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Superintendent's June Message

Marie Morgan



Engage, Inspire, Empower ALL Learners!

Dear Walnut Creek School District Families,

Here comes summer break...with BBQs, lazy days, road trips, vacations and outings with friends. I hope your summer break is filled with memorable moments, relaxation and lots of fun!

Thank you for making the 2018-19 school year one to remember. It was filled with amazing memories and great accomplishments. This [link](#) shares a list of recognitions and news stories highlighting some of the great work happening across our district. These achievements are a testament to the excellent education provided by our teachers and staff, the leadership of our administrators, the dedication of our students, and the support of our parent community.

Please remember that school begins a week earlier next year. Mark your calendars for August 14th, a late start Wednesday. Have a safe summer!

Warmly,

Marie Morgan

Superintendent of Schools



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School	Recognitions-Honors-News Stories
Buena Vista	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Recycling Smart Program Buena Vista is at 82% and check for \$500 awarded by Candace Anderson from the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors● Kindness certified school by ThinkKindness organization
Indian Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Recycle Smart Program- 83% for 2019, 86% for 2018 and awarded \$500● TUTH winner! Increased WCEF school participation to 71%
Murwood	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Recycling Smart Program Murwood is at 80% and perpetual plaque, also awarded \$500● WCEF recognition for full staff participation in WCEF donation● WC Mayor Cindy Silva will attend walking club, walk with students and present recognition certificates to Walking Club members who have completed marathon mileage.
Parkmead	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● RoboPlay Spirit Award 2019 STREAM UC Davis C-Stem Center● Common Sense School Award 2018-19● Recycle Smart Award 80% diversion rate plaque and check for \$500 to be awarded by Candace Anderson from the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors
Tice Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Recycle Smart, Maintaining 75% diversion rate \$500 check with plaque to be presented June 5th at whole school assembly● Odyssey of the Mind, Two Teams got 2nd place and moved on to State level● 4th Grade PBL student websites featured on U.S. Fish and Wildlife website● PBL Works article -recognizing the work of -Kari Stewart and her 7th/8th graders
WCI	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Recycling Smart Program Walnut Creek Intermediate is at 82%. Plaque and check for \$1000 to be awarded by Nancy Deming from the RecycleSmart Schools Program <p><u>JAZZ BAND AWARDS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>CMEA Jazz East Festival (January):</u> Superior rating● <u>Folsom Jazz Festival (January), 3rd place overall in MS division. Outstanding Musicianship Awards</u> were earned by Will Stoll, Maya Rajendran, Caius Sutliff, Mateo Marchis and Brodie Zeigler● <u>Campana Jazz Festival (February):</u> 3rd place overall in MS division. <u>Outstanding Musicianship Awards</u> were earned by Mateo Marchis and Megan Jiang. In addition, <u>Mateo was awarded with a \$300 scholarship to Pacific West Jazz Camp</u>● <u>Santa Cruz Jazz Festival (March):</u> Command Performance with Unanimous Superior rating. <u>Outstanding Musicianship Awards</u> were earned by Jeremy Kemmerer and Maya Rajendran.● <u>2019 Winners of the National Downbeat Student Music Awards</u> in JH Large Jazz Ensemble division <p><u>CMEA Band & Orchestra Festival Awards (April):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <u>Symphonic Band</u> earned a Unanimous Superior rating● <u>Concert Band</u> earned an Excellent rating● <u>Orchestra</u> earned an Excellent rating

Students that represented WCI in the CMEA Bay Section Winter Conference Honor Band & Orchestra by nomination (January):

- Will Stoll: percussion section in Honor JH Band
- Alex Slavny: trombone section in Honor JH Band
- Sydney Liao: violin section in Honor Orchestra
- Xander Cormier: cello section in Honor Orchestra

Contra Costa County Honor MS Jazz Band (March) participant (by audition): Annabel Shic, alto saxophone.

Disney Performing Arts Performers (April):

- Symphonic Band
- Jazz Band

Visual Arts:

- WCI Student Sydney Tatsumi was awarded 1st Prize and Natalie Mangani was awarded 2nd Prize (out of 3 top spots) for the Mt Diablo Peace and Justice Center Art and Writing Challenge. Honorable Mention (out of 6 spots) to WCI Students- Abril Perez, Justine Le, Margarita Prishlyak, and Ellia Chaney. This is a competition across Contra Costa County for Middle and High School.
- Former Student Yoon-Ju Kim - Now a Junior at Las Lomas - Won Grand Prize (500.00 prize) for this Challenge!!!! She has won every year since 7th grade!!! She also submitted another artwork that won a prize and will be displayed in Washington D.C. where she will be honored, she will travel there to receive her award.
- Ellia Chaney moved on to the next level with her PTA Reflections project.

Drama

We had 21 students compete at the Northern California Middle Stagefest. Of those, 9 students got to perform with the gold level theatre students from all of California at the state capitol.

Those students were:

Caitlyn Ellis
Natalie Costales
Liv Butcher
Sadie Henderson
Drake McDonald
Meera O'Farrell
Dana Castillo-Rodriguez
Emannuely Rodriguez Schineider
Madeline Abellera

Walnut Heights

- 2018-19 Honor Roll School -[Educational Results Partnership](#)
- Recess 101 Reset Designation
- WCEF Partnership Fun Run- \$19,200 donation to WCEF
- Participated in WC Community Service Day