

# FUSD Today

## YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### Superintendent's Message

Dear Fontana Community,

Students have returned from Spring Break and entered the homestretch toward the end of the school year. For our seniors, that means the hustle and bustle of senior activities before graduation day. For our students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades, that means SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessments) testing throughout spring. It is an exciting time for students and staff alike.

In March, the California Department of Education launched a new website designed to help communities across the state access important information about K-12 districts and schools. Called the California School Dashboard, the site features easy-to-read reports on multiple measures of school success, including test scores, graduation rates, English learner progress and suspension rates. The Dashboard is part of California's new school accountability system based on 2013's Local Control Funding Formula. It is the next step in a series of major shifts in public education that have raised the bar for student learning, transformed testing and placed the focus on equity for all students.

The exciting changes taking place in education will take time to fully implement. While schools are making progress in many key areas there is always more work to do. The Dashboard is part of an ongoing conversation with our community on both how we are doing and how we can do better. Meeting goals will take a united effort, and I look forward to working with our families to ensure success for every student.

I encourage you to visit our website, [www.fusd.net](http://www.fusd.net), for more information about the California School Dashboard and to keep up with district news and events.

Best wishes,

Randal S. Bassett  
Superintendent

### Upcoming Meeting Dates/Locations



#### BOARD OF EDUCATION

John D. Piazza Education Center at 6:30pm  
**May 10, 2017**  
**May 31, 2017—Special \*5pm**  
**June 7, 2017**  
**June 21, 2017**

#### DISTRICT ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COUNCIL (DELAC)

John D. Piazza Education Center at 9:00am  
**May 15, 2017**

#### EARLY EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

John D. Piazza Education Center at 8:00am  
**May 9, 2017**



### HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

@ Citizens Business Bank Arena

**A.B. Miller High School**  
 May 24 at 7:00pm

**Fontana High School**  
 May 23 at 7:00pm

**Jurupa Hills High School**  
 May 24 at 3:00pm

**Kaiser High School**  
 May 23 at 3:00pm

**Summit High School**  
 May 22 at 7:00pm

**Eric Birch High School**  
 May 22 at 2:00pm

**Citrus High School**  
 May 22 at 4:00pm

**Fontana Adult School**  
 May 23 at 12:00noon



### Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremonies

**Ruble Middle School**  
 May 18 at 5:30pm  
 @A.B. Miller High School

**Alder Middle School** May 23 at 8:30am  
**Sequoia Middle School** May 18 at 8:30am

**Almeria Middle School** May 15 at 4:30pm  
**Southridge Middle School** May 16 at 4:00pm

**Fontana Middle School** May 18 at 4:00pm  
 @Fontana High School  
**Truman Middle School** May 19 at 12:30pm



## Changes in Immunization Requirements

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is recommending vaccines that will act as a defense against serious viruses providing support for preteen students' health throughout puberty into their adult years. Namely, there are six (6) vaccines: Tdap, HPV (Human papillomavirus), Meningococcal, Flu, Chickenpox, and Measles.

**Enrollment:** The Tdap vaccine is required for 7<sup>th</sup> grade entry in California; it protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough) which are communicable diseases. In addition, if you filed a personal beliefs exemption (PBEs) at a school or childcare facility prior to January 1, 2016, it will remain valid as follows:

- childcare – until the child first enters transitional kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- entry – transitional kindergarten/childcare through 6<sup>th</sup> grade completion
- entry – grades from 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> will remain valid

Subsequently, we would like to inform you that according to new law (SB277), starting January 1, 2016:

- Parents or guardians of students in any school or childcare facility, public or private, cannot submit a personal beliefs exemption for a current, required vaccine.
- Students will not be required to have immunizations for entry if they attend:
  - \* a home-based private school
  - \* an independent study program and do not receive classroom-based instruction
- Students who have an individualized education program (IEP) will continue to receive all necessary services identified in their IEP regardless of their vaccination status.
- Parents/guardians are still required to make available immunization records to their students' schools, and schools will continue to maintain and report records of immunizations that are received for these students.

For more information about the changes in immunization requirements, please visit Shots for School website at [www.shotsforschool.org](http://www.shotsforschool.org).

## Why Q Parent Connect?



The benefits of Q Parent Connection are that parents/guardians can conveniently access the following information:

- ◆ Update Emergency Contacts
- ◆ Obtain Students Teacher and Class Schedule
- ◆ Communicate with Teacher(s)
- ◆ Review Attendance Records
- ◆ Review Homework and Missing Assignments
- ◆ View Report Cards
- ◆ Review Transcripts
- ◆ View Test History
- ◆ Calendar of Events (School & District)
- ◆ And much more . . . .

If you have not registered, you will need to submit a Parent Connection Access Form to your child's school to receive your Parent Connection PIN number and password; essentially, in order to protect student confidential information in accordance with Federal and State regulations, parents must present a valid ID in person when submitting the form.



**IMPORTANT DEADLINE:** To protect your students' anonymity, we can no longer publicly post their classrooms/schedules; therefore, you are required to establish a Q Parent Connect account. To avoid last minute oversights, we are recommending that your accounts be set up by the last day of school, which is **Wednesday, May 24, 2017**. If you have questions about the process or need assistance setting up an account, please contact your school office.

**DO IT TODAY!**

## SUMMER FOOD SUMMER FUN!



### Summer Food Program

In an effort to make sure that no child goes hungry when school is out of session, Fontana Unified School District participates in the United State Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service Program.

Many low-income children in Fontana receive free lunches through the Fontana Unified School District during the school year but they would regularly be going without lunches in the summer months if not for this program.

Lunches will be served Monday through Friday (except the July 4 holiday) at the following school sites: A.B. Miller, Birch, Citrus, Fontana, Jurupa Hills, Kaiser and Summit High Schools, Beech Avenue, Primrose and Redwood Elementary Schools. Lunches will also be served at Bill Martin Park, Fontana Boys and Girls Club, Fontana Park, Jack Bulik Park, Martin Tudor Park, Miller Park, Seville Park, Southridge Park, and Veteran's Park. Please check our website for the schedule including start and end dates and serving times.

### Summer Learning Opportunities

There are several learning opportunities this summer for your children. Please contact your school principal for specific details.

**Elementary Schools and Middle Schools:** Dates and services will vary by site and may include enrichment and intervention offerings.

**High School Summer Programs:** There are three (3) offerings:

- 1 Targeted Intervention offers instruction to fill in learning gaps and assist students in reaching proficiency in grade level standards;
  - 2 Site-based Special Project Courses offers *Special Project* courses that are designed by school sites for elective credits as pass/fail options only.
  - 3 Special Projects Courses include *Summer Bridge* which supports 9<sup>th</sup> graders as they transition from Middle School to High School;
- District-wide Credit Recovery is designed to support students who previously received a grade of D or F in one of their core academic courses.

## Parent Annual Notification

Hello Fontana Unified Families,  
California Education Code 48980 requires school districts to notify parents of their rights and responsibilities with respect to a number of topics on an annual basis. Parental notification occurs through the Annual Notification.

In addition, Education Code 48982 requires that schools collect assurance from parents that they are aware of how to access the information contained in the Annual Notification. Within the assurance page, parents are given the opportunity to consent to their child participating in district on-line learning programs, student data and photo sharing. The assurance page is to be returned to your student's school site.

Please keep your Annual Notification handy, as it will often answer questions that come up within the school year.

**BACK TO  
SCHOOL**  
**EVERY DAY COUNTS!!!**  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2017**

For more up-to-date information or new events always visit [www.fusd.net](http://www.fusd.net)