AMADOR COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
FIRST SEMESTER HIGHLIGHTS 2020

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
JANUARY 27, 2021
STATE PRESCHOOL

- Preschool opened on August 12th for in class learning. We have a cap of twelve students for each program.
- Completed all annual testing of student progress.
- Implementing new curriculum that was purchased last year.
PLYMOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

• Dia de Muertos Cultural Family Celebration

• Art supply kit to every student and monthly video art lessons

• Girl Scout led Book Drive. Every student received a book to take home

• 7 Habits of Healthy Kids monthly theme...This month is Habit #5, Seek first to Understand, then be Understood
PINE GROVE ELEMENTARY STEM SCHOOL

- Adding a makerspace area to our STEM Den which included adding a Laser Etcher and a 3-D Printer
- Training all teachers (K-6) in RoboBlockly (web-based robot simulation environment for learning coding and math)
- Renovating Bear Corner - Thanks to Declan Morgan's Eagle Scout Project
- Smooth Transition from Distance Learning to Hybrid
Gave out 265 Chromebooks and 74 Hotspots to Families

Students returned to the hybrid model on November 16, 2020
  • Approximately 140 students are on campus each day (79 at SCE and 59 at SCP)

Family Engagement Night was held on the evening of October 21 for all families
  • Virtual with Phil Tulga - Rhythm and Math Night

New sod and fencing was installed at SCE

Virtual student council elections.
  • Students ran for office and recorded videos to give speeches
  • The students (3rd-6th grade) voted via ballot that was sent home.
• Started a virtual "Student Voice" group to encourage input from our students to help connect and support all students

• Virtual Book Study, The 5 Love Languages of Children, for our families facilitated by our school counselor

• Virtual Principal Awards presentations for 21st Century Successful Practices

• Weekly Pawsitivity Videos highlighting students from each class

• Virtual Enrichment activities for art (Miss Marchand) and music (Mr. Roberson and Mrs. Carson)
• DEDICATED LUNCH LADY, MS. JEN, SERVED MEALS AND DISTRIBUTED BOXES OF FOOD TO OUR FAMILIES EVERY WEEKDAY.

• REPLACED PLAYGROUND TIRE CHIPS WITH WOOD CHIPS THANKS TO KEVIN GRIFFIN AND THE GROUNDS TEAM!

• WONDERFUL M1, CHARMA GONSALVES, WORKED HARD TO KEEP OUR SCHOOL BEAUTIFUL DURING THE STAY AT HOME ORDER AND EVERY DAY SINCE TO GET IT READY FOR STUDENTS TO RETURN TO HYBRID LEARNING.

• FUN SUPPORT STAFF HELPED PREPARE FOR OUR STUDENTS’ RETURN BY ALLOWING ME TO TAKE PICTURES AND RECORD VIDEOS OF THEM DOING WHAT WE EXPECTED OUR STUDENTS TO DO WHEN THEY RETURNED TO SCHOOL (HOW TO BE SCREENED BEFORE GETTING OUT OF THEIR CAR, HOW TO WALK IN THE HALLS FOLLOWING THE DIRECTION ARROWS, ETC.).

• AMAZING TEACHERS WORKED SO VERY HARD TO PROVIDE A HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION FOR OUR STUDENTS IN BOTH A VIRTUAL AND HYBRID SETTING.

• PRECIOUS STUDENTS RETURNED TO CAMPUS IN A HYBRID SETTING! IT HAS BEEN AMAZING SEEING CHILDREN IN THEIR CLASSROOMS AND ON OUR PLAYGROUNDS. THEY ARE HAPPY TO BE BACK WITH THEIR TEACHERS AND FRIENDS, THEY ARE LEARNING, AND THEY ARE DOING THEIR BEST TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS NEW SETTING.
• Encouraged participation and school spirit with weekly themes. Students submit pictures of their participation and are entered into drawings for prizes.

• Staff are continually finding ways for students to be able to participate in activities such as leading morning announcements, taking charge of hanging the flags every morning, and buddy reading with younger students.

• High school helpers are continuing to help us. Thank you to Mr. Hunkins for supporting this opportunity for all of our students.

• Teachers are working collaboratively together to plan for and provide learning opportunities to support all students.

• Staff and families have found creative ways to carry on traditions such as doing the holiday sing along virtually.

• Staff have really banded together to make this work for our students and families.
1. Introduction of the Colt Way - Defining our Culture
2. Publication of the First Three Editions of The Colt Chronicle - Our school newspaper
3. ASB Theme Days and Karaoke.
4. Implementation of Co-Taught, Strategic Math Courses for 7th and 8th Grade
JACKSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

1. Breaking ground on construction of a new building.


3. Improved co-teaching model and practices that provide more co-teaching support in ELA and Math classes in all grade levels

4. Art classes added to our school program and elective opportunities for students.

5. Cultural Awareness and Appreciation elective offered to 8th graders
INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL / COMMUNITY COURT SCHOOL

• Accepted into year 2 of High Tech High’s (HTH) Project Based Leadership (PBL) Academy- All teaching staff participated in a one week virtual conference and meet monthly with our HTH mentor for continual professional development.

• CSI funding plan approved: allowing for a new Social-emotional learning curriculum and student surveys from Panorama Education

• New Financial Literacy pilot program through Dave Ramsey

• New Character Strong curriculum for SEL and Leadership classes

• Added fourth full time teacher for math, electives and Edgenuity

• Community School transitioned smoothly with a new teacher over summer
CTE hired a new experienced CTE TOSA, Josiah Mayfield to lead the work for the two $1 million grants.

North Star has been at capacity for nearly the entire Fall semester and 10 seniors have graduated.

New credentialed math teacher for North Star, Mari Lowes.

North Star expanded student learning pathway choices to include: College Prep Virtual Academy and Community College pathway.

Amador Adult Education opened a GED testing center, the first in Amador County history. Adult Ed is also providing the preparation courses for this high school equivalency test.
AMADOR HIGH SCHOOL

- During Distance Learning, we were able to distribute hands-on materials like art and ceramics kits, floral supplies and PE equipment to make learning as engaging as possible.
- ASB coordinated and hosted a safe Halloween Drive Through event for the community.
- We successfully returned students to school in a hybrid model, focusing on health and safety requirements and new protocols.
- Sutter Creek FFA, in conjunction with Argonaut FFA, participated in Shriners Stockings, donating 65 stockings to children.
ARGONAUT HIGH SCHOOL

• Social Distanced Welcome Back to Hybrid Rally
• New Special Ed Building Completed
• MTSS Grade Level Teams
• Increasing CTE Pathways by adding classes
• Dual Enrollment Classes Offered through Columbia College
• 10th Grade AVID added