

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Holly McClurg, Ph.D.



A WORD FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear DMUSD Families,

This spring will bring closure to a remarkable school year, a year that can be easily characterized as a tale of two worlds. While the world around us was akin to a rollercoaster, our DMUSD schools have been a place of calm and stability where our students got “back to normal” with learning and socializing.

At the heart of every accomplishment of this current school year are the people of this outstanding school district. That includes every adult who is involved with making our schools and our entire district shine in some of the most challenging of times. And, most importantly, it is every child who shows us the importance of childhood and how much each needs and deserves a quality education and a safe place in which to learn.

Through it all – pandemic and other events – we have remained steadfast in our commitment to radically transforming the school experience. Some education highlights of this remarkable year: 1) classrooms of intellectual stimulation where learning is measured by the development of students who think, plan, create, question (not simply by a score on a test); 2) quality professional learning and talented teachers who understand the complexity of conceptually based student learning in the disciplines of reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, science, the arts, etc.; and 3) improved environments that promote increased agency, engagement, and interaction for students’ varying learning needs throughout the day.

In the more than three decades I’ve spent in education, I have never been more sure of the importance of education in the life of a child and the value of an exceptional public school experience for every student. The past two years have been the most challenging and have confirmed the need to do what is right for children; they deserve nothing less. Thank you for being partners in this all-important work for our students.

Sincerely,

Holly McClurg

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Superintendent



Congratulations to our newest National Blue Ribbon School, Carmel Del Mar!

SUMMER CAMP: SIGN UP NOW!

DMUSD Summer Camp registration is open! Take a look at our summer schedule of fun on our website! Time flies for our students as they enjoy a variety of activities throughout the day and a weekly field trip. Each week is themed and promises to keep kids coming back for more! Parents won't hear "I'm bored" all summer long! This year's camp is being held at Torrey Hills School and is open to students entering first through seventh grade. Sign up at dmusd.org.

CELEBRATING OUR NURSES AND HEALTH TECHNICIANS!

We are excited to recognize our incredible DMUSD health teams for the critical role that they played in keeping our students healthy and our schools open during the pandemic. Our health technicians, led by our skilled school nurses, worked tirelessly to support our students, staff, and families by monitoring illnesses, conducting contact tracing, and guiding families and staff through isolation and quarantine requirements. We are proud to honor the dedication of this amazing team by naming our health technicians as the DMUSD Classified Employees of the Year. We appreciate this skilled team and know that we could not have navigated the pandemic without them.



DMUSD Health Technicians



DMUSD Nurses

STEAM+ INVITATIONAL: CHARTING NEXT STEPS

On March 22, 2022, parents and staff came together to learn about DMUSD's incredible STEAM+ program and provide thoughts and ideas about the program's next steps of excellence. During the event, participants heard from specialists in Science, Art, Music, Physical Education, and Integration. The exciting work taking place in each of these programs was highlighted through photographs, video, and conversation. Participants in attendance confirmed the high value placed on STEAM+ in our district and had the opportunity to ask questions and share ideas regarding program next steps. Our Del Mar Schools Education Foundation (DMSEF) Board Members and district staff were on hand to listen and engage in this important discussion. STEAM+ learning is core to creating the extraordinary school experience!

SPANISH LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM

We are thrilled to be heading into our third year of offering an immersive Spanish language school experience for our students in kindergarten, first, and second grade. As this program expands each year, students will have completed seven years of Spanish immersion by the time they finish sixth grade. This outstanding program is offered at Ashley Falls School and Del Mar Hills Academy. Our talented immersion teachers provide an educational experience rich with culture and coupled with language instruction that sets students on a path to biliteracy.

More information can be found at dmusd.org.



Del Mar Heights Groundbreaking



STEAM+ Invitational



New Playgrounds



Pacific Sky School Construction

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DEL MAR HEIGHTS SCHOOL GROUNDBREAKING

The Del Mar Heights School held its long awaited Groundbreaking on March 15, 2022, and work is moving forward on the site! All buildings have been demolished and removed, and the team is working to grade the site and fix the failing outfalls at the edge of the campus that are causing erosion into the Torrey Pines Reserve Extension. Work on the foundations and buildings will begin soon. This rebuild project is expected to be completed in May of 2023.

DISTRICTWIDE PROJECTS

This summer, playgrounds will be installed at Ashley Falls School and Carmel Del Mar School, and classrooms will be modernized at all sites across the district.

PACIFIC SKY SCHOOL OPENING

Construction is ongoing at Pacific Sky School. Building structures are complete, and interiors are coming together. The site is anticipated to open on August 15, 2022, and the new central kitchen will be finished by January of 2023. We look forward to inviting members of the community to an open house to view the Pacific Sky campus before school opens in August.

DEL MAR HILLS ACADEMY MODERNIZATION

Planning for the Del Mar Hills Academy Modernization continues to progress. The design team is working through the schematic design phase while also conducting required geotechnical investigation and survey work. Next steps include selecting a builder who will join the team and help with plans for construction timing and phasing.

VISION

The unrelenting pursuit of the extraordinary school experience.

MISSION

To ignite genius and empower students to advance the world.

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