



FUSD Highlights

BOARD MEETING

MARCH 18, 2009

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UPCOMING EVENTS

County History Day
Saturday, March 21, 2009
Summit High School, Fontana

FUSD Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, April 1, 2009
6 pm Regular Board Meeting
John D. Piazza Center

County Science Fair
April 14-15, 2009
Orange Show Fairground
San Bernardino, CA

FUSD Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, April 15, 2009
6 pm Regular Board Meeting
John D. Piazza Center

Board Bullets

- The Board approved the Carl D. Perkins Advisory Committee. The committee is comprised of students, teachers, business, industry and school administration that make recommendations for the development, implementation, and evaluation of Career Technical Education program.
- Adopted Resolution No. 09-20 recognizing Cesar Chavez Day on March 31, 2009, the anniversary of the birth of one of the nation's foremost civil rights and labor leaders.
- Adopted the recommended new attendance boundaries and implementation schedule effective the 2010-11 school year.
- Ratified agreement with the Fontana Teachers Association.
- Stuart Hamil, Assistant Principal at Almeria MS, and Moises Merlos, Assistant Principal at Birch HS, were promoted to Assistant Principal at A.B. Miller HS, effective 7/1/09.



Moises Merlos and Stuart Hamil

Good Things

Birch Student is Spotlight Award Semi-Finalist

Congratulations to Angelica Vasquez of Birch High School, who is a semi-finalist in the photography category of the Music Center Spotlight Awards. The Spotlight Awards is a nationally-acclaimed recognition and scholarship program for Southern California high school performing and visual artists. Angelica is in the top 15 of nearly 500 submissions and will be honored at the Music Center on March 21. Superintendent Cali Olsen-Binks said, "I have been to this several times. There is talent beyond belief out there and how very wonderful that Angelica Vasquez, our very own student from Birch, is a finalist!"

Fontana Student Wins First Place at Culinary Competition

Congratulations to Theresa Marquez, a senior at Fontana High School, who won first place at the Best Teen Chef in the Inland Empire Competition on March 14th. Theresa won a \$3,000 scholarship to the culinary school and a chance to compete for a full \$80,000 culinary scholarship to the school of her choice at the institutes national finals on May 9 in Charlotte, NC. Theresa was one of 11 Inland high school seniors who competed in the 2-1/2 hour Best Teen Chef competition. (Photo courtesy of [The Press-Enterprise](#)).



Students Compete at Academic Decathlon

Students from FUSD high school Academic Decathlon teams were honored for their participation in the recent San Bernardino County Academic Decathlon. Over 400 students from 29 local high schools competed against one another in ten academic disciplines. Kaiser High School finished in 4th place and Jacob Knudson of Kaiser finished in 3rd place in the A division.

Coaches Ruby Navarro of A.B. Miller High School, Theresa Aguilar of Fontana High School, and Sean O'Connor and Cliff Dodds of Kaiser High School introduced members of their teams present for the meeting. Summit High School's Academic Decathlon team also competed but was not present at the Board Meeting due to their Spring Spectacular.



Two FUSD Schools Included in Case Study

Superintendent Cali Olsen-Binks said that San Bernardino County Schools has put together a Program Improvement study, "Dispelling The Common Myth: The Story of Five San Bernardino County Schools Closing the Achievement Gap." The five case studies of schools that have achieved impressive student achievement results despite facing immense obstacles included sections about Jason Angle, former Principal of North Tamarind Elementary School, and Mark McClaughlin, former Principal of Maple Elementary School, who both led their schools out of Year 4 Program Improvement. Said Mrs. Binks, "It's a great honor for both of them. Thank you Jason and Mark!" [Click here](#) to view the book online.

Don't Miss the Annual Fontana Boys and Girls Luncheon

Kathy Binks reminded everyone about the upcoming Fontana Boys and Girls Club annual fundraiser luncheon, "Out to Lunch!" The event will take place on Thursday, April 8, 2009, at 12 noon, at Sons of Italy in Fontana. There will be great pasta lunch and a musical extravaganza featuring the talents of local civic leaders, all going out on a limb to benefit the programs and services for the youth in Fontana. Mrs. Kathy Binks said that they have "some new dancers and it's a great bunch!"