



### Superintendent's Message



Dear Bonita Unified Community,

During the home stretch of the 2022-23 school year, our campuses were abuzz with

year-end activities, both exciting and studious, that demonstrated the culmination of the learning process.

Every exam, project, performance and exhibit showcased our students' growth and achievement throughout the school year, providing a glimpse of their future potential.

I want to commend not only our hardworking students on all of their accomplishments, but also the teachers, staff and families who guide them through challenging times and encourage them to achieve their very best. Your collective efforts have made this school year an incredible success, and I thank you all for your continued support of Bonita Unified School District.

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 and all of our exceptional students as they prepare to embark on new journeys!

Sincerely,  
**Matt Wien**  
Superintendent

### District News

#### Bonita Unified Celebrates Employees of the Year

Bonita Unified School District recognized the positive impact that educators and school employees can have on students' lives – whether in just a few years or during a career that spans decades – as it honored the District's 2022-23 Classified, Certificated and Management Employees of the Year during the Board of Education meeting on April 12.



The 2022-23 District Employees of the Year are:

**Cathy Schofield**, Chaparral-Vista High School  
Classified Employee of the Year

**Leslie Sandoval**, Grace Miller Elementary School  
Management Employee of the Year

**Kerri Cooper**, Lone Hill Middle School  
Certificated Employee of the Year

The District honorees were recognized along with each school site's Employees of the Year, as well as retiring employees, during a celebratory banquet at Mountain Meadows Golf Course on April 25.

#### BUSD Appoints New Assistant Superintendent

Anne Neal was unanimously appointed to serve as the District's new Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services during the April 12 Board of Education meeting. Neal, who has worked in Bonita Unified for 17 years, was promoted into her new role after serving as the Director of Secondary Curriculum.

"I move into this new position hoping to continue the trajectory of excellence and to continue to further the District goals of equity, mastery and a focus on results," Neal said in a speech during the Board meeting. "Thank you again for this opportunity."



# EXCELLENCE in the FOUR As

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## San Dimas High SportsMed Team Advances to Nationals

San Dimas High School's sports medicine competition team placed sixth in the state and ninth overall in the small schools division of the American Academic Competition Institute (AACI) Sports Medicine Competition this spring – a strong performance that advanced them to the AACI National Sports Medicine Competition, held May 18.

The competition tests students' knowledge and practical skill in anatomy and physiology, CPR/AED, first aid, orthopedic assessment and general medical conditions through an extensive written exam and a practical exam.



## ACADEMICS



## Grace Miller Elementary Students Explore Wonders of Space at JPL

Grace Miller Elementary fifth-graders received a glimpse inside NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and a look at the Mars rover – an opportunity extended to only a select few schools this year – during a field trip on April 19 as part of the Curriculum Integration Tour Program (CITP).

CITP uses Next Generation Science Standards-compliant lessons, labs and other experiences in both elementary school classrooms and onsite learning experiences at JPL. The program featured three parts: a pre-visit Zoom call, an in-person tour of JPL facilities and a post-visit on the Grace Miller campus.

Students engaged in a hands-on engineering activity within the storied halls of JPL, learned about the scale of the solar system and space exploration, and experienced the maneuverability of an eight-wheeled rover as it safely and gently traveled across their backs.

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## ATHLETICS

### Student-Athletes Honored as Palomares 5 and Valle Vista 5

Student-athletes from Bonita and San Dimas high schools were celebrated for their excellence in and out of the classroom, earning recognition as the Palomares 5 and Valle Vista 5, respectively. The accolades are awarded to seniors from each school in the Palomares and Valle Vista athletic leagues who demonstrate excellence in academics, leadership, citizenship and athletics.

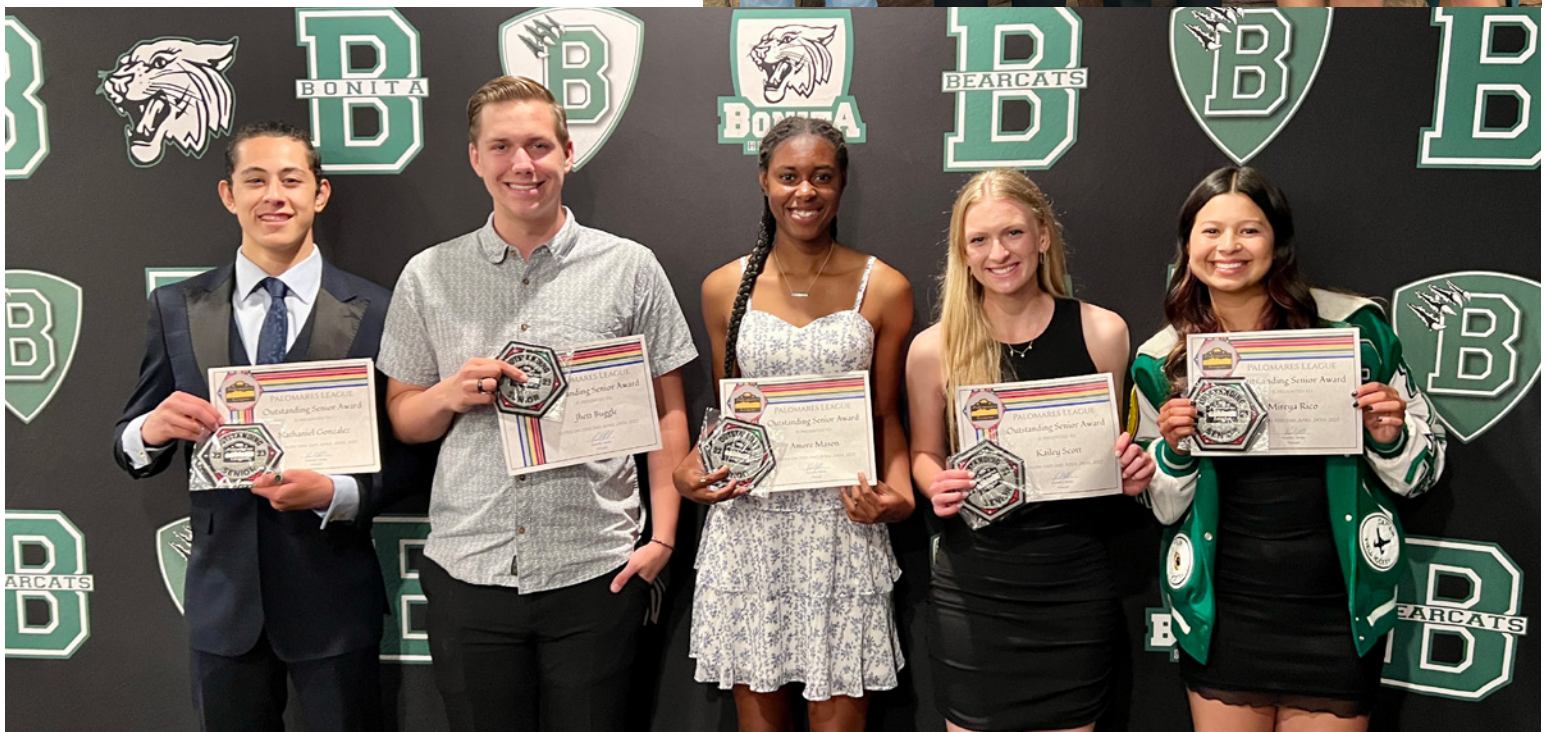


#### SDHS Valle Vista 5

- Allison McGill
- Troy Mejia
- Aaron Park
- Ryenne Zerbel
- Hailey Ornelas

#### BHS Palomares 5

- Nathaniel Gonzalez
- Jhett Buggle
- Amore Mason
- Kailey Scott
- Mireya Rico



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## ARTS



### Ramona and BHS Bands Host 'Jazz Under The Stars'

The Bonita High School and Ramona Middle School jazz bands partnered with the La Verne Band Boosters to host a night of swingin' tunes during the annual Jazz Under the Stars concert on May 5.

The event featured face-painting, a gift bag raffle, a snack bar and grill, tasty riffs and soaring solos that thrilled the La Verne community.

### San Dimas High School's SD ROCKS Brings '70s Music, Fashion to Life

More than 200 students and teachers wowed a packed house at the Bonita Center of the Arts during the annual SD ROCKS music festival on May 20, bringing the music and fashion of the '70s to life with a combination of authenticity and youthful vigor.

SD ROCKS began in 2009 as a faculty rock concert and has since expanded into an all-day music festival, with two separate shows in the afternoon and evening featuring performances by the San Dimas band and choir, San Dimas jazz band, San Dimas Drama Club singers, three student bands, and two parent-teacher bands.

This year's theme, "Awesome Mix," was inspired by the film "Guardians of the Galaxy," with SD ROCKS performers dressing up in '70s outfits and hair styles, and playing rock, pop, disco and funk hits from the era.



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## Gladstone Elementary School's "Unique Week" Celebrates Inclusivity

Gladstone Elementary School recognized Autism Acceptance Month with a "Unique Week" from April 17 to 21, during which students were encouraged to embrace their individuality and celebrate their differences. Throughout the week, students and staff engaged in a series of dress-up days, campus activities and learning opportunities. PTA also held a "Be You" Family Night on April 19, which included a petting zoo, a therapy dog visit, information sessions, snacks, activities and more.



## BUSD Students Excel at LA County Math Field Day

Students from Oak Mesa and Shull elementary schools and Lone Hill and Ramona middle schools showcased their mathematic skill – and came home with shiny hardware – during the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Math Field Day, held April 29.

LACOE's annual Math Field Day, open to students in upper elementary grades and middle school, challenges students to demonstrate their knowledge in computational and procedural skill, conceptual understanding and problem-solving.

In problem-solving, students from Oak Mesa Elementary, Shull Elementary and Lone Hill Middle School all earned bronze medals, and Ramona Middle School students earned gold. Oak Mesa, Shull and Lone Hill students all earned gold medals in the conceptual understanding category.