

Photos of the Month!



Anto DeSoto (front-center), a senior at AHS, is awarded a scholarship at the Classified School Employee Week Reception!



First Avenue principal and staff generously spend their lunch raising money for their AVID program!



The 2014-2015 Arcadia High School We the People Constitution Team has been selected! After more than 100 students tried out, 30 students earned their spot on the team.

AEF Donates \$152,000 to AUSD!



AEF President Norm Offstein (right) presents check to AUSD Superintendent Dr. Joel Shawn (left)

The Arcadia Educational Foundation made its most recent contribution to Arcadia Unified in the form of a \$152,000 check. The majority of that contribution will be used to fund two additional counselors at Arcadia High School. For the 2013-2014 school year, AEF has raised more than \$260,000 for Arcadia schools. It was also recently announced that AEF will

be doubling its amount given to Arcadia teachers through its mini-grant program to \$60,000. One teacher will be awarded a mini-grant of \$5,000. AEF encourages summer shoppers who use Amazon to do so through a link via www.arcadiaedfoundation.org in which additional money will be raised for AEF. Arcadia Unified thanks AEF for its continued support and generosity!



AUSD Arcadia Rotary Teachers of the Month! Ken Johnson (left) with Craig Monden (right) and AHS Principal Dr. Brent Forsee (middle).



Superintendent Art Awards winners were recognized at the Arcadia Performing Arts Center! More photos at www.Facebook.com/ArcadiaUnified

Common Core Parent Meeting Videos Now Available!



Videos from our elementary school and high school Common Core parent meetings are now available on a convenient playlist on the AUSD YouTube channel via www.youtube.com/arcadiaunified or at www.ausd.net. A Common Core parent meeting was held at each of our ten schools. If you missed an opportunity to attend, these six videos cover most the sessions and information that was covered at the meetings. The videos have all been translated into

Chinese as well. Simply click on "Captions" or "CC" when the video is playing. 视频翻译成中国-点击字幕 (CC). For more Common Core info visit www.ausd.net.

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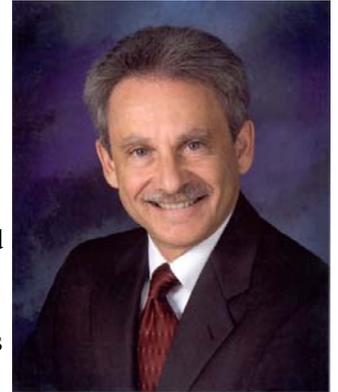
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Update from Superintendent Dr. Joel Shawn

It's Been an Honor – Thank You Arcadia

A 99% graduation rate, multitudes of National Merit Scholarship recipients, top-ranked schools, academic award-winning students, world-class performing arts programs, a fiscal crisis, budget cuts, bond programs, facilities improvements, a parcel tax, the Performing Arts Center, and the list goes on. When I think of my six-year tenure as the Superintendent of the Arcadia Unified School District, it is hard to imagine all that has transpired. This article marks the end of my time as Superintendent of Arcadia schools and my 36-year career in education. I have been blessed to work and serve in a field that contributes to our future. I have been especially lucky to spend nine years of my career in Arcadia. This is a school district and a town abundant with assets. The core of these assets are the students, teachers, staff, parents, and other community members who live here.

Arcadia is a special place that exemplifies what the word community means. By working together we not only protected the excellence of the school district during the worst fiscal crisis since the Great Depression, but built world-class facilities and continued to improve the programs we provide our students.



Measure I, the facilities bond that you overwhelmingly passed in 2006, is entering its final stages. Your support and willingness to provide resources to the school district are enabling every classroom to be modernized and structured with modern features and technology. Through excellent management we have been able to stretch these bond dollars and do many more things than first envisioned, including air conditioning multi-purpose rooms; adding digital marquees at every school; building the new Arcadia Education Center, which houses our alternative programs, much-needed meeting spaces, the boardroom, and administrative support offices; and creating our crown jewel, the state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center, to name a few. In a school district, however, the buildings are only there to house educational programs and to enable our teachers to teach our students.

We have remarkably gifted students. Our challenge and commitment to you is to ensure that what we do adds to their learning and to their character. I believe that during my time as Superintendent, and long before, our teachers and support staff have delivered on this promise. We have the best teachers, administrators, and classified employees anywhere, and I have been lucky to have had the opportunity to lead them. Our staff cannot do this job alone. The many booster clubs; Parent-Teacher Associations; the Arcadia Rotary Club; other support groups; and our two outstanding foundations, the Arcadia Educational Foundation and the newly formed Arcadia Performing Arts Foundation, provide what the state does not. The volunteer hours and money collected by these groups are a major reason why we can do what we do for our students. Your continued support is essential for the school district to continue to thrive and to serve the youth of Arcadia.

During my nine years in Arcadia I have been fortunate to work with ten superb Board of Education members. The current five board members continue this tradition of excellence in leadership, and you can be confident that they will maintain their stewardship of this great school district, including their selection of my replacement. Their wisdom and guidance has been steady and a vital reason for our continued success.

A central theme of my time here has been collaboration. It would have been impossible to lead something as complex as our high-performing school district without many people coming together with a common vision of what needed to be accomplished. I am amazed daily by the way people in this district and community step up and work together to do whatever is necessary. I hope my work added to this vision and helped contribute to its realization. It has been a true honor and privilege to work and lead here. Thank you all for your support of the school district, our students, our staff, and of me.

All my best,

Dr. Joel Shawn

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