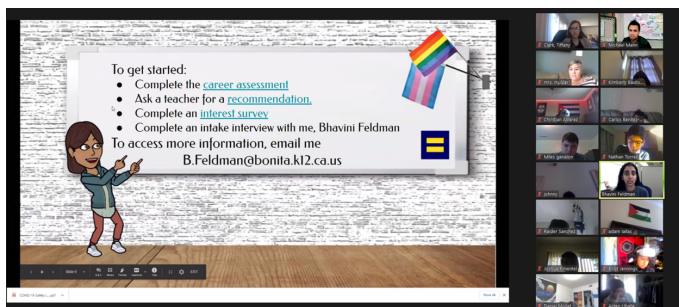




## SHOUT OUT EDITION

A compellation of stories, celebrations, and brag-worthy happenings from around our district that will make you smile and warm your hearts. They have certainly warmed ours.

### BONITA HIGH SCHOOL



"Just wanted to give a shout out to Bhavini Feldman. [She] presented to my students today and did an excellent job."

- Michael Mann, Education Specialist

### SAN DIMAS HIGH SCHOOL

Julie Stevens, Education Specialist, wanted to share some happenings at San Dimas High School:

"I wanted to share some highlights of our general education students at SDHS reaching out to interact with our students in the FAST and ASD/I classes.

We also have a Leadership/Renaissance class here at SDHS taught by Diane Chiappone. A group of students from her class wanted to provide social and learning opportunities for our students. First, they launched a monster drawing contest. Frank [Sapienza] and I sent flyers home with our students and talked about the event/contest (everyone wins) in class.

Also, on Oct. 28th, the Leadership students will be providing a science lesson with our students using pumpkins during 6th period. Frank [Sapienza] and I will be given the supplies, including pumpkins, to send home in our students learning boxes and the students will take over the teaching!

We also had a great response to Best Buddies during our virtual club rush. Our first informational meeting with just the gen. ed. students is today at lunch and our first whole group meeting is Thurs. Oct. 22nd at lunch. Our Best Buddies officers have amazing online activities planned and our kids are so excited!"

### ALLEN ELEMENTARY

"My shout out goes to Angela Cox at Allen Ave. She goes above and beyond providing/coordinating intervention supports for struggling students and gets excited seeing their growth as she progress monitors them. I absolutely love hearing success stories from her and her student's success is largely due to the positivism, enthusiasm and motivation she gives her students."

-Rubbie Carriedo, School Psychologist

### SPECIALIZED SERVICES

"Shout out to our Specialized Services Office Staff! They have done an amazing job of seamlessly managing all of the calls and office duties, but especially supporting one another, while we had 4 major job changes in the department. Thank you Frank, Jody, Chelsey, Diane, and Christine!"

-Sherry Brandt, Program Specialist, Secondary Programs

### BONITA UNIFIED

"I just wanted to take the time to give a shout out to the entire BUSD team, and in particular my school sites, SPED department and the Psychologist/Mental Health Counselors. I have been really humbled by the humanity, care, and empathy that has been shown. As a new employee to BUSD I have also seen the incredible collaboration, flexibility and creativity during a very tough time to be an educator. The team oriented and collaborative approach from very capable professionals has been inspiring."

-Chris Holloway, School Psychologist



## GLADSTONE ELEMENTARY

- Shout out to Irma Guerrero! Irma started with our district this school year and despite all of the challenges, she is doing awesome work! She collaborates well with parents and staff, is creative with solving problems, and is willing to take on difficult situations with patience and grace. Way to go, Irma!
- Shout out to Araceli Gamboa! Araceli is being flexible, proactive and collaborative with her peers to best meet student needs during distance learning. She is doing a great job supporting students and they love going to her llama-filled fun sessions!
- Shout out to Itali Andrade! This is quite an interesting year to be a school psych intern, but Itali is stepping up and not letting anything stop her from getting the most out of her internship. She takes initiative, communicates and takes feedback well, and is doing a fantastic job building rapport with students! So proud of you, Itali!

*-Angela Davis, School Psychologist*

## GRACE MILLER ELEMENTARY

"As I planned how to do distance learning with my preschoolers, it was important to me to provide as many learning activities as possible, but I was concerned about asking the kids to stay in front of a screen for long periods of time. So I planned for both live instruction and videos of lessons that I would post on canvas. I asked my aides to help with this, and so they are both creating a video weekly. I also do videos weekly. My aides were somewhat nervous at first, but they have gotten into it and are doing a great job. At parent teacher conferences last week, a number of my parents shared that they really enjoy doing the videos with their child. For working parents, or parents who are juggling multiple kids online at the same time, having a video lesson that they can do with their child on their own time table really works well. One parent told me that they watch the videos twice, once to prime their child about the activity and then the second time they do the activity with their child. One parent shared that their daughter tries to talk to us during the videos, not realizing they aren't live. Time to introduce new vocabulary—synchronous vs. asynchronous!"

*- Renee Gregory, Education Specialist*

## PRESCHOOL ASSESSMENT TEAM

"I wanted to give a shout out to the preschool assessment team. Not only have you had a TON of assessments to push through this year, but you have had to adjust to doing these assessments virtually. You consistently provide a professional, personal, and compassionate approach for these families-no matter the workload. Additionally, you provide such a wonderful example to our families that are new to the IEP process and you give such a warm welcome to students and families that enter your programs. Thank you Liberty Grammer, Renee Gregory, Tony Garza, Emilee Duenas, and Melissa Vercautren! You guys are rock stars and do a fantastic job at getting our students the early intervention that they need."

*-Taylor Smith, Program Specialist, Elementary Programs*