

# THE SCOOP

Employee Newsletter of Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District



THS students giving. See story on page 2.

""Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."  
- William Arthur Ward

## From the Superintendent

We're all looking forward to the winter break to safely gather with loved ones and to relax. I know that returning to in-person instruction presented its own set of challenges - some expected and others not.

I am so deeply appreciative for your talents, your skills, and your flexibility as we wade further into uncharted waters. We've never had such a disruption to education - and to our lives. Yet we are persisting and learning new ways to meet students where they are at.

I appreciate and value each and every employee. The care and concern you give at work contributes to the best possible experience for our students.

One of my favorite things to do is visit classrooms and I've had the great opportunity to meet many of you. If you'd like me to visit your classroom, or your work site, please call my office and we can get that scheduled.

I wish you peace and love in your holiday celebrations.

*-Dr. Mayra Perez*

## New Shoes Donated for John Reed Students

Principal AnnaMaria Young recognized a need at her school and made a connection with a donor to provide 100 brand new pairs of shoes for her students, just in time for the holiday season.

This is a wonderful gift for our families. We would like to recognize and thank Vulcan Materials for this special donation!



## THS Students Brighten Kindergartners' Day

In this season of giving, our district has so many examples of kindness and generosity. Here's another example:

What began as a way to recycle materials used at the Technology High School (THS) prom resulted in a school service project that had leadership students creating stuffed animals with and reading books to T-K and kindergarten students at John Reed Elementary.

The theme of the THS homecoming dance was "Under the Stars", where clouds were created using polyfill. Students were considering ways to recycle the polyfill, and ultimately decided that using it to stuff plush animals to give to children would not only recycle the materials, but also brighten a child's day.

Students ordered a variety of unfilled stuffed animals and gathered books to read to the kindergartners. Each plush animal came with a heart, and THS students had kindergartners make a wish on the heart as it was placed in the stuffed animal.

The 34 THS students are in the Associated Student Body leadership class. THS Teacher [Hollie Campos](#) said the project supports the school's study of the "8 Principles of Servant Leadership" where they are learning that kindness is proactive.



## Welcome Rochelle!

Rochelle Gregori has joined the Superintendent's Office as the new executive assistant. You may have become acquainted with Rochelle through the lively and positive video messages she posted for Evergreen Elementary during distance learning. While Rochelle, is new to this role, she's not new to CRPUSD, most recently in Human Resources. She also has a wealth of experience from the private sector. Contact Rochelle for help with items for the school board and superintendent, the school board agenda and to schedule the superintendent for visits or meetings.

If you have ideas or photos for the newsletter, please email them to [district\\_news@crpusd.org](mailto:district_news@crpusd.org)

## MTSS Grant Awarded to Promote Student Success

Our Education Services Team applied for and we were awarded an MTSS grant to aid our work in aligning our systems to promote student success. The schools identified for the grant are: Richard Crane, John Reed, Thomas Page Academy, Technology Middle School and Lawrence Jones Middle School

The California Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) is an integrated, comprehensive framework that focuses on CCSS, core instruction, differentiated learning, student-centered learning, individualized student needs, and the alignment of systems necessary for all students' academic, behavioral, and social success.

Here are some details:

**Purpose:** This grant funds stipends and release time for educators to participate in and complete MTSS Pathway Certification for Schools course during the grant phase. Each school site administrator will be provided a coach to assist in the planning and implementation of the CA MTSS Framework and the CA MTSS Pathway Certification for Schools course.

**Alignment to CRPUSD Goals:** MTSS is a research-based approach to providing students with the right level of support at the right time. This is a Whole Child approach to education that includes academics and Social Emotional Learning. The training and coaching provided will enhance our Leadership Team in application of the Cycle of Continuous Improvement.

**Grant Details:** The 5 schools in our application will receive \$50,000 each and the District as the agency will receive \$15,000 for leadership support. Awardees of the grant will engage in the process March 2022 - June 2026.

**Our Commitment:** Schools agree to having at least 90% of their staff complete the MTSS Pathway Certification for Schools course. Estimated course completion time frame: 40-60 hours beginning March 2022 - June 2026. We must also evaluate school conditions and climate, engage in the continuous improvement process to create systemic change needed to improve outcomes for all learners and gather and submit data, including, but not limited to: FIA, Schoolwide Implementation Tool, attendance, discipline, school climate and perception surveys.

We look forward to beginning this important work in the district and in our schools!

## Awesome News!

Willy Linares and the Active 20-30 Club of Rohnert Park are buying clothing and gifts for up to 75 of our students to be distributed this weekend. Principals and their office managers have been submitting names and parents have been completing a google sheet with their childrens' clothing and shoe sizes.



Congratulations to two teachers who had their @DonorsChoose projects funded on GivingTuesday! Details on the projects will be in the next newsletter.



We're promoting Open Enrollment in January and February and you'll see flyers, signs and social media posts promoting your school. Most California school districts are experiencing declining enrollment due to the state's declining birth rate. We're doing our part to encourage our families to attend our excellent local schools.



Our students will have FREE unlimited access to myON digital books and daily news articles from December 1, 2021, through January 31, 2022 thanks to a California Department of Education partnership with Renaissance. We're letting our families know. Learn more by clicking here: [Free Reading](#)



HAPPY NEW YEAR