

WEEKLY UPDATE



COTATI-ROHNERT PARK
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

APRIL 25 - APRIL 29

Graduation and Promotion End of Year Events Correction

Please note that Monte Vista's promotion will take place in their MU. Thomas Page Academy's promotion is for 8th Graders only. If you have any questions, please reach out to the site administrators.

Staff Spotlight

In the last few weeks, Cotati-Rohnert Park staff have received some major accolades in the press. It's almost hard to keep up with all the amazing things happening! Who knew that we had an amazing mother/daughter duo, giving their hearts and souls to the special education program at Rancho Cotate High School? Nancy Ellis (mom) and Cassie Ellis (daughter) have a special bond that carries into their classroom. Click [here](#) for the the article that the Press Democrat published this week. Thank you Cassie and Nancy for your love and dedication to one another and to your students.



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Staff Spotlight Continued.....

Cassandra "Cassie" McMillen, a physical education teacher at Technology High in Rohnert Park, has been named Sonoma County Teacher of the Month for March 2022.

The award honors one of Sonoma County's most outstanding teachers from October through May. It is sponsored by the Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE), K-Hits 107.9, HOT 1017, and Community First Credit Union.

Ms. McMillen received a heartfelt nomination from a very appreciative parent. She was described as a beloved, caring, and dedicated teacher who positively impacts each of her students.

"When students and faculty alike long for your presence on campus, you know that is a teacher ... who will have lasting impacts on the children's lives she touches 5 days a week. Cassie's dedication, care and concern for her students' health and hearts, is commendable and so worthy of recognition," the nomination read.

Ms. McMillen was surprised with the honor by representatives from SCOE and K-Hits 107.9/HOT 1017 on Wednesday, April 20, during her morning class. Ms. McMillen was left speechless by the unanticipated honor. She accepted the recognition with modesty and warmth. Ms. McMillen was given a special plaque and a \$500 gift card for teacher resources and supplies as part of the recognition.



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Congratulations Richard Crane!

Richard Crane had a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new book vending machine. Students earning a PBIS reward receive a special token and they can use these to “purchase” a new book for their home library. Students and staff were thrilled with this new acquisition. Teresa Ruffoni received a city grant to make this purchase possible. Congratulations to Richard Crane on this wonderful new resource!



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Retiree and Volunteer Recognition

We are looking forward to celebrating our retirees and acknowledging their service to CRPUSD. We will also acknowledge our Volunteer of the Year from each school site. Please come help us celebrate them at the May 17th board meeting.

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MAY 3, 2022
POSTPONED TO MAY 10, 2022**



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