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Migrant Education utilizes Save the Children grant to hold first food giveaway



On Saturday, staff members of the Migrant Education Program (MEP) held the first of three food giveaways planned this year for Tulare and Kings county families served by the program.

Families braved the fog to travel to the Mooney Administration Building to receive 33-pound boxes of frozen chicken, canned goods, and Valley-made tortillas thanks to a two-year grant provided by Save the Children.

Christina Marroquin from Save the Children was on hand to watch as families picked up 150 food boxes. “We greatly appreciate the support of Christina and Save the Children

in providing culturally-appropriate food for our families,” said Anabel González, administrator for Migrant Education Region VIII. “We also appreciate the support of our partner, Central California Food Bank, for supplying so many of the basics of nutritious family meals.”



Families also had the opportunity to select free clothing items donated by schools, community partners, and Tulare County Office of Education employees. To donate to Migrant Education’s clothing closet, contact Anabel González at anabelg@tcoe.org. Clothing donations are accepted year-round.

Annual CAC calendar focuses on meeting challenges through partnerships in education

The annual Community Advisory Committee (CAC) calendars are out and being distributed across the county. For over 30 years, the calendar has highlighted the needs and abilities of special education students in Tulare County.

This year's calendar is entitled "Meeting Challenges: Through Partnerships in Education" and showcases various school staff, often teachers, going the

extra mile to help students and their families overcome unique challenges at school. One story features Keyandre Pope-Newton, a new student at Wilson Elementary School in Dinuba, and his teacher Michelle Cruz. By going the extra mile to build a partnership with Pope-Newton, Cruz helped foster a supportive environment for Pope-Newton’s development.



“Schools and families have long understood the value of partnerships in education to foster increased attendance, higher academic outcomes, and a greater sense of well-

being for students. When teachers and other school staff take the time to build relationships with families and students, everyone wins," the calendar reads.

State education code established the creation of CACs. In Tulare County, this 16-member committee is comprised of parents of students with special needs, parents of general education students, general and special education teachers, representatives from community agencies, and a student or adult with special needs.

Around the County

Seven students awarded bicycles as part of annual art contest

This week, the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) presented seven bicycles to winners in its annual Walk & Roll Art Contest. The competition challenges Tulare County students to create artwork that inspires active transportation and clean air efforts. It also coincides with National Walk & Roll to School Day where students are encouraged to walk, ride a bicycle, skate, or use alternate modes of transportation that are active and have low emission to get to school if it is safe to do so.

This year, TCAG received 145 pieces of artwork. Seven students were chosen as winners, including:

Adilene, Kindergarten, Pleasant Elementary School, Tulare

John, First Grade, Valley Life Charter School, Visalia

Giulia, Second Grade, Oak Grove Elementary School, Visalia

Chrisanthi, Third Grade, Three Rivers Union School

Zofia, Third Grade, Three Rivers Union School

Kamila, Fourth Grade, Castle Rock Elementary School, Woodlake

Elli, Fifth Grade, Three Rivers Union School



Contest sponsored included 4Creeks, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, QK, Inc., and the Megan Noel Brim Foundation. Visalia Cyclery was a partner in providing the winners with bicycles and lifetime service.

Artwork can be viewed on TCAG's Instagram or Facebook pages.

Photo above:

~ Artwork with the phrase, "It's better to walk to school," was created by Kamila, a fourth grader at Castle Rock Elementary School in Woodlake. Kamila was one of seven students honored in the annual TCAG Walk & Roll Art Contest.

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