
Relationships: Kimberly Pavlisick



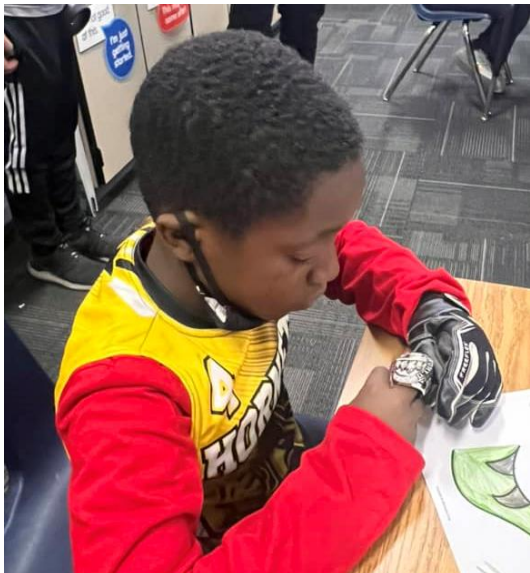
Where's Watson? At Encanto School!

Maricopa County Superintendent **Steve Watson** does a wonderful job connecting to schools all around the county, making sure he is highlighting the amazing work public educators are doing locally. His regular segment entitled "Where's Watson" features prominently on the county social media pages and website. This month he could be found at **Encanto School**. While there, he had the opportunity to experience Encanto's sustainable gardening program under the direction of PE Coach (and Master Gardener!) **Mark Deyette**. In this program, students plant, tend, harvest, eat, and compost their own veggies while contributing to the beauty of Encanto's campus!

To see the whole feature from Supt. Watson's YouTube page,

click the link below.
[Where's Watson? At Encanto School!](#)





Super Bowl at Solano

February was a big month for the city of Phoenix with the Super Bowl happening right here in our city. There was so much happening with the Super Bowl Experience downtown to the big game in Glendale. But the Friday before that big game, the Super Bowl excitement made a big stop—at **Solano School**. Solano parent and FORMER SUPER BOWL CHAMPION **Zach Moore** was present for the big day at Solano. Check out the size of Zach's Super Bowl ring on the finger of a Solano student!

Also present was **Nikki Dean**, mother of Philadelphia Eagles linebacker **Nakobe Dean**. It was a joy having her take the time just two days before her son played in the

biggest game of his life. The day was made even more special as *Every Solano Tiger* received a free backpack with supplies, compliments of Freddy's Restaurant. What a memorable day for Solano staff and students! The day involved visits around the school and particular visits by Nikki, Zach, and Ms. Gabby, Nakobe's girlfriend, to Solano 4th-6th grade classrooms, where students learned valuable lessons, visited with role models, and took the time to dream big!



Montessori Elementary Students Experience "Going Out"

We all have experienced field trips before, where the whole class engages on a fun and educational outing together. But **Katrina Roberts'** Montessori elementary students from **Montecito Community School** got to partake in something completely different. The idea starts the same—academic pursuits lead to an expanded classroom. But the process was certainly different. For starters, all Montessori environments are multi-age classrooms, with students ranging from 5-8 years old in Ms. Katrina's classroom. This also means their academic interests and areas of the curriculum they are studying may be different as well. This allowed for a

small group of students engaged in similar learning goals to plan a trip where they can extend their learning. That is what happened two weeks ago as a small group of students planned and went on their first "going out" adventure of the year to the Desert Botanical Garden. Osborn has definite plans to expand Montessori offerings next year to a second Primary (preschool-kindergarten) classroom, is accepting enrollment gauging interest in starting a second elementary either next year or the following year, is sponsoring a few teachers in becoming Montessori certified, and is exploring family interest and engagement toward offering Montessori in a dual language setting. Learn more about Montessori in Osborn [here](#).

21st Century Film Club at Solano Produces Promo Video

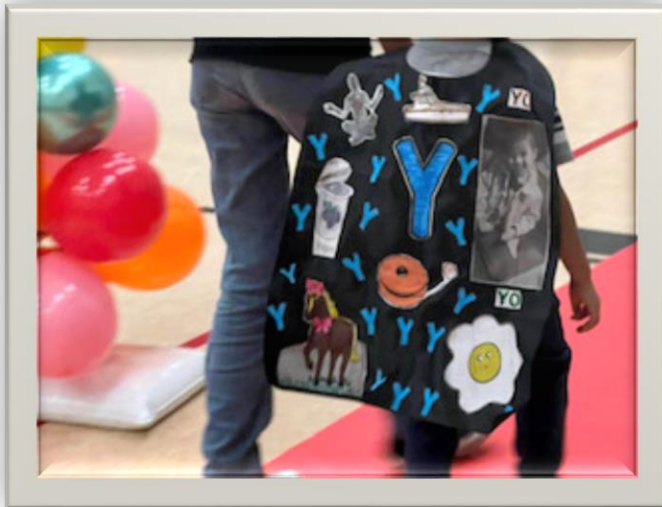
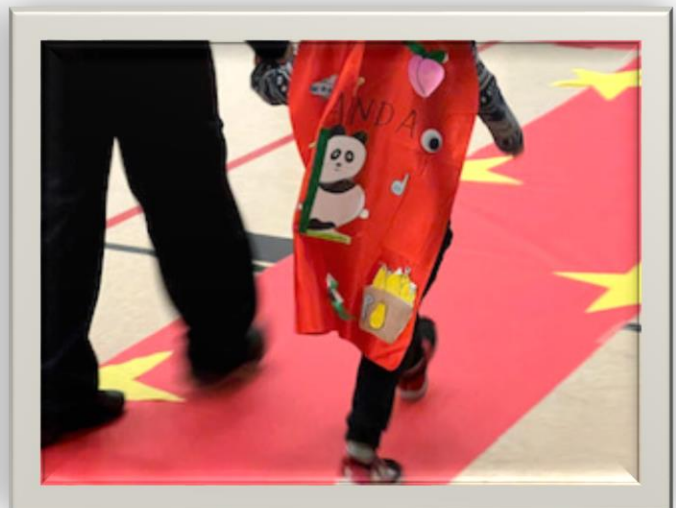
Solano School has many fantastic after school clubs and activities made possible through their 5-year 21st Century grant. One of their most popular offerings is led by local non-profit organization [Lights](#)

[Camera Discover](#). LCD offers classes in screenwriting, acting, animation, filmmaking, editing, and photography. One of the big projects students were able to complete is a promotional video for Solano. LCD has afterschool offerings at their home studio in Tempe and had a summer camp at Solano in last year's summer school. As schools have kicked off enrollment for the 23-24 school year, Solano can use [this video](#) written, shot, edited, and produced by Solano students.



Kindergarten ABC Fashion Show

Longview Elementary kindergarten students had the opportunity to shine in their annual showing of both fashion and knowledge—the ABC Fashion Show! Thank you Longview Kindergarten crew—**Guillermina Valles**, **Carrie Crompton**, and **Rocio Ramirez**. The kindergarteners have learned so much, and they couldn't wait to take their learning to the red carpet to show it. There's not much words can say here. We'll let the pictures do the talking.



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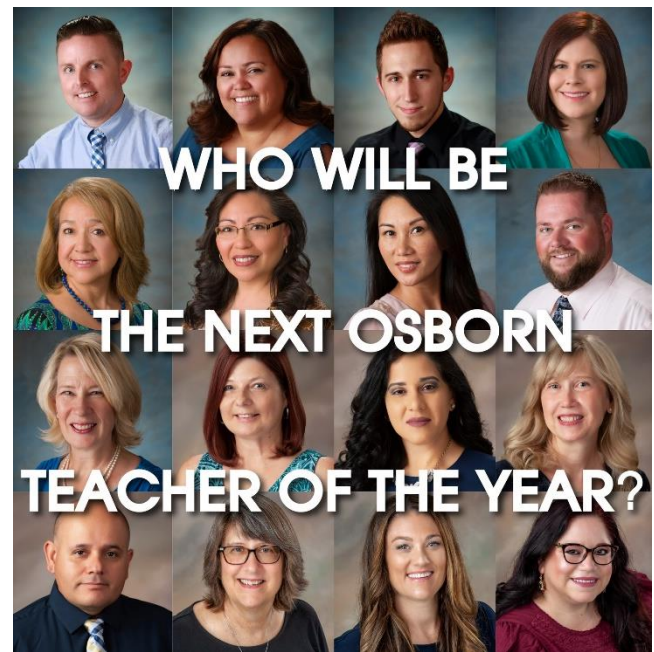


OSDEF Looking for Nominations for TOY 2023

Who will be the next Osborn teacher to be recognized as a Teacher of the Year by the **Osborn School District Educational Foundation** in 2023? Nominations are open now through March 31. Those nominated will then apply for consideration and the Foundation will look to name the newest recipients before the school year ends. You can learn more about the Foundation, learn all about the programs they sponsor, and nominate a teacher for this honor by visiting the [OSDEF website](#). Be on the lookout for a "Save the Date" after the next cohort of Teachers of the Year are announced for the annual celebration and fundraiser to take place in October 2023. The criteria for nomination states the teacher must:

- Spend the majority of their teaching assignment in direct and indirect instruction to students
- Teach any grades or combination thereof in Pre-K-8th grade in any content area including arts, PE, special education, master teachers, etc.
- Have completed at least four (4) full years as a teacher in Osborn.
- Be a full-time teacher with intent to actively teach in Osborn for the 23-24 school year
- Not have been selected as an OSDEF Teacher of the Year in the past

Does that sound like an Osborn teacher you know? If so, follow the link on the website listed above and nominate a deserving Osborn teacher today!



Clarendon 5th Graders Tackle Environmental Issues and Interview for Jobs!

5th grade students at **Clarendon** were challenged to examine an issue that presents a threat to our environment. Project-based



learning encourages higher-order thinking skills and deepens student engagement with an area of the curriculum. Students were certainly highly engaged as they explored an issue, sought solutions, collaborated with peers, and prepared to present their findings to their families. Last month the 5th grade class held an evening showcase and had the opportunity to shine in front of families and loved ones. A huge thanks to **Jorge Meza** and **Peyton**

Adams for coordinating this project and evening celebration for families. Yet another way Clarendon families connect with classroom learning and show that "Cougar Pride is Nothing to Hide!" Another big event that brought out the best in our 5th graders was being able to interview for jobs through their participation in JA BizTown. This social studies activity involves students learning about being consumers, creating business plans, designing marketing campaigns, interviewing for jobs, and participating in a day-long event at a local JA BizTown site and putting their skills to work by becoming employees. This fantastic event was



coordinated by **Kayce Kahl**. The event is sponsored through grant funding from the **Osborn School District Educational Foundation**.

Learning and fun go together with such high-interest and engaging projects at Clarendon!



OMS 8th Graders Prepare for the Next Step

Nine years later after beginning their Osborn journey in kindergarten, **Osborn Middle School** 8th graders are preparing to go into their final quarter with high school on the horizon. They have learned so much, their future is bright, and now they are working hard with their parents to figure out where they will attend. **Phoenix Union High School District's** Central High School and North High School are the two main recipients of Osborn students. But there are 3 local schools with specialty programs that our students apply to for consideration to participate in their amazing programs. Metro Tech is a comprehensive high school right in our neighborhood, but they also have 19 Career and Technical Education programs that many of our students look forward to pursuing. Phoenix Coding Academy, and Bioscience High School are small specialty programs that seek highly academically motivated students to pursue computer science pathways, biomedicine, and engineering. Besides visiting the campuses, Osborn also has former students come to talk to our current 8th graders about their experiences.



Valentine's Day Celebrations with Families

Love was definitely in the air as families celebrated Valentine's Day with dances at the elementary school campuses. It was wonderful to see students and their loved ones get all dressed up to enjoy a special night out together on campus. Enjoy the pictures from earlier last month.



Board Meetings

- Tuesday, March 14: Osborn School District Educational Foundation Meeting; 5:00pm
- Tuesday, March 21: Regular Meeting of Osborn Governing Board, 5:30pm
- Thursday, April 6: Work Study Session of the Osborn Governing Board; 4:30pm

Don't Forget. Spring break is next week from March 13-17. We will see everyone back at school on Monday, March 20!

