

# Superintendent's Bulletin

APRIL 2017



"You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today."  
Abraham Lincoln

## Mary Poppins- A smashing success!

Sold out crowds enjoyed the unforgettable acting and musical performance. Our extremely talented students guided by Mr. David Judson, Ms. Tiffany Daily, and Mr. Steven Hendee made us all extremely proud! A performance of this caliber can only happen with support and collaboration from students, staff, families and from the community. Thank you.

Young performers from Chabot will soon dazzle us at the Chabot's annual theater performance this year with Peter Pan from April 6th - April 13th at Chabot Elementary School.

## Community Conversations ...

Thanks to the Castro Valley Education Foundation for supporting the Community Conversation series. Last week, the documentary, *Miss Representation*, was shown at the CFA. *Miss Representation* explores media's portrayal of young women and how we as adults, parents, guardians and schools can combat such negative stereotypes.

The next Community Conversation is scheduled for May 2, 2017 at which the documentary, *The Mask You Live In* follows boys and young men as they struggle to stay true to themselves while negotiating the media's definition of masculinity.

## Preparing Students for the Future

Our teachers have worked extremely hard to transition to the new State Standards, requiring major shifts in pedagogy and instructional materials. As the superintendent visiting schools, I am able to see first-hand students actively engaged in critical thinking, collaboration and learning to better communicate their ideas in order to creatively solve problems. We recognize that this shift has also created new demands for you as parents/guardians when you help your children with school work at home. We appreciate the time you spend attending parent workshops provided at many of our schools. Please feel free to let us know the kinds of training and support you need in order to help your children succeed.



## Bus Tour to Visit School Sites Preparing for Modernization

On Saturday, April 1st, the Board of Education and the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee Members met and toured several sites where modernization projects funded by Measure G will begin. Members of the public were also invited. The group boarded a bus and traveled to several schools to see and hear about the various construction projects which are scheduled to start over the summer and continue throughout the next few years in Castro Valley. We truly appreciate the support of the voters in Castro Valley for approving Measure G in order to improve and modernize our schools while we serve our students and future leaders.



## Engineering Faire at Castro Valley High School

Thanks to the Eden Area Chamber of Commerce for supporting Career Technical Education in the Castro Valley Unified School District. In March, the Health Faire provided a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about and explore various health related professions. On April 13<sup>th</sup>, Castro Valley High School students will explore science and engineering related fields at the Engineering Faire while visiting booths from Lockheed Martin, Energy Recovery, BKF Engineers, Lifeliqe, Electric Power Research Institute, and local firms such as B.A. Morrison, Greenwood & Moore Inc. PCC Structural and many more. Thanks to Caryl Mahar from the Eden Area Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Schneck, Castro Valley Unified College and Career Specialist, and staff at CVHS for making this happen.

## In Case You Missed the Poetry Café

The second annual Poetry Café was held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> this year. The compilation of the thought provoking poems written by our talented middle school students from Canyon and Creekside, *Mellifluous Musings*, is quite a treasure. A huge thanks to teachers Kate Shen, Julie Fikse, Melissa Yee, Megan Kalvass, and Sandy Hsiao-Frates for providing valuable guidance to students creating such magnificent work.

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Student Success ..... Nothing Less



to...

*CVUSD's Alameda County  
Teacher of the Year*

**Maria Leyson**  
Marshall Elementary School

*CVUSD's Masonic  
Teachers of the Year*

**Jason Berberian**  
Castro Valley Elementary School

**Kate Stickel**  
Canyon Middle School

*CVUSD's Nominees for the  
Alameda County  
Classified Employee of the Year*

**Randy Benevides**  
Maintenance, Operations, & Facilities

**Kathie Vandiver**  
Paraprofessional

**Sandy Stiving**  
Office & Technical

**Debbie Cucchiara**  
Child Nutrition

**Shirley Henighan**  
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