

## **Community leaders visit local schools for Community Principal for a Day**

During the kick-off breakfast for Chino Valley Unified School District's Community Principal for a Day on Jan. 27, community leaders were promised a full morning of activities at local schools. For some of the guests that meant a mile run or an encounter with newborn piglets.

The annual event pairs community leaders with school administrators who provide their guests with a close up look at Chino Valley schools' classrooms, programs, operations, and needs.

More than 60 people attended the kick-off breakfast at Liberty Elementary School in Ontario.

During introductions, Nick Montano, owner of Roscoe's Deli in Chino, joked that Chino Hills High Principal Isabel Brenes "worked me so hard last year, that I thought I would get a 1099 (income tax form) at the end of the year." This year, he visited Briggs Fundamental School in Chino with Principal Ryan Cummins.

"Working at a restaurant is like running a school district," Montano said. "They have a lot in common."

Magnolia Junior High Principal John Miller said he hoped his guest Michael Cervantes, a district representative for Congresswoman Norma Torres, had his running shoes on because they were going to run a mile with the students that day.

Andrew To, a realtor with Keller Williams Realty in Chino Hills, told District officials that "You are what drives real estate: good schools."

Don Lugo High Assistant Principal John Ashby said his guests Dave and Charleen King of Isaiah's Rock charity in Chino, would get a close look at the new piglets and goats at Don Lugo's Farm, as well as the school's LEAD engineering program.

Lewin Harrison, owner of AACE Financial Services, said his family came to this area specifically because of Ayala High School in Chino Hills. He was to visit Wickman Elementary School in Chino Hills later that morning with Principal Tom Rummell. Harrison said he would love to volunteer at nearby Boys Republic High because he likes the mission of the school and residential treatment center for troubled youth and because the campus is near his home.

Having served as a principal for more than 20 years in the past, Superintendent Wayne Joseph told the breakfast crowd that every day at school is exciting. He said there would be plenty of things at the schools to stimulate the interest and attention of the visitors. The superintendent suggested that guests to the elementary schools visit the kindergartners "because they are so cute," and high school visitors should check out the District's award-winning bands.

"If you are at the junior highs, all you have to do is stand around and you'll be stimulated," he said, chuckling.

Principals and their invited guests were: Borba Elementary Principal Gerson Renderos and Chino Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) LCAP Committee member Diana Huizar; Briggs Fundamental Principal Ryan Cummins and Nick Montano, owner of Roscoe's Deli in Chino Hills; Butterfield Ranch Elementary

Principal Rod Federwisch and Chino Hills City Councilmember Cynthia Moran; Cal Aero Preserve Academy Principal Shawna Petit-Dinkins and Chino Valley Fire District Deputy Chief Mike Faherty; Chaparral Elementary Principal Tom Mackessy and CVUSD Board of Education President Andrew Cruz; Dickson Elementary Principal Bob Whale and Rosemarie Miller of AACE Staffing Services; Eagle Canyon Elementary Principal Laurie Warner and Tammy Roush, Fairplex Community Advancement Manager; Glenmeade Elementary Principal Denise Sunderland and Chino Hills City Councilmember Ed Graham; Hidden Trails Elementary Principal Yvette Farley and Anthony Peters, L.A. Superior Court Commissioner; Litel Elementary Principal Joe Durkin and Bob Basile, financial advisor for Waddell & Reed; Marshall Elementary Principal Stacy Heston and parent booster Sally Santoyo; Newman Elementary Principal Brandon Davis and CVUSD Board of Education member Irene Hernandez-Blair; Rhodes Elementary Principal Tracy Freed and Jim DiCamillo, architect/owner of WLC Architects; Wickman Elementary Principal Tom Rummell and Lewin Harrison, owner of AACE Financial Services; Magnolia Junior High Principal John Miller and Michael Cervantes, district representative for Congresswoman Norma Torres; Ramona Junior High Principal Kathy Nash and Brian Johsz, president of the Chino Valley Fire District Board of Directors; Townsend Junior High Principal Sharyn MacCharles and Chino Hills City Councilmember Peter Rogers; Ayala High Principal Diana Yarboi and Andrew To, realtor for Keller Williams Realty in Chino Hills, and Peter Patel of Crescent Financial Services; Boys Republic Principal Carl Hampton and Gary George, grandparent and former member of the Chaffey College Governing Board; Buena Vista Continuation High Principal Rigo Vasquez and Joanna Valenzuela, field representative for Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez; Chino High Principal Felix Melendez and Patti Arlt, government and regional affairs representative for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; Chino Hills High Principal Isabel Brenes and Joe Schaffer, CVUSD LCAP Committee member; Don Lugo High Assistant Principal John Ashby and David and Charleen King of Isaiah's Rock Ministry. The Kings also represented the Chino Rotary and Soroptimist International of the Chino Valley service clubs.

Pictured:



Eagle Canyon Elementary Principal Laurie Warner (left) and Tammy Roush, Fairplex Community Advancement Manager.



Joanna Valenzuela (left), field representative for Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez, and Buena Vista Continuation High Principal Rigo Vasquez.





Litel Elementary Principal Joe Durkin (left) and Bob Basile, financial advisor with Waddell & Reed.



Brian Johsz (left), President of the Chino Valley Fire District Board of Directors, and Ramona Junior High Principal Kathy Nash.





Carl Hampton (left), Principal of Boys Republic High and Chino Valley Adult School, and Gary George, grandparent and former Chaffey College Governing Board member.



Andrew To (far right), realtor at Keller Williams Realty, speaking about his reasons for volunteering to be a Community Principal for a Day.





Charleen and David King (left) of Isaiah's Rock Ministry in Chino share a laugh with Don Lugo High Assistant Principal John Ashby.



Glenmeade Elementary School Principal Denise Sunderland introduces Chino Hills City Councilmember Ed Graham.





Chino Valley Unified School District Board of Education President Andrew Cruz and Chaparral Elementary School Principal Tom Mackessy.





Mike Faherty, Deputy Fire Chief for the Chino Valley Fire District (with microphone), introduces himself during the Community Principal for a Day breakfast.



Deputy Superintendent Norm Enfield (left), Board of Education member Pamela Feix, and Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sandra Chen chat during the breakfast.





Woodcrest Junior High Principal Sue Pederson (with microphone) addresses the crowd at the breakfast. Sitting to her immediate left is Board of Education member Sylvia Orozco.





Susan Alaniz (left), a retired Chino Valley Unified School District administrator who has been filling in at Liberty Elementary School, talks with Walnut Avenue Elementary Principal Karen Morales.



Chino Valley Unified School District Superintendent Wayne Joseph addresses the Community Principal for a Day crowd in the Liberty Elementary School multi-purpose room.





School District administrators and their guests for Community Principal for a Day line up for breakfast at Liberty Elementary School in Ontario.