



OSBORN Superintendent's Update

TO: GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS, STAFF & COMMUNITY
FROM: Dr. Michael Robert
DATE: October 7, 2022

Community Forum for Governing Board Candidates

We will learn who will lead our district from within the community on Election Day, November 8, 2022. On Thursday, September 29, Osborn School District held a Community Forum for the candidates to introduce



themselves to the community and discuss the issues that are pressing for them and public schools currently. You can view the evening of discussion [here](#). Board Clerk, **Ed Hermes** moderated the evening with questions being asked by members of the **Osborn Middle School Student Council**. The candidates for the community's consideration are **John Cahal, Juan Flamand** (incumbent and current Governing Board President), **Leanne Greenberg, Violeta Ramos, and Eric Thompson**.

From Pride to LOVE

Osborn has identified Five Core Values that drive our work in the district. They are **Integrity, Equity, Joy, Growth, and Relationships**. We have been recognizing individuals who are shining examples of Living Our Values Everyday in Osborn (LOVE). So the award we previously called Points of Pride is now being renamed as the **Spread LOVE Award**. Each month at the regular meeting of the Governing Board, we will honor 5 individuals, one for each core value, that have been identified for living out the spirit of each of these Core Values in their daily work in the district.

- Integrity:* **Liz Paz**, Psychologist, Longview School
Stefaney Sotomayor, Federal Programs Specialist
- Equity:* **Dr. Lushanya Echeverria**, Changemakers Teacher
Tatiana Torres, Osborn Middle School Social Worker
- Joy:* **Luz Fonseca**, Administrative Assistant for Student Services
Julie German, Encanto School Special Education Educational Assistant
- Growth:* **Cristina Chavez**, Encanto School Kindergarten Dual Language Teacher
Clare Maynard, Longview School 2nd Grade Teacher
- Relationships:* **Carol Hayes**, Osborn Middle School Principal
Brendan Stacey, Digital Communications and Marketing Coordinator



Equity - Lushanya Echeverria & Tatiana Torres
Growth - Cristina Chavez & Clare Maynard
Integrity - Elizabeth Paz & Stefanie Sotomayor
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¡Celebrando el Mes de la Herencia Hispana en Osborn!

Hispanic Heritage Month in the United States began on September 15 and runs for 30 days until October 15. It is a time to celebrate and recognize the contributions, diverse cultures, and histories of the American Latino community. As a school district where 70% of families identify as Hispanic and where Spanish and English dual language programs have thrived for nearly 25 years, celebrating who we are and what we value takes center stage in our classrooms and in our hearts.

Clarendon School dual language classes have been celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month through inviting special guests in to speak to students about their professions. 5th grade dual language had a special guest visit to continue celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Alejandra Clark is a Project Engineer who was born and raised in México. She values her roots and inspires women to be part of STEM careers. 6th grade dual language had a special speaker today in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. He is Maestra Ruiz's brother and a retired prosecutor. Students were able to learn about the profession and ask questions.



Longview School teachers show pride in culture and have been celebrating Hispanic Heritage throughout the month.

Osborn School District has a month-long social media contest where an entry through a "Like" or posting of what Hispanic Heritage Month means to you or your family can get you a limited edition Hispanic Heritage Month magnet. You can get extra entries by posting a picture of you celebrating Hispanic Heritage and a second extra entry by "sharing" the original post. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage through living out our 5 Core Values, seen translated on this limited edition magnet.

- Integridad**
- Equidad**
- Alegría**
- Crecimiento**
- Relaciones Mutuas**

LIMITED EDITION HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH MAGNET GIVEAWAY



Partnerships Bring Amazing Foods to Osborn Students



The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) Team Nutrition Training Grant was utilized to launch Kitchen Creations. This project provides Arizona schools with recipes developed with AZ child nutrition professionals. ADE's **Ashley Schimke** brought acclaimed chefs **Charleen Badman** and **Tamara Stanger** into Osborn kitchens this past week. Chef Badman says, "Grateful this week to be invited to takeover part of @nutriliciousosborn menu this week with @azedschools at Kitchen Creations' Takeover, a project designed to help develop tools that make serving scratch cooked recipes easier for K-12 food service staff." Chef Stanger had the



following to say about working with Osborn Child Nutrition staff, "The past two days were momentous. We served students a white Sonora wheat berry parfait for breakfast and a three sisters casserole for lunch. It was interesting getting feedback from the kids. More interesting was watching the cafeteria staff move through service like the pros they are, with pure joy in their work, and a clean, organized kitchen to show it." So wonderful to see Child Nutrition Director **Cory Alexander's** vision for more scratch cooking in Osborn cafeterias come alive, while staff exhibit our Core Value of JOY while cooking. Enjoy pictures of Chef Badman, Chef Stanger, and Osborn staff and students with nutritious and delicious scratch-cooked meals.



Community Connections and Service Learning

The **Encanto School PTO**, led by school moderator and 1st grade teacher **Brianna Sawyer** has created



partnerships with Hinojos Barber College to support our schools where every student matters and every moment counts. In September Ms. Sawyer coordinated free haircuts for students prior to picture day. Hinojos Barber College brought their barbers in training and provided haircuts as part of their commitment to give back to the community via service learning projects.

The timing of this event could not have been more perfect. Encanto's students were proud of their fresh cuts, while

parents appreciated the free haircuts, just in the nick of time for picture day.



Reality of Solano Skatepark Takes Step Forward

Since before the pandemic, the **City of Phoenix** has been working behind the scenes with community partners to envision a skate park at Solano Park. Early conversations involved **Solano School**, working with City Councilwoman Betty

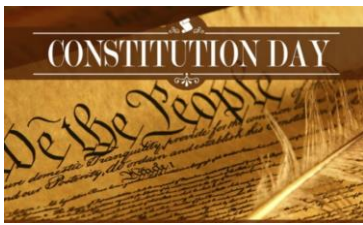
Guardado's office and **Cowtown Skateboards**, dreaming of this potential for the greater Solano community. Cowtown's nonprofit, **Cowtown S.K.A.T.E.** sponsored "Boards for the Barrio," with free skateboards, clinics, and celebration of the groundbreaking of the Solano Skatepark. Several Solano Tigers were present to receive new skateboards.



OSDEF Signature Program KidsRead Returns!

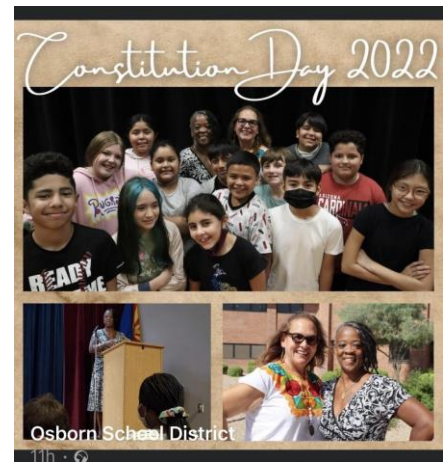
Did you know that Osborn partners with the **Osborn School District Education Foundation (OSDEF)** to promote the love of reading that extends beyond the classroom? The program is called KidsRead. At KidsRead events, all third grade students enjoy a book being read by a guest reader. They also select new books to add to their home library. The emphasis this year is a mix of multicultural and non-fiction texts. Each site, Encanto, Longview, and Solano will host five events throughout the year that are open to families. The guest readers at the first KidsRead events this fall were Master Teacher **Rodi Vehr** (Longview), former Phoenix educator **Irma Payan** from Arizona Barrios Stories (Solano), and former Osborn superintendent **Patty Tate** (Encanto).





Longview Students Recognize Constitution Day

Learning civics involves critical thinking, problem solving, and learning how to advocate for oneself and one's community. On the 235th anniversary of the date of the signing of the U.S. Constitution, September 17, 1787, **Longview School** recognized this momentous event by inviting **Judge Stephanie Moore** to come speak to their upper grades about the Bill of Rights and the protections that it provides. Thank you for volunteering your time to keep our youngest citizens informed, Judge Moore! And super shout-out to Longview's MTSS Specialist, **Dr. Araceli Ceceña** for coordinating this learning event for students and community!



All Sites Kick Off 21st Century Afterschool Clubs



In September, the Osborn School District kicked off the 21st Century program at all school sites for the 2022 - 2023 school year. The program extends academic and enrichment learning opportunities beyond the school day to students who participate. Students' academic data and interests were used to determine the services that are offered. Classes range from Spanish, Math, English Language Arts/Creative Writing, and Pre-Algebra to gardening, STEAM, fitness, chess, and photography. Osborn also partners with local vendors such as Lights Camera Discovery, STIIX, and Gal Patch to offer classes. The offerings are wide ranging. They also include: Anime and graphic novels, Harry Potter reading, robotics, computer applications and coding, basketball, open gym, and fish and wildlife. There is something for everyone. Inquire within the front office at your child's school for more information from the 21st



OSDEF Honors Osborn's Teachers of the Year

Osborn School District Educational Foundation invites you all to **BUT TICKETS NOW** for the Osborn Teachers of the Year celebration on Saturday, October 22. We will honor the 3 educators selected as Osborn's Teachers of the Year:

- Ann Aken** Clarendon Elementary 4th Grade Dual Language Spanish Teacher
- Kayce Kahl** Clarendon Elementary 5th Grade Dual Language English Teacher
- Guillermina Valles** Longview Elementary Kindergarten Teacher



LAST CHANCE to buy your tickets for this amazing celebration. Click the link [HERE](#) for tickets.

Osborn Seeks Continuation of Override

This November, community members within the Osborn School District boundaries will be asked to vote on the Osborn School District Maintenance & Operations Override. This is a continuation override of the current 15% override approved by voters in 2018. Being a continuation override, this means there are NO NEW TAXES if passed. The override will continue to support art, music, PE, library, gifted programming, full day kindergarten, class size reductions, professional learning, English learner supports, and technology staffing. Please review the district override [Fact Sheet](#) for financial and program information.



Did You Know? Osborn 1:1 Initiative Moves to the Home

The effect of our community supported Bond and Override elections have had tremendous impact in classrooms—and now in Osborn student homes. Osborn is a 1:1 district, meaning every student has an allocated laptop in school. iSchool students have devices at homes connecting them to their classrooms. With the federal Emergency Connectivity Fund grant, we are about to start this fall sending laptops home for some grade level starting at the middle school to continue learning at homes and get the laptops back at the end of the school year to be used for next school year. Osborn's Technology Director **Jamal Dana** devised a 5-year Technology Plan, once the community demonstrated the commitment to keeping Osborn schools on the cutting edge of technology. Using Bond/Override money, Osborn schools are able to implement our 5-year technology plan to keep our Curriculum up to date, able to roll out devices to students and teachers, and to keep our infrastructure up-to-date. Mr. Dana's participation in the district Curr-Tech (Curriculum & Technology) committee the Technology Department's goals to the Operations and Child & Student Success domains of the [Osborn School District Strategic Plan 2020-2025](#).

Board Meetings

Tuesday, October 11: OSDEF Meeting; 5:00pm
Thursday, October 13: Special Meeting/Retreat of Osborn Governing Board; 5:30pm
Tuesday, October 18: Regular Meeting of Osborn Governing Board, 5:30pm
Thursday, November 3: Work Study Session of the Osborn Governing Board; 4:30pm

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 8: Election Day—2 Osborn Governing Board seats and M&O Override on the ballot!

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