First Food Distribution From Bear Pantry Reviewed

Members of the team that organized and distributed food to members of the community gave an overview of the project's inception and its first community distribution.

Through a partnership with the Central California Food Bank, Selma Unified is operating a mostly student-run food pantry to serve 200 food insecure Selma families a month. The first food distribution was Friday, Feb. 3.

The Bear Pantry is named in recognition of Selma High School's bear mascot.

Students are involved in the following ways:
- Selma High School AVID (college prep) and Key Club (student service organization) students will distribute the food to families
- Students from the District's Adult Transition Program (young adults with moderate to severe disabilities learning self-reliance) monitor inventory and fill orders
- Students from the Selma High graphic design class designed recyclable bags for the food distribution

The current grant from the Central California Food Bank runs through June, 2023 and there is hope that the grant will be extended.

The team reviewed what they learned from the first distribution to prepare for the next on March 3.
Commemorations for March

The school board adopted a resolution proclaiming March as Women’s History Month. It can be viewed by clicking HERE.

Here are more commemorations for March, along with Selma Unified details:

**National Nutrition Month & National School Breakfast Week** March 6-10

Jaeson Hoopes, Director, Child Nutrition

- 1 million+ Meals Served Annually
- 56 Employees
- 8,000 Meals Served Daily
- 11 Campuses Served
- All meals are free
- We serve students breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- 80% of our menu items are made from scratch
- We offer new menu items monthly

**School Social Work Week** March 5-11, 2023

David Diehl, Director of Student & Community Services

**Social Workers**
- Address the needs of students, families, and the school community
- Champion equitable resources for students, families, schools, and communities
- Understand diversity; encourage self-determination

**Types of Support**
- Parent support group at ALMS
- Social-Emotional Learning lessons at Terry Elementary
- Attendance groups, social skills groups, and kindness groups at Jackson and Wilson
- School workers provide Tier 2 counseling, individual and group counseling (4-8 weeks), home visits, assist with SARB, connect families to the Bear Pantry for food vouchers, and provide support with crisis responses and debriefing.

**California Adult Education Week** March 6-10

Rosa Baly, Selma Adult School Principal

Classes and programs provide adults with basic knowledge and skills needed to participate in civic life, the workforce, and post-secondary education.

- 537 Adult students served in 22/23
- 50 Students will earn their High School Diploma!
- 6 Courses offered through Reedley College (new this year!)
- 100% Adult students enrolled in the Fall CNA course passed the written and clinical test
**Adult Education (continued)**

**Adult School successes:**

**Bear Pantry**
We held our first community food distribution on February 3, serving 237 families. Our next distribution day will be held March 3. Selma High Key Club and AVID students are to be commended for their hard work in organizing and prepping for this service to take place.

**Grant Award**
On Feb. 15, we were awarded a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title II grant, providing federal funding for the next four years.

**Upcoming Events**
- March 14 Resume Workshop
- April 20 Resource Fair
- April 27 "Reg To Go"

**Accredited**
Selma Adult School earned WASC accreditation in July 2022.

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**Employee Action**

**New Hires/Transfers**
- **Tracy Banuelos**, Jackson Campus Safety Assistant
- **Angelina Barajas**, Custodian
- **Dominic Carrillo**, Custodian
- **Jerrica Dunn**, Executive Assistant to the Chief Academic Officer
- **Andrea Fernandez**, Social Worker
- **Estela Acebedo Gonzalez**, Mental Health Clinician
- **Maria Heredia**, Garfield Instructional Assistant
- **Katherine Rodriguez**, Eric White Campus Safety Assistant
- **Diane Salazar**, Terry Campus Safety Assistant
- **Jonathan Silva**, Jackson Campus Safety Assistant
- **Edid Sotelo**, Custodian
- **Domonique Soto**, Social Worker

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**Other HR News**

The Board approved a new job description for the Pool Technician/Custodian to reflect the actual duties of the position.

The Board approved the increase in hours for four Food Service Assistant I positions from 5.75 hours to 8 hours and the creation of one additional position, a 5.75 Food Service Assistant I.
Other Board Actions

The board approved submission of a waiver to the California Department of Education on the District's bonding capacity in order to access bond funds made available by Measure L.

Comprehensive school site safety plans were approved.

A bid was awarded to GCB1 for shade structures and marquee signs for multiple school sites.

Purchase of a 2019 Nissan NV200 van was approved and will be used by the IT Department.

Mark your calendar:
On Sunday, March 12 we move our clocks forward one hour.