

Superintendent's Message – June 2008

As I reflect on the past school year, I am excited about what we have accomplished.

We have a dedicated group of parents, educators, employees, board members, and community members determined to provide the best and most nurturing educational experience possible for our students.

Sergio Montiel, Anderson parent, was recognized on May 20th at the ACSA Volunteer of the Year celebration. Principal Destiny Laczkowski shared that Sergio has been a tireless volunteer at Anderson Elementary School: helping with fundraisers, copying, performing yard duty, working in his child's classroom, and assisting on several committees. Sergio is a positive role model for the students and an invaluable help to the staff at Anderson.

Moreland's educational highlights included: district speech contest, spirit days, field trips, science fairs and camp, musical performances, the Young Author's Faire, school plays, dances, Egyptian Night, Renaissance Faire, Race to Mecca, poetry readings, and much more. Our staff strives to make the education fun, engaging, and challenging.

Students participated in wonderful extra-curricular groups that provided them with a framework to improve their world. They participated in after-school sports, drama productions, student government, student newspapers, lunchtime clubs, and the production of their yearbooks.

The Moreland Educational Foundation hosted two phenomenal events – Pumpkin Patch in the Haunted Woods and Music in Moreland Night at the Children's Discovery Museum – that enabled students across Moreland to come together and raise money to support Moreland's educational programs.

Moreland staff, students, and families came together to support families that are in need. Our district donated more than 12,000 pounds of food, water, and other supplies to families through the Second Harvest Food Bank. We also donated more than \$3,600 for the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society's Pennies for Patients fundraiser. The money collected is used to help people with a blood related cancer and to fund research into finding cures for these illnesses.

Country Lane volunteers coordinated a blood drive to help fill Santa Clara County's need for donations. We had a great turn-out and were able to support this worthwhile cause.

Thank you for a wonderful year. I look forward to 2008-2009 being an even better year.

Glen Ishiwata