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West Fresno Elementary is proud that its students have been saving lives for the past two years. In 2017, school staff enrolled WFES students in a program called UNICEF Kid Power. According to www.unicefkidpower.org, the program is designed to promote healthy physical activity in kids in order to provide food to malnourished children throughout the world.

Participating students are given a blue Kid Power Band that tracks the number of steps that they take in a day. The bands help encourage kids to live a healthy and active lifestyle by counting the number of steps they take when

they walk, run, jump, or play! For every 2400 steps, UNICEF will donate one food packet to a hungry child. "Giving our students an opportunity to give food to children in need is an important part of teaching them to be a global citizen," stated WFES teacher, Hanna Castle.

WFES students received their Kid Power Bands on March 1st and will track steps until the end of May. Students hope to earn hundreds of meals for hungry kids. At the end of the year, students get to keep their Kid Power Bands, so that they can continue an active lifestyle and save lives within their own families.

Superintendent Campbell Leaves Behind “Students First” Legacy



After 28 years of serving the students, staff, and families of Washington Unified, Superintendent Joey Campbell announced his retirement earlier this year. The announcement caused many to reflect on the positive impact Campbell has had on the students and staff of Washington Unified.

Campbell is best known for his “students first” approach to leadership. Whether making decisions or interacting with students, Campbell is always thinking about ways that he can improve the lives of students. “Mr. Campbell has positively influenced myself and many others with his genuine approach to serving students,” states Assistant Superintendent and Campbell’s successor, Randy Morris. “Joey Campbell is a kind and compassionate leader who will be dearly missed.”

Campbell has a long history with the

schools of Washington Unified, having lived in the Easton community throughout his life. Campbell attended Pacific Union Elementary School and graduated from WUHS in 1974 before going on to earn a Bachelors of Science degree in Industrial Technology from California State University Fresno in 1978. After working in the private sector from 1978 through 1989, he joined the teaching staff at Washington Union High School serving as a Woodshop and Art teacher.

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“One of the things I appreciate more is that he jumps in and helps with any project taking place. Nothing is ever beneath him. I remember him teaching in the classroom and the students truly enjoyed his classes; I think, in part, because he enjoyed them and what he was doing,” remembers Administrative Services Director, Cathy Green.

Campbell later took on the role of State and Federal Projects Administrator and Technology Coordinator for WUHS, before advancing to a vice principalship. In 2002, he was chosen to serve as the WUHS Principal. During his tenure, he would lead the school towards ten years of sustained API growth, resulting in WUHS being the only high school in

Fresno County to exit State Program Improvement status in 2009. Campbell was later named an Assistant Superintendent of the Washington Unified School District, where he successfully led the district in establishing it’s current solar projects and its Measure “W” campaign before being named the district’s Superintendent in 2016. Curriculum Director, Dr. Annie Sharp, has worked for Superintendent Campbell for 16 years. “Joey always puts the needs of students ahead of the desires of adults,” stated Sharp, “He has transformed this district with his leadership and the structures he has put in place have given many students hope for a successful college or career experience.”

Throughout his years of service, Campbell remained committed to improving student achievement through building positive relationships with students, staff, and the community. “Joey Campbell has always been an inspirational leader. He has taught me to lead by example, always putting students first,” stated Human Resources Director, Sophia Rizzo. He has remained passionate about connecting students and staff to a meaningful purpose “beyond simply doing,” in order to help them reach their personal goals and dreams.

Washington Unified wishes Superintendent Campbell well as he takes on his next adventure in retirement.

Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events

- May 28th- Memorial Day- No School!**
- May 30th- WACP Grand Showcase**
- May 31st- Band, End of Year Concert**
- June 4th- Easton/ELM High School Graduation**
- June 5th- West Fresno Middle School Promotion**
- June 7th- American Union Elementary School Promotion**
- June 8th- Last Day of School- Minimum Day**
- June 8th- Washington Union High School Graduation**

AU and WFES Achieve Gold Level Recognition for PBIS Programs



Level recognition for their Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) programs. PBIS is a nationally recognized program that aims to help schools improve efficiency and equity when it comes to promoting positive behavior.

Application for recognition by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools. Applications must contain data proving the school's progress towards reducing problem behaviors, maintaining a positive environment, and reducing inequities in discipline practices.

The main focus of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is to provide a clear system for all expected behaviors. If students, staff, and families have a clear idea of what expectations are for school behavior, then all stakeholders can work as a team to maintain a safe learning environment for students. Each April, participating schools can submit a Model School

A strong PBIS system requires the effort of every member of the school community. Both American Union and West Fresno have chosen to focus on three main tenants to improve behavior: Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible. WUSD is proud of American Union and West Fresno Elementary for earning Gold Level status!

Washington Unified is excited to announce that both of the district's elementary schools achieved Gold

Washington Union to Offer 10 College and Career Pathway Opportunities for Students in 2018

Exciting changes are coming to Washington Union High School for the 2018-19 school year. As part of a continuing commitment to preparing all students for a bright future, WUHS will now offer 10 Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathway Options for students. "We, at Washington Union, truly believe rigor, relevance, and relationships are the cornerstones of a quality comprehensive high school education," stated WUHS Principal, John Sherron. "We want to give every student the opportunity to explore their career interests, prior to high school graduation."

As stated in the WUHS Career Pathway Handbook, a CTE Pathway is a sequence of two or more CTE courses within a student's area of career interest. Pathways are designed to connect high school classes to college, industry certifications, and/or a career. While in high school, students will have the opportunity to acquire free technical skills training in the career field he/she is interested in.

Currently, two pathways, Wonderful Agriculture Career Prep Academy and the Health Institute, have dual enrollment opportunities with local community colleges. Students can find out more about each pathway by contacting their counselor at Washington Union High School.



WUHS Career Technical Education Pathways
Health Science and Medical Technology



Public Services

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Education, Child Development, and Family Services

Building and Construction Trades

Engineering and Architecture

Arts, Media, and Entertainment

Business and Finance

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American Union Elementary Excited to Open Community Learning Garden

Over 50 students, staff, and community members gathered at American Union Elementary to make the school's latest hands on learning project come to life. Through an on-going partnership with Leadership Fresno, American Union was able to establish the American Union Community Learning Garden.

Located just west of the Kindergarten playground, the Learning Garden represents the collective efforts of the entire student body. Students from every grade level contributed to the space, which is lined with hundreds of "kindness" rocks, painted with positive messages by students. The backdrop of the space is a colorful mural, designed, in part, by American Union students to represent the community of learners who will use the space.

Students will be able to study both life science and agricultural content during the year and apply their learning in the garden. "We are so excited to have a space for students to apply what they are learning in class. Agriculture is a vital part of our community, and we are able to help expose all our students to its' importance starting in kindergarten," stated Principal, Heather Gomez. "The Learning Garden represents a commitment to STEAM education and is evidence of our strong partnerships with the local community."

