

PSD Parent Newsletter

February 2019

SB County Superintendent of Schools

Fourth Annual State of Education

The event was held on October 19, 2018 at High Desert Church in Victorville, California. The theme was "Impact the Present. Transform the Future." At the beginning of the presentation, Mr. Ted Alejandre, the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, praised the role of districts superintendents and their staff in seeking innovative solutions to meet the needs of all students with passion and purpose. The superintendent emphasized that quality and not size what matters by commending the successful outcomes of the rural districts. As proof of that is the selection of Needles Superintendent, Mary McNeal as State Superintendent of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators. Afterwards, Mr. Alejandre provided overview of number of innovative programs such as The Mountain Desert Career Pathways JPA which provides students with the opportunity to earn credit for college course work while completing their high school diploma. Other programs include California Collaborative for Education Excellence, Project Lead the Way and Summer Lunch Program where Hesperia district was the only district in California to be recognized by U.S. Department of Agriculture and one of the 17 districts nationally. Not to mention, the Cyber SB program at Big Bear High School and CAHELP JPA and Desert/Mountain Children's Center which provide students with high quality programs through partnerships with colleges. Since quarter of the nation homeless population is in California and 1 of every 10 students K-12 are either homeless or foster youth, The Children Deserve Success program was launched to get foster and homeless youth students prepared for school. Finally, the most recent data shows the county high school graduation rate at 82.6% which is almost identical to the national rate 82.7%. By Hasan Hasan



Fatherhood Engagement Interview

Chris Turkett
Yucaipa Head Start Parent & father of 4

What is the most important part of your children's education?

"To have what I didn't have growing up and to use all the opportunities I didn't have."

What is your favorite School To Home Activity?

"Counting what we pick together as a family on the farm." *DRDP measure ALT-4, COG 2*

How would you encourage other fathers to participate in their children's education?

"I felt like it was more of a woman's role but I was thrown into it and have been doing it for a while and now it just feels natural"

Thank you Chris for sharing your perspective and for being such an involved father. We appreciate you!

**Don't work for recognition,
but do work worthy of
recognition.**

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Parent Spotlight

My name is Magdalena Lozano, I am a mother of 4 children that have and currently attending Early Head Start and Head Start at Victor Valley College. The way Early/Head start have helped me and impacted my life has been amazing. I am first generation in my family to obtain a degree and it would have not been possible if my children did not attend Head Start at Victor Valley College, Victorville, CA. I just recently obtain my Associates of Science in Child Development. I am a true believer of education. I am so thankful and grateful for this program. I just recently became an employee for our Head Start. Thank you Early/Head Start because I have been able to accomplish many of my goals. Thanks to everyone in general for providing an amazing program.

READING ABOUT WINTER



February – Month Awareness

American Heart Month- A great time to commit to a healthy lifestyle and make small changes that can lead to a lifetime of heart health. Wear red on 2/05 for Women’s Heart Health.

Holiday Activity



Our Friendship Rocks Fingerprint Hearts

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Fingerprint Friendship Heart Rocks

Materials: Rocks, Red paint, & Black marker

Instructions:

- Step 1. pour some paint out on palette (can just use a paper plate)
- Step 2. Have your child dip their finger onto the paint covering the fingerprint fully and pressing firmly onto the rock forming one side of a V shape. Have them spread their finger around a bit around the sides. Repeat and fill the other side of the V shape to make a heart.
- Step 3. Allow the paint to dry fully and then draw cute characters and features!