

# Monterey High School Neighborhood Newsletter

## Spring 2022 - February - March

There are quite a few exciting announcements and events happening around Monterey High School and I want to ensure that everyone is aware of all the great things kids are doing. I appreciate everyone for contributing to Monterey High School's caring and cohesive environment and for making this the best high school option on the Peninsula.

### **ELPAC Testing Continues.....**

Right now our English Learner (EL) students are in the midst of ELPAC testing, which is one of the major components to the RFEP (Reclassified Fluent English Proficient) process. This is a huge deal for our students for a variety of reasons; reclassifying often creates a large sense of pride for them and their families, and it allows them to take electives in lieu of EL- specific language development courses, which in turn is going to help their candidacy for post-high school academic and career options. Thank you to Ms. Laschiver and Ms. Weiss who are helping facilitate these multi-part tests for our EL students who represent over 10% of our school population. Go Does! Crush the ELPAC!

### **Monterey High School wins Academic World Quest**

Congratulations to Eunwoo Kim, Taylor Booth, River Valdivia and Sindha Gokaraju for representing Monterey High School and winning the Academic World Quest of the Monterey County! Other schools who competed include Stevenson and Seaside High School. These four students will be representing Monterey County and the Green Machine at the National Competition in Washington D.C. in late April. They had to compete by answering a series of questions regarding global economic affairs and led wire to wire! Thank you to Mr. Pace for traveling with them and acting as their coach over the past months of practice and competition.

### **Special Education/EL Students Achieving - A - G**

While doing my own research for one of the goals of our campus (which is to raise A-G rates for all students, especially for our impacted student populations), I came across a few statistics that I believe should be celebrated. For your reference, A-G rate is the percentage of total students who graduate high school eligible to attend a UC/CSU directly from high school. The state percentages for Special Education and EL students in 2022 was **14% and 19%**, respectively. Our students last year blew those numbers away at **63% and 57%**, respectively. We have work to do as our whole school population is 78% A-G, however I wanted to celebrate our our Special Education and EL students and the staff that work with them as they are doing a great job of giving our students the environment they need to achieve.

### **Alice in Wonderland Concludes**

Our Theater students put together an incredible iteration of "Alice in Wonderland" and they finished the two week production run last week. It was a ton of fun and our students worked hard to create an artistic and entertaining show. They created laughter and lasting memories and I hope our school community will go support the next production "Something Rotten" which will be held April

27 - May 7 at the Forest Theatre in Carmel.

### **Parent - Teacher Conferences**

Finally, Parent-Teacher Conferences begin today. We will be holding two virtual sessions today and Thursday from 3 - 5pm, and tomorrow (Wednesday) we will have in-person appointments in the Monterey Cafe from 4:30 to 6:30.

**Have a wonderful day MVNA! Thanks for being an integral part of our awesome school community! Go Dores!**

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Life to the Fullest  
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**GO DORES!**