



Alternative Education Gateway and Enterprise



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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The SART Survey is a way for Gateway/Enterprise to collect valuable information about our school programs from the parent/guardian perspective. We value your input and hope that you will be willing to take time out of your busy schedule to give us feedback and help with our philosophy of continuous improvement.

Our annual SART Survey will be available at the beginning of March with parents/guardians having an opportunity to take the online survey between March 6-10. If for some reason you do not receive the emailed survey, you can request a paper version by calling 327-1800 or stop by the front office.

YOUTH PARENTING NEWS

Lanette Delk

On Wednesday, February 22, the teen parents attended the 31st Annual Central Valley Teen Parent Conference. Students had the opportunity to attend three breakout sessions of their choice. Topics included labor and delivery, the importance of building healthy relationships, career and college planning, child custody and child support, understanding your rights, the power of play and a special workshop designed especially for teen dads. All participants had the opportunity to attend the health and career fair and speak with various agencies and organizations that specifically cater to teen parents. The day concluded with a catered luncheon and a motivating guest speaker that spoke on her challenges of being a teen parent and the choices she made that led to her success. It was a wonderful day for all students involved.

TRANSITION UPDATE

Greg Connor
Transition Coordinator

Local Student Conferences – Many of our Gateway students had the opportunity to attend the African American and Asian Student Conferences. Students from several different school districts

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Sandy Valdivia

State Testing Update

Once again, we will be utilizing a computer based format for state assessments. Students in the 11th grade will be tested in the areas of English and Math. Gateway has been chosen to participate in a pilot for 12th grade testing in the area of Science.

Graduation, June 5, 2017 – What you need to know!

- Graduation will be on Monday, June 5th at 7:00pm at the Mercedes Edwards Theater on the Clark Intermediate School campus.
- White Card day for seniors will be Wednesday, May 31st. This is the day all work must be completed in order for a senior to participate in graduation ceremonies.
- There are three mandatory rehearsals for all seniors participating in graduation ceremonies. Thursday, June 1 at 8:30am at the Gateway Gym, Friday, June 2 at 10:45am at the Mercedes Edward Theater, and Monday, June 5 at 8:30am at the Mercedes Edward Theater.
- This year, we will be having a mandatory senior breakfast to honor all of our graduates. The breakfast will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building on Friday, June 2 at 8:30am. All parents and guardians are invited to attend. An invitation will be sent home with your student.
- The donation for cap and gown this year is \$40, paid by cash or money order and due on Friday, May 5, 2017. Graduates will be able to keep their cap, tassel, & sash; however, they will need to return their gown at the end of the graduation ceremony.
- Depending on the size of this year's graduating class, tickets may be required to attend the graduation. Graduates will be notified in May if this will be a requirement.

Graduation Information

- Seniors, if you are graduating, don't forget to complete your senior page for Mr. Anderson and bring a baby picture. You'll want to be included in the yearbook!
- Scholarship applications are available from your counselor. All seniors are encouraged to apply. If you would like, you can also submit a resume with your application.

throughout the Fresno/Clovis area came together to celebrate their culture and learn about opportunities and resources available throughout the community. Several of the conference activities included keynote guest speakers and breakout sessions which provided topics ranging from college budgeting to personal financial services. Students were also entertained by a number of different cultural performances put on by their classmates and representatives of the conferences. Overall, it was a great day and a positive learning experience.

Coming up on March 31st is the 4th Annual Latino Success Conference at Fresno State.

Men's & Women's Alliance – Starting in the month of March, students will once again have the opportunity to participate in this special lunchtime activity. Students who participate in our alliance programs are exposed to a variety of activities in which they develop personal, social, and career awareness. Students also work on becoming leaders in their community and positive role models throughout our school.

NURSES CORNER

Maggie Pendleton

Depression in Children and Teens

Depression is a serious problem that affects every aspect of a young person's life. Untreated, teen depression can lead to problems at home and school, self-hate, substance abuse - even homicidal violence or suicide.

Depression is a condition that can take the joy from a child's life. It is normal for a child to be moody or sad sometimes. These feelings may occur after an important loss or change. But if these feelings last for weeks or months, they may indicate depression. 3 in 100 young children and 9 in 100 teenagers have serious depression. About 30 percent actually get the treatment they need.

A child may be depressed if he or she:

- Is grumpy, sad or bored most of the time.
- Does not take pleasure in things he or she used to enjoy.

A child or teenager who is depressed may also:

- Complain about unexplained aches and pains
- Lose or gain weight.
- Sleep too much or too little.
- Feel hopeless, worthless or guilty; extreme sensitivity to criticism.
- Have trouble concentrating, thinking or making decisions.
- Think about death or suicide a lot.

- If you are graduating and are interested in being a student speaker at graduation, plan on attending a meeting on Tuesday, April 4th at lunch in the library.

If you have any questions regarding the Gateway/Enterprise Graduation Ceremony, please contact our office at (559) 327-1800.

Community College

It is not too late for seniors to apply for community college for next year. Go to the website of the school you would like to attend and complete your application. If seniors have already applied, they will need to also complete the following in order to be able to register for classes: activate their SCCC email, complete the online orientation for the school they will be attending, take the placement test, and participate in advisement. Talk to your student's counselor if you need assistance. Don't delay, your career is waiting for you!



Alternative Education 25th Annual Health Fair

Date: Thursday May 11, 2017
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Gateway High School, Gym
 1550 Herndon Ave., Clovis, CA
 (559) 327-1800

The students and staff of Alternative Education invite you and your family to a **FREE Community Awareness/Health Fair!**

Over **30** agencies will share information answer questions and give information about **health insurance/services, youth employment, career opportunities, higher education, drug/alcohol treatment, mental health resources, nutrition, family support services, and more!**

Also featured:

- **Silent Auction**
- **Food booths**
- **Giveaways**
- **Multi-cultural Talent Show and Entertainment**
- **Lip Sync Battle**
- **Free blood pressure and Body Mass Index measurements**

Extra credit hours available for Alternative Education students who participate and bring a parent!

Extra credit available in English and PE.

Call 327-1877 or 327-1800 for more information

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE IN CUSD DRESS CODE

Depression can range from mild to severe. A child who feels “down” most of the time may have a mild form of depression called *dysthymia*. In its most severe form, depression can cause a child to lose hope and want to die. Regardless of its severity, there is help.

Depression is not well understood. It is linked to an imbalance of brain chemicals that affect mood. Stressful events and family history may also contribute to chemical imbalances that result in depression.

If you think that a young person is suffering from depression, **TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY:**

1. **TALK TO YOUR CHILD.** In a loving and non-judgmental way, share your concerns. Let him/her know what signs you have noticed that worry you. Encourage your child to open up.
2. **VISIT YOUR FAMILY DOCTOR.** Make an appointment with your family doctor to rule out any medical reason for depression or conditions that may be mistaken for depression.
3. **IDENTIFY RESOURCES.** Enlist the help of health care providers to locate a trained mental health professional, experienced in treating young people.
4. **EXPLORE TREATMENT OPTIONS.** Individual or group therapy, combined with medication, offer hope and help. Medications, like anti-depressants must be closely monitored by a medical professional because they may increase suicidal thinking. Family support services, education and behavioral management may also be beneficial.

Simple things to do at home with your child to start feeling better:

- Encourage regular exercise, eating healthy and getting enough sleep.
- Take prescribed medication as ordered.
- Make time to talk and listen to your child. Express your love and support.
- Remind your child that things will get better.

For more information and a list of resources, contact Nurse Maggie Pendleton at 327-1877.



Gateway/Enterprise Interact Club **Pay It Forward**

The Clovis Rotary’s 26th Annual Crab Feed was held on February 25, 2017, at Clovis Veterans Memorial Hall. There were approximately 800 people and 45 servers from Clovis Unified School District’s Interact Clubs, including Gateway and Enterprise High Schools. People came to eat crab and support the Clovis Rotary Club. The Rotarians raise money to help the community. They support our school by offering four \$500.00 scholarships to our graduating seniors.

While at this event, our students helped serve salad, rigatoni, bread, and a lot of crab. As the students were serving, the live auction began. The Clovis Rotarians auctioned off everything from dinners, paintings, weekend vacations, and much more. At the end of the night, our biggest reward was eating some really excellent food and helping out a great organization, the Clovis Rotary.

The Interact Club supports many outside community events. They are involved with Disability Day at the Big Fresno Fair, Holiday Coat and Food Drives, Special Olympics, Kids Day, and other outside community events that are offered locally. Our goal is to teach our students to give back to their community. “We pay it forward” as one of our students commented. “Helping others makes us feel good.”

Anyone interested in becoming an Interact Member, contact Keith Williams in Room 34 or Denise Sandifer at Healthy Start.

2016-2017 State Testing – 11th Grade

05/01/17 – English Testing
05/02/17 – English Testing
05/03/17 – English Testing
05/04/17 & 05/05/17 – English Make-Up Testing

05/08/17 - Math Testing
05/09/17 – Math Testing
05/10/17 – Math Testing
05/11/17 & 05/12/17 – Math Make-Up Testing

It is expected that all students in the above grade level will participate in the state testing program. However, in accordance with California Code (CCR Title 5 Sec 852b), a parent or guardian may request that his or her child not participate in the test. Please contact the principal of your child’s school if you desire further information about these state tests.

Calendar of Events

March 8	SSC/Title 1 Meeting @ Lunch – LMC
March 8	CUSD Governing Board Meeting – PDB – 6:30pm
March 9	Academic Achievement Treats – 3 rd Period
March 9	PASA @ Lunch – Rm. 9
March 10	Chess Tournament – 5 th & 6 th periods @ CCDS
March 15	Auberry/McKenzie Preserve or Finegold Creek Field Trip – 8:00am-2:00pm
March 15	Students of Promise – 6:00pm – Clovis Veteran’s Memorial Building
March 16	Zoo Trip for Academic Achievement Students – 9:00am-12:00pm
March 16	FCA @ Lunch – Rm. 37
March 17	Basketball Tournament – 9:30am
March 20	Special PASA Meeting @ Lunch – Rm. 9
March 22	Healthy Start Collab Luncheon – 11:45am – PDB
March 22	CUSD Governing Board Meeting – PDB – 6:30pm
March 23	Thursday School – 1:30-5:30pm – Rm. 35
March 27	District LCAP Parent Advisory Committee Meeting – 5:00-7:30pm – Veteran’s Mem. Bldg.
March 30	FCA @ Lunch – Rm. 37
March 31	Latino Success Conference @ Fresno State – 9:00am-2:00pm
April 4	Graduation Speakers Info Meeting @ Lunch – LMC
April 5	CUSD Governing Board Meeting – 6:30pm – PDB
April 6	Thursday School – 1:30-5:30pm – Rm. 35
April 10-17	Spring Break
April 18	Students return to school from Spring Break
April 20	PASA @ Lunch – Rm. 9
April 20	Thursday School – 1:30-5:30pm – Rm. 35
April 21	Grading Period Ends
April 21	Senior Scholarship Applications Due to Office
April 26	Millerton Dam/San Joaquin River Gorge Field Trip – 8:00am-2:00pm
April 26	CUSD Governing Board Meeting – 6:30pm – PDB
April 27	FCA @ Lunch – Rm. 37
April 27	Thursday School – 1:30-5:30pm – Rm. 35
April 28	Senior Yearbook Profile page due to Mr. Anderson – Rm. 35

It is advised that students bring a binder/notebook, paper, and pencils to school every day. Be prepared to take notes and write all assignments listed on the board.

Students, this is a closed campus!! No one will be allowed to leave campus for any reason, unless a parent or guardian signs you out through the front office. This rule includes students who ride the bus, both before and after school. Students who leave campus will not be allowed to ride the bus home.

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<http://gateway.cusd.com/news/>