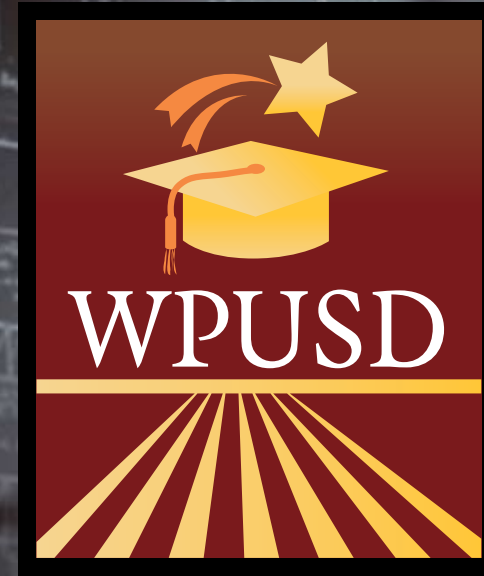


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Spotlight School (cont.)

Glen Edwards' educational environment is built around the professional learning community's concept of teams. Teachers working collaboratively together in content area and grade level teams to determine their essential standards, formulating common assessments, reviewing the data and developing intervention strategies for struggling students or enrichment activities for advancing students. It is our intention to challenge students academically while providing them with the appropriate support, and to be available for families with concerns as well as offer opportunities for parent involvement in developing a culture of community and partnership in their students' education.



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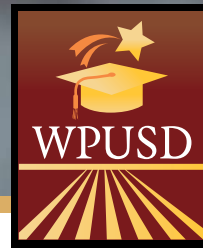
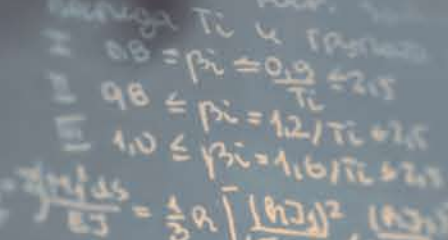
Improving Our Schools

A facilities needs committee made up of parents, teachers, principals and staff is wrapping up a year long process to evaluate the classroom improvements needed at each school. This Facilities Needs Committee has considered classroom improvements, safety upgrades, technology enhancements, and educational program needs as well as a prioritization of needs and potential funding sources as part of this evaluation.

Committee members were tasked with not only providing individual input at monthly meetings, but also obtaining feedback from their school community on a variety of topics. The generous time commitment from each committee member is greatly appreciated and will ensure that the District's Facilities Master Plan reflects the true interests of our community.

This month, the FNC reported its findings and recommendations to the School District's governing Board. These findings show a need for significant improvements to Lincoln High School, Glen Edwards Middle School and the older elementary schools. Additionally, the recommendations indicate an interest in investing in technology to enhance the classroom learning environment at all schools.





Ready for the Challenge

Preparing cost saving strategies for the year ahead

School districts throughout the state of California are facing perhaps the most difficult financial crisis ever seen. While we do not know the extent to which the budget cuts will impact our District, we do know we will share in severe revenue declines over the next two to three years. Western Placer Unified School District (WPUSD) is preparing for budget cuts between \$6 million and \$7 million over the next two years. We are fortunate to have reserves that will help cushion the cuts made in the coming months.

Earlier this year Superintendent Scott Leaman reconvened a Budget Committee charged with the mountainous task of not only collecting and reviewing cost saving strategies, but also prioritizing and recommending those strategies that most closely align with District interests, goals, and objectives.

The overall goal was to keep reductions to the budget as far away from the students and classrooms as possible. "Our District will be making tough choices on the reduced budget handed down to us from the State," said Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Joyce Lopes; "but we've been able to retain school site programs far better than some surrounding districts in recent years."

Curricular programs and reduced class sizes have remained a top priority for the District. Comparatively, WPUSD has kept administrative costs low by keeping growth in this area to a minimum while the District has experienced enormous enrollment growth - a step that keeps the funding closer to the classrooms.

While the coming months will not be easy or without debate, WPUSD is ready to take on the challenge of spending within the state imposed budget shortfall and keep our students' needs as the primary focus. There are hard decisions to make and Lincoln's only school district is ready to meet them head on.



District Earns Another Distinguished School Award

Foskett Ranch Elementary School has earned the coveted California Distinguished School designation for 2010. Once again, academic excellence in Western Placer Unified School District was recognized with this announcement from the California Department of Education.

"We are very proud of the outstanding work of our district's teachers, support staff, administrators, parents and students. We are delighted to have another school earn the distinguished label in our district," said District Superintendent Scott Leaman.

The California School Recognition Program honors the state's most exemplary and inspiring public schools with the California Distinguished School Award which is highly sought after by schools in all areas of the state.



Spotlight School

GLEN EDWARDS MIDDLE

Glen Edwards Middle School is one of two middle schools within the Western Placer Unified School District boundaries, serving grades sixth through eighth. GEMS is a culturally diverse, Title I school grounded in the rich history of Lincoln and proud of its heritage and diversity. Currently our enrollment is 635 students, consisting of: 2% Asian, 2% African-American, 35% Hispanic, 59% Caucasian and 2% other ethnic heritage.

Student Learning is the number one priority at Glen Edwards and our staff is dedicated to the shared mission of: creating a respectful, success-oriented, cooperative community that challenges all students to develop a curiosity for learning and to pursue academic excellence. Our 2009 California State Standards Testing results indicate that our students are on the right track and continue to improve academically. Our overall API score of 800 marks an all-time high as well as meeting all our AYP federal targets for NCLB, and provides positive feedback and encouraging support for our programs.



Zebras Come Home

Alumni return home to teach at Lincoln High School and the School pride of these graduates is evident in this photograph. All these folks, and more, graduated from LHS, completed the requirements for a teaching credential and returned to their home to give back to the community.

Teachers Pictured

Cassandra Walker - Lincoln High School, Mark Fowler - Lincoln High School Farm, Cecilia Ruiz - Carlin C. Coppin, Mary MacQueen - Lincoln High School, Heather Pierce - Lincoln High School, Noemi Vargas - First Street School, Carol Anderson - Foskett Ranch, Barbara Springborn - Foskett Ranch, Krystal Arnold - Twelve Bridges Middle, Ray Gonzales - Twelve Bridges Elementary



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