FUSD FLOAT CELEBRATES PRIDE MONTH

Fresno Unified School District is thrilled to participate in the parade for the fourth time, with over 300 students, families, and staff joining. Their theme, “Pride All Year in Fresno Unified!” celebrates the LGBTQ+ community every month. The district’s GSA Clubs created beautiful posters honoring each month’s celebration. Recent achievements include an LGBTQ+ History Month Showcase, dances, expanding the "Safe Space for All" Poster Campaign, and providing support and resources. The district strongly believes in creating safe, supportive, and inclusive environments where everyone feels accepted and respected. They are committed to providing inclusive practices and culturally responsive support for LGBTQ+ students and families across the district.

The event was filled with joy and celebration as Fresno Unified School District proudly showcased their unity and solidarity. Participants waved rainbow flags, held vibrant banners, and displayed colorful attire. The district’s pride float, adorned with messages of love and acceptance, served as a symbol of their dedication to inclusivity. Their active participation in the event demonstrates their ongoing commitment to fostering an environment where diversity is embraced and celebrated, making Fresno Unified School District a shining example for other educational institutions to follow.

“As a parent of a LGBTQIA+ student, I was honored to not only be asked to take my student to the PRIDE parade but to partake in the parade and festival afterwards as well. I feel that it’s important to partake in ANY event your child asks you to be part of. It gives you an opportunity to not only see them in their comfort zone, being their true self, but a chance to meet their friends that you may not be able to meet otherwise. I may be new to the LGBTQIA+ community but I treasure any opportunity I can to be a part of my child’s life away from home and especially where they are in their comfort zone, even if I may be a little out of it. It helps us grow, as a family, as humans.”

-Beth Whitaker, Parent

Local LGBTQ+ Resources


- LGBTQ+ Resource Center-Fresno EOC provides supportive services to enhance the health and well-being of individuals of all ages in the LGBTQ+ community (559) 325-4527 (call/text)

- PFLAG Fresno Families & Friends Allied with the LGBTQ+ Community is a volunteer organization here in California’s Central Valley. (559) 434-6540 (559) 325-4527 (call/text)

- Fresno Youth Alliance is a program of Community Link and provides a safe and substance free environment where LGBTQ+ youth can be themselves, express their concerns and discuss issues of importance that affect their lives.
A MILESTONE FOR OUR
TRAILBLAZERS

The morning of June 6th was a buzz at our Adult Transition Program School as students were eagerly waiting to graduate in the presence of proud staff, family, and friends. The ceremony was opened by Principal Derrick Flake who proudly listed the achievements of his students and staff, welcoming attendees and preparing them to witness what is a life-changing event for the trailblazer students.

Superintendent Dr. Bob Nelson welcomed attendees, introduced the Executive Cabinet in attendance and Board Trustee Keisha Thomas. Dr. Nelson spoke of the school’s achievements and its impactful role within our district. Graduating students were welcomed to the stage, one by one, and met with loud applause; each graduating student was then congratulated by their teachers and school staff through a celebratory tunnel filled with pom-poms and cheer.

Congratulations to our ATP Trailblazers who met this important milestone.

Embracing Freedom

REFLECTING ON JUNETEENTH AND INSPIRING HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, traces its roots back to June 19, 1865, when General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and delivered the news of the Emancipation Proclamation signed by President Abraham Lincoln, two and a half years earlier. This proclamation marked a turning point in African American history, signifying the end of slavery and heralding a new era of freedom for African Americans.

Today, Juneteenth is not just a historical event, but a celebration of resilience, determination, and the invincible spirit of a people. It serves as a reminder that progress is possible, even in the face of adversity. It reminds us that the fight for justice, equality, and human rights is an ongoing journey that requires unity and unwavering commitment from all members of society.

In Fresno Unified School District, we are proud to foster an environment that celebrates diversity and empowers our students to embrace their unique heritage. Our schools have been committed to providing an inclusive education that highlights African Americans’ contributions to our nation’s fabric. May Juneteenth be a reminder that progress is possible and that we all have a role to play in creating a fair, just, and inclusive society.

BOOK OF THE QUARTER

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