

GREEN DESIGN KICK-OFF NEWSLETTER

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“What’s New?”

Mission: In order to improve life for future generations, Green Design STEAM leverages arts to enhance student application in science, technology, literacy, and numeracy, students will become lifelong environmental stewards by creating a sustainable world through innovation, practice, and message.

By: Yasmin Domingo & Maura Vasquez

There are some new changes that are improving how Green Design will function. First, we have new staff and teachers added to our Green Design family.

- Mr. Adams (World History/ Social Studies)
- Ms. Gupta (Geometry/ Algebra 1)
- Ms. Dixon (English)
- Mr. Velasquez (Environmental Studies/ Biology)
- Ms. Penaverde (Biology)
- Ms. Kuang (English)
- Ms. Szeremeta (P.E/ Sports

Representative)

- Ms. Beca (Attendance Counselor for 9th grade)
- Ms. Bracho (Attendance Counselor for 9th grade)
- Ms. Diop (Psychiatric Social Worker)

As well as Mr. Medrano being promoted to be the Behavior Support Warden of Green Design. This year, the Green Design staff is working to change the name of our school from “Green Design

Community School” to “Green Design S.T.E.A.M. Academy”. For those who don’t know what S.T.E.A.M. is, it stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. The S.T.E.A.M. committee goal is to incorporate: these subject into our academic learning.

“Green is not just a color, it’s a way of life”

If you can *read* this,
thank a **TEACHER.**

“Elections”

By: Maura Vasquez

The 2016-2017 elections were so intense this year that we got the most representatives for each category and it was hard to decide on who will be our new ASB President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian. Each representative presented a video telling their peers why you should vote for them. Some representatives you may not know, but as members of leadership, they are people to depend on. The counting of the ballots was a very difficult process, because we had to count each ballot and make sure that each voice was being heard.

The winners of the elections are:

- **President** — Evelyn Diego
- **VicePresident**—Edgar Trigueros
- **Secretary** — Jessica Andrade
- **Treasurer** — Miguel Diaz
- **Historian** — Alvina Davis

Other positions that were held:

Grade Level Representatives:

- **9** - Aileen Ibanez
- **10** - Darrien Rodriguez
- **11** - Shacorey Montgomery
- **12** - Kimberly Hernandez

Spirit Commissioner:

- Ashley Porcayo

Sports Commissioner:

- Sebastian Luna & Alan Curtis

Marketing Commissioner:

- Edgar Trigueros

Prom Committee President:

- Gisselle Rodriguez

Prom Committee Vice President:

- Angela Guarino

School Newspaper Editor in Chief:

- Yasmin Domingo & Andrew Mendez

School Newspaper Sports:

- Ruben Valenzuela

School Newspaper Arts & Media:

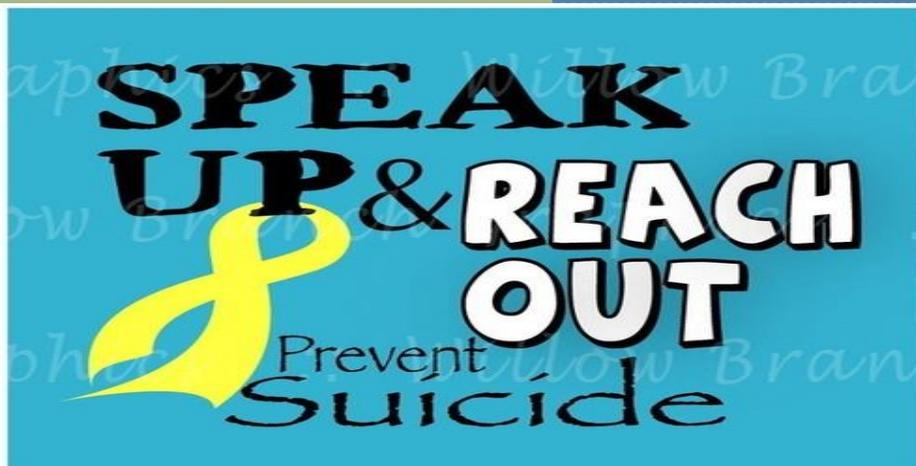
- Maura Vasquez

School Newspaper Calendar/Events:

- Lipzi Lopez

School Newspaper General:

- Alvina Davis



“Suicide Prevention”

By: Melissa LaChica & Christian Rodriguez

Do you worry if anyone you know might show signs of having suicidal thoughts? Well there's help for them. “SuicidePreventionLifeLine.org” is the perfect place to go. It's free, and no matter what problems you are dealing with they will help you. Suicide Prevention is always available. If you feel in like you're in crisis, whether or not you are thinking about killing yourself, call the lifeline and you will be connected with a skilled counselor. The website isn't only for suicide, it's also for: relationship problems, family problems, depression, overcoming abuse, mental illness, physical illness, and even loneliness. Remember you're not alone. There are lots of people that go through the same problem(s). Suicide affects us all; every year, millions of Americans are directly affected by more than 37,000 suicides and hundreds of thousands of suicide attempts that are made by their friends or loved ones. All of this can be prevented. If you would like to help someone who is having suicidal thoughts, don't debate whether suicide is right or wrong, or whether the feelings you have are good or bad. Show them you are interested, get involved with him or her and listen to them if they need someone to talk to. People who have a crisis sometimes perceive their dilemma as inescapable and feel an utter loss of control. They feel like they can't get out of their depression, can't sleep or eat, can't make the sadness go away, can't seem to have control over themselves, or can't think clearly. Mental health is an essential part of wellness. These lifeline centers are actively involved in providing referrals to mental health professionals who can help you work through what you are dealing with, no matter how big or small the issue is. Remember, “Suicide Prevention” is the best location to get help. They will always be available at any time. They will have their best people on it to help you or a loved one. So make sure to call or search up the site for help.



“Attendance” By: Edgar Trigueros

I am excited to be working with you and your parents to assist you in reaching proficient and advanced (perfect) attendance to ensure your academic excellence. The district has defined proficient Attendance as having NO MORE THAN 1 ABSENCE per 25 days of instruction. The district goal is that by the end of the year you should not have more than 7 absences

- P.Bracho, PSA

Counselor

For the students who maintain proficient attendance for 25 schools days for every 25 day increment, they will receive morning pastries and beat the lunch line pass for a week. **(YOU MAY ONLY QUALIFY IF YOU HAVE 1 ABSENCE AND A MAXIMUM OF 5 TARDIES)**. If you are not eligible to participate in the current month, you may still qualify for the next month as this event resets every 25 days. The next celebration will be held on Oct. 28th and will be honoring our 50th day! Make sure you’re one of those kids to achieve proficient attendance and encourage your fellow peers to achieve this with you.

TIPS?

1. Attend all your classes, and arrive to class on time.
2. keep an organizer with dates and times that assignments are due.
3. **When in passing period leave your peers alone and go to class!**
4. Make sure you are fully prepared before each class.
5. Get plenty of sleep during the weekends and weekdays.
6. Encourage your friends to get to class on time.
7. Wake up early enough to eat breakfast.

MAINTAINING PROFICIENT/ADVANCED ATTENDANCE Means having NO MORE THAN 1 absence per 25 DAYS OF INSTRUCTION	
Instructional Day	# of students who participated in Celebration
SEP. 21	285
OCT. 28	?

Grade	Current % of student at 96 % and above
9th	90/ 78%
10th	133/ 76%
11th	91/ 75%
12th	58/ 73%
School-wide attendance proficiency	372/ 76%

“Yearbook”

By: Alvina Davis

As a historian, I have to make sure our school gets into the yearbook, so I have to go to meetings every Tuesday at the Public Service building with their leadership teacher Ms.Hatfield. So far I have taken pictures of this year’s JV and Varsity players of the girls volleyball team. This year we had the choices of choosing between two themes for the yearbook. These two themes are “One Step” and “Now What”, and we were able to eventually narrow it down to one, which is “Now What”. We initially chose “One Step” until it was decided they wouldn’t be able to carry this theme throughout the yearbook, so they changed it to “What Now”. That is pretty much all that we’ve been talking about in the yearbook meetings. We would like your opinion on how we can carry out the theme throughout the yearbook.



got yearbook?

“Volleyball and Football”

By: Ruben Valenzuela

Our first home football game wasn't the best, but we definitely tried our hardest. The football team still progresses to become better than last year, and it's really paying off. What stood out the most this year on our first football home game were the concessions. The game was packed and all the food was sold in a matter of hours, or should we say, seconds. The first home game was a huge success in terms of selling tickets, concessions, and shout-outs. The football team gets better and better every time, but it will take some time 'till they reach their full potential. Moving on to volleyball, JV won the first game, but unfortunately we lost the second game. The huskies JV would not give up without a fight and the JV captains (Maria Mariscal, Nayeli Flores) managed to lead them to a four game win streak after their first loss. Varsity on the other hand has been amazing with a six game win streak and no losses. The Diego Rivera Huskies managed to pull ahead and get us into 2nd place in the state of California and 1st place in the high school division. Other than that, this is it for the sports section. GO HUSKIES!!!



“12th Grade Perspective”

By: Evelyn Diego

From the start of the new high school year to the middle of the semester, emotions are bubbling in the air. The experience of being a senior differs much more than when we juniors before, with excitement and nerve wracking emotions, the feeling of excitement brings so much for seniors knowing that it's their last year and that they'll be moving onto a new beginning. Yet, the feeling of stress and pressure arise in the majority of us, because of the same realizations that excite us and the fact that we have to apply for college, FAFSA, scholarships, grants, etc. This is what is noticeably new for many of us and as a result we have to adjust. Yes, the classwork and homework assigned to us is more than before, but it is meant to prepare us for college and life. So far, in our classes each of our teachers have encouraged us to become more independent, get our work done, be serious about what we do, and to mature and grow as a person. Our teachers are trying to give unto us valuable life lessons that we will carry on throughout the rest of our lives. This is what being a senior is like, and it is why I think many of us are already starting to mature, and that this isn't a joke for us and we need to get serious because our graduation is on the line. With much responsibility on our shoulders, our senior teachers are doing anything in their power to provide a smooth yet fun year!

“Halloween”

By: Ruben Valenzuela

Halloween is that day of the year, October 31st, when we go out at night and hunt for as much candy as possible. Then we feast on the spoils of our journey and devour as much candy as we please, without caring about weight gain, or the consequence of going to the dentist because of cavities. This year on Halloween, Green Design Leadership will be hosting a costume contest on Monday the 31st (Halloween). To enter you must follow the dress code for that day; you may not wear clothing shorter than above the knee, no opened toe shoes (Heels, Sandals etc.), no spaghetti straps, no leggings, and no torn up shirts that reveal too much skin and no shirts that are short enough to reveal the belly button. There will be five categories that you can win in: The Most Creative, The Scariest, The Funniest, The Most Eco-Friendly, and The Most Original Costume. The prize for each category will be a ticket to the Homecoming game on November 4th. So, remember, best of luck to all the competitors. Trick Or Treat!!!



“Breast Cancer Awareness”

By: Lipzi Lopez

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease. While most people are aware of breast cancer, many forget to take the necessary steps to detect the disease in its early stages. Unfortunately, about 45,000 women die from breast cancer annually. Here at Green Design we want to help by wearing the color pink to support the disease as much as you can or you can wear a simple pink ribbon that will show your support and that you care. Many sports show their support by wearing some kind of pink accessory; from socks, shoes to a head piece. Green Design, as well as the other schools, will be showing awareness by passing out ribbons during advisory for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



“Rivera vs. Fremont”

By: Yasmin Domingo

The first quarter for JV, lead down to 8 - 28. The Diego Rivera Huskies were intense, and although they didn't win the first half, they seemed to be the real winners at that time. Both teams seemed to show very good sportsmanship when they helped each other up after being tackled. And although the opposing team won, our team still tried their best to have fun. In the second quarter the score was 14 - 41 and even though the opposing team was winning drastically, the Huskies did seem to have a good catch with some fast runners who were unfortunately not fast enough. Speaking of a good catch, the Husky players had exceptional skill when it came to catching the football. Overall, our Husky players put in a lot of effort and did great, but sadly the final score for JV was 14 - 48. Now let's talk about varsity. There was a lot of tension during this game and in the end, the final score was 6 - 19. Both JV and varsity did a great job that day. Even though they didn't win they played very well, which includes their good catching skills, fast running, and tackling. While we haven't been winning every game there has been a significant improvement in Varsity. Diego Rivera has had so many football coaches that the players are finally finding their groove with this new coach. Our goal is to keep those spirits up and keep on rooting for the huskies. GO HUSKIES!!!

“Spirit Week”

By: Maura Vasquez

Get ready for some awesome Spirit Week events that will be held from October 31st to November 4th. Start figuring out what to wear for these events that are coming up really soon. The day of Halloween, will correspond with Spirit week and the events that will happen in that week. On Monday, October 31st, students can dress up as whatever character they want, while still following the dress code (see Halloween article). On Tuesday, November 1st, will be Twins, Triplets, and Quadruplets day, a day in which students can wear the same thing in order to participate. Wednesday, November 2nd, “We Wear Pink.” Wearing pink on Wednesday holds two meanings; one it shows Breast Cancer Awareness and second it is an homage to the “Mean Girls” movie. On Thursday, November 3rd, you can wear your favorite superhero shirt or any superhero clothing that follows all the dress code rules. On Friday, November 4th, wear your Husky gear (shirt, cap, or wristband) or wear the school's colors, which are green, black, gray and white, that shows you have Husky spirit. Show your Husky spirit by participating in all these events. Be part of all the fun that Green Design has to offer.



“Homecoming Dance/Game”

By: Alvina Davis

The homecoming game and dance are right around the corner. The homecoming game will land on the first Friday of November and the next day will be the homecoming dance on November 5, 2016. The theme has already been decided for the dance. This year the homecoming theme will be “Casino Royal”. The homecoming game will be held against West Adams High School. The Junior Varsity football players will play at 4:00pm then directly after the Varsity football players play at 7:00pm. The following Saturday November 5th we will have our Homecoming dance which will be from 7:00pm to 11:00pm. Like the years before, Green Design will be in charge of the decorations for Homecoming so come out and see what Leadership has created this year!

October/November Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 No School	4	5 JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Maya Angelou	6 Cross Country @ Elysian Park	7 JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Santee JV/Varsity Football @ Jefferson	8 Saturday School @ 9:00am
9	10 JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Jefferson	11	12 No School	13 Cross Country @ Elysian Park JV/Varsity Volleyball @ DRLC	14 JV/Varsity Football @ Rancho Dominguez	15 Saturday School @ 9:00am
16	17 JV/Varsity Volleyball @ West Adams	18	19	20 Cross Country @ DRLC	21 JV/Varsity Football @ Santee	22 Saturday School @ 9:00am
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Saturday School @ 9:00am
30	31 Halloween	1	2 Cross Country @ Elysian Park	3	4 JV/Varsity Football @ DRLC	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 No School Veterans Day	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Thanksgiving Break Begins	22 Thanksgiving Break	23 Thanksgiving Break	24 Thanksgiving Break	25 Thanksgiving Break	26
27	28 Back to School	29	30			