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ANAHEIM CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS MAKE SLIGHT GAINS ON CALIFORNIA STANDARDS TEST

Results from the 2010 California Standards Test (CST) showed that overall student performance in Anaheim City School District made slight gains in both language arts and math at nearly all grade levels tested. The overall District score in language arts was 42% of students meeting standards and 53% in math. In 2nd grade, language arts scores dropped from 41% to 39% from last year to this year. A similar drop also occurred in 3rd grade with the percentage of proficient students moving from 29% to 27%. However, slight gains were seen in grades 4 (49% to 50%), 5 (41% to 44%), and 6 (45% to 47%). In math, the District scores followed a similar pattern. Both 2nd and 3rd experienced a decrease in test scores moving from 56% to 53% and 55% to 53% respectively. All of the upper grades increased scores with 4th scoring 57% to 60%, 5th grade 46% to 53%, and 6th grade 42% to 47%.

Congratulations to the Franklin family for outstanding gains on our CST scores. Franklin students once again had the highest number of students reaching proficiency in math (66%) and increased the number of students scoring proficient or advanced to 52% in language arts. Our API score is now 811! I am very proud of all of our students and staff members for their hard work and dedication on the California Standards Tests. Way to go Franklin School!

Superintendent Jose Banda attributed the improvement in the upper grades to a variety of factors, including professional staff development in literacy, cultural competence and focused work with bilingual students. He also cited the increase in family involvement, staff collaboration and use of data to inform instruction. "We applaud these achievements in reading and math and will continue to work until every child is successful," Banda said.

While year-to-year comparisons are important, trends over the long-term are the best indicator of student progress. A review of scores over the five-year period 2005 to 2010 shows that Anaheim City students continue to make sustained and significant improvements. "We test different groups of students from year-to-year, so we expect to see scores fluctuate. That's why we focus on results over time and that picture clearly illustrates sustained and significant improvement," said Superintendent Jose Banda. "This trend demonstrates that the hard work and commitment of our students, teachers, aides, principals and staff – as well as families and community organizations – is leading to success."



ANAHEIM CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT PLACES BOND FOR FACILITIES ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT



On November 2, 2010, voters in the Anaheim City School District will consider a school facilities bond for \$169.3 million to fund the modernization of nine school sites. The schools remaining to be modernized include Gauer, Guinn, the former Key site, Madison, Marshall, Olive, Roosevelt, Stoddard and Sunkist. The bond tax rate is \$19.98 per \$100,000 assessed value (AV). The average assessed value of a home in Anaheim is \$378,000 and the yearly bond amount equates to approximately \$75 per year. Should the bond pass at the required 55% or more, the funds will allow for eight of the sites to be modernized including safety

upgrades, new plumbing and electrical systems, HVAC, technology, library, and playground equipment. One of the nine sites would be a complete reconstruction and there would be enough construction dollars to build one two-story building to alleviate overcrowding.

"Many parents and citizens don't realize that ACSD still has five schools on multi-track schedules," comment Superintendent Jose Banda. "In addition, some of our single track schools were very close to becoming multi-track schools again. However, through boundary adjustments and the increase in class size, two were saved from that fate." In fact, the District currently has 1,000 more students than originally projected a few years ago. While ACSD enrollment was initially on a decline, it did not decrease as much as expected and in fact has slowly started to climb again these last two years.

While several classified employees were laid off due to the state budget deficit, and there are fewer custodians, office staff, librarians and technology assistants, these modernizations have an expected building life of 40 or more years. When the state economy recovers, many of these positions could be rehired. It is also important all students and staff across the District have access to the same high-quality and safe facilities as the sites that have completed modernization.

"What is important to remember is that these bond dollars will help our local economy and can not be taken by the state," says Superintendent Banda. "They also can not be used to pay administrators and we will continue to have a citizens' oversight committee monitor these funds and the work of our capital construction program."



ELECTRONIC DEVICES



- Cell phones, pagers, MP3 players or electronic signaling devices must remain off and out of sight during school hours.
- If such a device is observed or heard by school staff, it will be confiscated until picked up by a parent or guardian.
- Photographing, videotaping or otherwise recording individuals without their permission is prohibited.
- The District is not responsible for lost or stolen cell electronic devices and will not investigate if lost or stolen. Their security is the sole responsibility of the student.

*The complete text of Board Policy 5131 is available in the school office.



Starting School with a Smile



Parents can help their children begin school with fun instead of fear by following a few guidelines from Dr. Charles Fay, author of *Parenting with Love and Logic*.

1. Teach confidence by showing it. Rather than calming your child's fears about school, speak positively and confidently about going to school. Confident parents have confident children. Worried parents have worried children.
2. Whether you drive or walk your child to school, leave quickly. When you do this you communicate confidence that your child can handle this new experience of going to school. Give your child a hug and a smile and leave without looking back.
3. Avoid giving in to tantrums and tears as this can increase your child's fear about school. You will be surprised how soon a child stops crying once the parent leaves.

You can read more about tips for the first day of school and other helpful articles about parenting by visiting loveandlogic.com and clicking on the heading "Articles".

Please call the school office in the morning if your child is absent. You need to call for every day the child is absent 714/517-8907.



Breakfast & Lunch Program

Breakfast & lunch applications have been sent home. Please return the completed application ASAP to avoid having your child removed from the breakfast/lunch program. The processing of applications can take up to 3 weeks. It is **ONLY ONE application per family**. For children not participating in the lunch program, please send money or a packed lunch from home.

Breakfast \$1.50 and Lunch \$2.25



Cub Scouts

Cub Scouting is a program of the Boy Scouts of America for **boys in grades 1-5**. The program emphasizes character building through fun activities for the whole family.

Cub Scout Pack 120 is chartered to Zion Lutheran Church and Schools in Anaheim. We invite all boys in grades 1-5, and their families, to join us for our first Cub Scout Pack meeting of the new school year. We'll have a simple and fun ceremony, and you can find out all about our program. Please join us:

Saturday, September 25, 2010 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Zion Lutheran Church and Schools Gymnasium at far end of parking lot 222 N. East St., Anaheim, CA 92805

For more information: Ed Fink, Cubmaster, 714-870-6287, efink@fullerton.edu



Girl Scouts Open House

Saturday 10/2/10 9:00-12:00 Noon

Anaheim Program Center: 1769 Broadway, Anaheim

Benjamin Franklin PTA

We are currently having our PTA Membership Drive and we would like to ask for all the families of Franklin school to become members. For every family you would **only** pledge \$5.00. PTA provides loving relationships, meaningful work, and faith in something greater than one's self. Share your talent and your time for our children, be an "agent of change" for our future.

We are all volunteers committed to working towards the success of our children and Franklin school as a whole. If you are unable to volunteer we ask that you help by asking the community's help with any donations which will enable education to continue to be a living and thriving practice at Franklin. Our children need you more than ever with the budget cuts.

We appreciate your support and membership.

Communication is Important

Parent communication is crucial at Franklin. We will keep you informed of all school activities through our **"Tuesday Envelopes"** and also through our automated phone system. Please make sure you keep your phone numbers updated and be sure to look for important papers on Tuesdays from the teacher and the school in your child's **"Tuesday Envelope"**.

Did you know these fun facts about the Franklin staff?

☺ Mrs. Fulmer our new 4th grade teacher came to us from Stoddard elementary, is a graduate from CSUF, and she's planning her son's wedding.

☺ Ms. Hayashi our new 3rd grade teacher came to us from Madison elementary, is a graduate from UCLA, and has visited Africa & ate alpaca.

☺ Ms. Garcia our new 6th grade teacher came to us from Palm Lane elementary, is a graduate from Chapman University. She is a Disneyland alumnus.

☺ Mrs. Bidwell, also known as Ms. Judy our new lunch clerk came to us from Mann elementary, she has a son that teaches science at South Jr. High, she adopted the ugliest dog in the world and his name is Beau.

☺ Mrs. Grossman, our new Special Ed IA came from Juarez & Sunkist elementaries, she enjoys time with her sons and their families. She likes gardening.

☺ Mrs. Munguia, our new health clerk came to us from various sites in Head Start, she loves to spend time volunteering, helping others, and cleaning. She enjoys being at home with her husband.

☺ Mrs. Singleton is expecting her second baby and the stork will be arriving sometime in January.