

MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the District Superintendent of Schools

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday, May 26, 2006

Internet Safety

At the last Board meeting, I mentioned a notice I had received about an internet safety program. Attached, please find a copy of the flyer. It is the 2nd Annual "Kids Safe Online" National Webcast to be held on October 4, 2006. If you would like to view the 1st Annual webcast and related material, you can go to <http://www.msisac.org>.

Art Show

Thank you to all Board members for supporting the 1st District Art Show. It was a great success. Thank you to the Educational Services staff, the high school art teachers, and culinary arts teachers for a fantastic job. We are all looking forward to next year's show.

ATTENTION EDUCATORS, PARENTS AND OTHERS!

SAVE THE DATE! - Wednesday, October 4, 2006



**2nd Annual "Kids Safe Online"
NATIONAL WEBCAST**



**ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION
WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE**

An interactive play geared for 4th and 5th graders will take place on October 4, 2006, and we encourage you to attend this event via webcast over the Internet. The play is held in recognition of October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month and will feature interactive skits to help children learn more about cyber security and how to be safe when using computers and the Internet.

Content will include topics such as:

- learning how cyberspace works
- not sharing private information
- keeping passwords safe
- feeling comfortable communicating in cyberspace
- knowing what junk mail and viruses are
- practicing good cyber manners/etiquette

The webcast is part of the National Webcast Initiative, a joint effort of the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center and the US Department of Homeland Security's National Cyber Security Division. The play will use content from i-SAFE - <http://www.isafe.org/>, an organization dedicated to teaching secure, responsible and effective Internet and computer use, and acted out with members of the Plays for Living organization, a nonprofit organization that utilizes live theater dramas to depict the real-life challenges.

To view the 1st Annual webcast and related material, visit: <http://www.msisac.org> and click on National Webcast Initiative. More than 5,000 teachers, parents, students and others participated in that broadcast and we look forward to another successful event this October!

*Mark your calendar and please join us on
October 4, 2006 for this exciting and informative event!!*

Questions about the webcast can be addressed to isac@cscic.state.ny.us

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EDUCATIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATE

May 26, 2006

High School Art Contest

The High School Art Contest and Show was held on Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. The event was a huge success thanks to the cooperation of art teachers from all secondary schools, the culinary arts program, and music teachers. The food, catered by our own high school students, was great and the music played that evening was also recorded by our high school students. Thank you all for a job well done! We had approximately 200 people attend and we heard positive feedback from both the public and site staff. Plans for next year's high school art contest have already begun. We would like to thank the Board Members who were able to attend the event before the Board Meeting and those who bid and purchased art.

Secondary Education

Manteca High School. Manteca High has been notified that they have been awarded a \$40,000 planning grant to develop a Specialized Secondary Program in the area of Health Science. The grant was awarded through the California Department of Education.

The staff will work together during the 2006-07 school year to plan a 4-year program for students interested in the area of Health Science. This will include study in the areas of Health Careers, Anatomy and Physiology, Biology, and Chemistry.

Upon successful completion of the planning grant, Manteca High will receive an additional \$250,000 over the next three school years (2007-2010) to implement the program at the school.

Elementary Schools

George Komure School. Nearly 125, 4th grade parents and students attended Beginning Band Night on May 25th. Music teacher Melissa Krueger provided the attendees with a video on how music enhances learning and spoke about the band program at Komure. Also present was Mr. Joe Barron and several members of the Weston Ranch high School jazz band who provided music for everyone to enjoy. After the presentation, parents were able to register their children for participation in the program and arrange for rental of a musical instrument. Nearly 40 students are now registered for beginning band.

Komure's Spring Band Concert will be held on June 1st beginning at 7:00 p.m. Students from beginning, intermediate and advanced band will perform.

BUSINESS SERVICES UPDATE

May 26, 2006

Bond Refinance

The following information is a breakdown of the bond refinance. We saved \$5,242,154.02 of which it cost \$718,324.66 to create this savings leaving \$4,523,829.36. We gave the taxpayer back \$458,308.55 and shorten the term from 2027 to 2023 or three years. In addition, we did not tax the taxpayer the maximum of \$30.81 per hundred thousand but instead set the tax rate at \$30.70 per hundred thousand. In addition, we put \$4,065,520.81 into Measure M projects.

\$5,242,154.02	Savings from refinance
<u>\$ 718,324.66</u>	<u>Less cost to refinance</u>
\$4,523,829.36	Savings after costs
<u>\$ 458,308.55</u>	<u>Savings to taxpayer</u>
\$4,065,520.81	Returned to Measure M projects

Print Shop Update

The RSA Software (Rochester Software Associates) will be installed at the five schools who agreed to pilot the program on Tuesday of next week. The school sites that will run the beta testing are: Brock Elliott, Stella Brockman, Sequoia, Shasta, and Weston Ranch High School. After testing is complete we will start installing the new software at the remaining school sites and begin the process of entering the data for each user. Attached is a letter, which will be going out to all Manteca Unified staff, explaining the process and the capabilities of the new software.

Redevelopment Funds

The question regarding the redevelopment funding is being researched. Information will be provided in next week's highlights.

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MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Steve Trantham, Director of Business Services

Date: May 26, 2006
To: All Manteca Unified Staff
Subject: Print Shop Update

The District has been working diligently to resolve the Print Shop issues. The following issues were determined to exist:

- 1) The volume of work load far exceeded the capacity of the copiers.
- 2) There were complaints from staff that they were unable to reach an individual in the Print Shop and only getting voice mail.
- 3) Users have no way of knowing if their print job had been received by the Print Shop and the status of their print jobs.
- 4) Users and principals had no way of determining what the cost of items are until the end of the month accounting was reported.

The District has done the following to resolve these issues:

- 1) The District was averaging 1,800,000 copies per month and the Print Shop was not designed for that amount of volume. After analyzing the work load, it was determined the volume was far exceeding the capacity of the copiers. In December 2005, the District authorized Xerox to add two large capacity copiers to the Print Shop. By adding two additional copiers, we now have the capacity to do 2,400,000 copies per month. This should allow for the current volume as well as growth in the future.
- 2) A second phone was added to the Print Shop. The second phone has helped in allowing staff to get through and talk with someone in the Print Shop. However, there are only two people working in the Print Shop and there are still more calls coming in than can be answered.
- 3) The District has purchased a software package (RSA Software) which will enable staff to better utilize the scanning capabilities of the copiers located at each site. This software will allow the following activities to take place so the end user will be kept abreast of the transaction that occurs when scanning print jobs:
 - Each user will have their own user code for tracking print jobs.
 - Each user will have their own budget amount for printing set by the local site.
 - Each scanned print job will get a confirmation that the Print Shop has received the job. This should improve communication and reduce the need for phone calls.
 - The confirmation will also include the users account balance.The District is running a pilot group of schools to test this software. The pilot group of school sites include: Brock Elliott, Stella Brockman, Sequoia, Shasta and Weston Ranch High School. After the beta test, we will begin installing the software at all sites and should be ready by the start of the new school year.
- 4) This software will allow on-time real accounting for Principals to access on a daily basis. Principals will be able to run accounting reports which show all year to date costs, how many jobs each teacher ran, the costs of each job, budget balances by teacher, etc. This will eliminate the delays in cost analysis for each site.