This week, we held the first round of our Student Achievement Summits (SAS). The SAS is an opportunity for principals to present their school’s past and current level of student achievement, their plans for improving achievement, and to receive feedback and suggestions from their peers. The presentations were aligned to the Guiding Principles and focused on behaviors and beliefs, student learning, and teacher performance.

The purpose of the SAS is to provide a tool for planning and leading change. It gives leaders a common vocabulary to talk about what they do and assists in creating professional learning communities among our principals. All of our principals did an excellent job in their presentations and I look forward to hearing about the progress of their goals in January when we have our next Student Achievement Summits. Until then, we will continue to visit school sites and classrooms during our weekly Instructional Rounds.

Paso Robles Joint Unified School District has officially begun its new partnership with Cal Poly and is hosting the educational leadership and administration program allowing staff to earn their masters’ degrees and administrative credentials. The classes will be held in the board room every Wednesday at the district office. We have 17 students participating and are excited to be building our future leaders.

“Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.” - Andrew Carnegie

Team Store Now Open
To order your Bearcat gear, go to: http://www.eastbayteamsales.com/teamstore and enter code OFTSPRHI. Store closes on September 16th and items ship to your home about 3-4 weeks later. All proceeds benefit PRHS Athletics.

Before the Bell
The Georgia Brown Before the Bell program began this week. The new fee-based program provides one hour of before school supervision and enrichment for students in grades TK-5. Thanks to Tara Quinn for her work on this new pilot program.
Thanks to our Firefighters!
Students at Lewis Middle School and The Academy of Arts at Bauer Speck both took time to prepare posters for the firefighters who worked the Chimney Fire. The students made posters and had students at their school sign them and write personal message of thanks. Great job by our Leopards and Bobcats!

GATE
Professional Development training was held last week for 2nd to 5th grade teachers who have cluster groups of GATE students in their classes. The training was led by GATE Coordinator, Maggie Tatman. The focus was on characteristics of GATE students and differentiated curriculum. For some teachers, it was their first opportunity to gain exposure and insight into differentiation strategies designed specifically with GATE students in mind. In her evaluation of the day, one teacher stated the highlight as being “Effective strategies for engaging GATE students that I can immediately implement in my classroom,” and another stated, “I think being able to discuss what we are doing with others who are in the same boat, sharing ideas, and collaborating was extremely beneficial.” The teachers are looking forward to collaborating as the year moves forward.

Battle of the Books Update
Last Thursday, a Battle of the Books Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held at the Paso Robles City Library. City Librarian Angelica Fortin was able to receive a very generous donation from the Thaddeus Sherman Masonic Lodge #196 as well as the Bethlehem Estero Pines Chapter No. 95, Order of Eastern Star, to purchase new books on the Battle of the Books lists for the City Library. This will provide more opportunities for PRJUSD elementary and middle school students to access Battle books. The $2500 donation will purchase 400 books (in English and some in Spanish) from our Battle of the Books lists. Many of them will be housed at the City Library while some will also be at the Study Center by Georgia Brown.
VAPA News

Here is a message from our VAPA Coordinator, Brent Moser:

The district’s Art Gallery in Studios on the Park is starting a new tradition this year!

To provide students time to generate artwork and materials for the gallery, the first show of the school year will be a STAFF and ALUMNI SHOW. We need your help to make this year a great show, so we can carry on the tradition next year too! Staff members will have an opportunity to display artwork they have created in a professional setting. The artwork may be used as display only, or you may choose to sell your piece during the exhibit (price must be designated by staff/alumni member). You may submit multiple pieces for display but we may need to limit total number you submit depending on the total number of pieces entered.

The show opens Thursday September 22, at 6pm, with a reception for all artists as well as members of the community. The show concludes on October 26th.

To enter a piece(s) in the show, please contact:
BRENT MOSER at : bmoser@pasoschools.org  ***and***  JANE HIAN at: jahian@pasoschools.org

Please include a description of the item for display and ensure that it is ready to be shown in an art gallery (you must provide a frame/stand, etc.) Jane will schedule a time for you to drop off your work at the gallery, either September 20th or 21st between 1:00 – 5:00 PM.

Liberty High Blood Drive

Did you know that Liberty Continuation High School had the largest number of pints of blood collected out of all high schools in San Luis Obispo County last year? They are well on their way to doing it again with their first blood drive of the year.

PBIS at Kermit King

We love that ALL staff members at Kermit King are helping to teach students about positive behavior on their campus. Kermit King Frogs are proud to LEAP!

Leaders
Encourage each other
Act responsibly
Positive attitude
**PBIS at Georgia Brown**

Here is a little snippet from the first PBIS newsletter from Georgia Brown. Los Tigres have a new PBIS motto “T.I.G.R.E.” which stands for:

![Tomas cuidado
Tengo integridad
Georgia Brown
Soy respetuoso
Demostrar excelencia](image)

To see the entire newsletter and also to read it in Spanish, go to their school website: [www.pasoschools.org/georgiabrown](http://www.pasoschools.org/georgiabrown).

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**PRYDE**

The Paso Robles Youth Development Enrichment (PRYDE) Program is off to a great start this school year. Here is a small piece of their new monthly newsletter. You can read more about PRYDE by going to their website: [PRYDE website](http://www.pasoschools.org/georgiabrown).

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**PRYDE student activities:**

PRYDE enjoyed an eventful summer full of gardening, cooking, and many wonderful field trips. Our program is excited to have the fun and learning continue as we welcome many new students to our program.

PRYDE staff are working on student and classroom routines, assisting students with getting to know one another and the staff, as well as planning a year full of active lifestyles.

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**PRYDE Program Updates:**

- PRYDE is welcoming a new secretary, Keri Folks. Keri will begin work in early September at the PRYDE office, located within the District Office.
- We are pleased to announce Mr. Abel Campoverde will be our CDA at Brown working with 2nd-5th grade. Kemi Omotepun has become official as a CDA working with our TK-1st grade at Pat Butler PRYDE. Both of these staff members have a high level of energy and love for working with children. Both staff are also currently expanding their education in the Child Development field.
- PRYDE staff will attend trainings on mediation administration, social emotional foundations, curriculum web planning, School Age Environmental Assessments, and specific district safety policies or procedures.
One Cool Earth Corner

Pictured here is the wonderful Georgia Brown school community enjoying their first taste of the garden during back-to-school night! Families were invited to harvest the strawberries, squash, tomatoes, herbs and corn from the school garden. Students also helped to make “zoodles”, a fun spin on pasta made out of long shreds of zucchini, and participated in a taste test to cast their kid approved recipe votes. Here is the kid friendly recipe to this creative use of summer squash for your family to enjoy!

Zucchini Zoodles

**INGREDIENTS:**
- 3 medium size zucchini squash
- 1 ½ Tbsp of olive oil
- 4 leaves basil
- ½ lemon
- Pinch of salt and pepper

**COOKING TOOLS:**
- Vegetable peeler / julienne peeler
- Big bowl
- Small bowl
- Spoon

**STEPS:**

If the squash and zucchini are a little big (maybe they’ve been in your garden too long), peel off the skin and put it in the compost.

Using the peeler, peel long strips of the pale flesh of the zucchini (avoiding the seeds). It will look a little bit like pasta. Put the peeling in the big bowl.

In the small bowl, mix the oil, lemon, salt, and pepper together well so you can see the olive oil and lemon juice aren’t separate any more.

Break the basil into very little pieces (have kids use scissors)!

Toss the “zoodles” with the olive oil-lemon mixture until the pieces are coated.

Add the basil until everything is well mixed.

Serve the “zoodles” on a plate. Yum!

Looking for a fun and meaningful way to engage in your child’s school? Remember to check out One Cool Earth on Facebook to see when they’ll be hosting community garden workdays at your school: [www.facebook.com/onecoolearth](http://www.facebook.com/onecoolearth) or [www.onecoolearth.org](http://www.onecoolearth.org). From planting to painting signs, there is an activity for everyone! Please contact our FoodCorps AmeriCorps Member, Mariah Marten-Ray, at [mariahr@onecoolearth.org](mailto:mariahr@onecoolearth.org) for further opportunities and information.

Take a Stand

Community Movement Project’s first-ever fundraiser benefitting the students of PRJUSD. Proceeds will go towards piloting a stand-up desk program in a few of our classrooms. The dinner will be held on September 24th at Broken Earth Winery. Please visit the website for more info or to purchase tickets: [www.communitymovementproject.com](http://www.communitymovementproject.com).
Back to School Night
Here are some images from our elementary back to school nights last week: