

# MDUSD MONDAY MEMO

A Weekly Update of District Activities and Education-related Issues

from the Superintendent's Office, Mt. Diablo Unified School District

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Note from the editor, MDUSD Communications Specialist Sue Berg:

The "Monday Memo" is an electronic newsletter that we attempt to produce every Monday during the school year. It is intended to provide news and information about district, school, employee, and student programs and issues to our Mt. Diablo Unified School District community. We started with a small mailing list, hoping that recipients will Forward it to others on the link provided below or contact Sue Berg at [bergs@mdusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:bergs@mdusd.k12.ca.us) and ask to be added to the distribution. Hundreds have done so since we sent out the first electronic issue in January 2008. We also post each issue on the District web site, [www.mdusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.mdusd.k12.ca.us). The link to the current and past copies of the Monday Memo is listed on the home page. We welcome comments, news, story, ideas, and questions. And we urge you to share each Monday Memo with others.

## Schools honored for student achievement

At its meeting tonight, October 14, the Board of Education will honor 38 schools for outstanding student achievement as measured by the state's Academic Performance Index (API). This index is based on results of the standardized test (STAR) that students in grades 2 through 11 took in Spring 2008. The state goal is an API of 800.

The principal of each school that earned an API of 800 and above or that improved its API by at least 10 points has been invited to bring some teachers, staff, parents, and students to the Board meeting to be acknowledged publicly for their accomplishment. The meeting will be held at Monte Gardens Elementary School, 3841 Larkspur Drive, Concord, beginning at 730 p.m.

Schools earning 800 and above on the Spring 2008 API:

School	2008 API Score	City
Elementary School		
Walnut Acres	926	Walnut Creek
Sequoia Elem.	925	Pleasant Hill
Valle Verde	904	Walnut Creek
Strandwood	900	Pleasant Hill
Mt. Diablo El.	890	Clayton
Bancroft	890	Walnut Creek
Monte Gardens	875	Concord
Woodside	867	Concord
Eagle Peak	866	Walnut Creek
Pleasant Hill	865	Pleasant Hill

Valhalla	857	Pleasant Hill
Highlands	839	Concord
Hidden Valley	825	Martinez
Gregory Gardens	825	Pleasant Hill
Mountain View	812	Concord
Ayers	801	Concord
Middle School		
Foothill	892	Walnut Creek
Sequoia	867	Pleasant Hill
Diablo View	851	Clayton
Valley View	809	Pleasant Hill
High School		
Northgate	831	Walnut Creek

Schools that improved their API by at least 10 points from 2007 to 2008:

School	2007 API	2008 API	Growth	City
Elementary				
Delta View	681	745	64	Pittsburg
Mountain View	777	812	35	Concord
Bel Air	599	633	34	Bay Point
Bancroft	857	890	33	Walnut Creek
Shore Acres	599	631	32	Bay Point
Meadow Homes	605	636	31	Concord
Ygnacio Valley	691	714	23	Concord
Holbrook	698	718	20	Concord
Hidden Valley	806	825	19	Martinez
Silverwood	64	781	17	Concord
Middle				
Glenbrook	599	624	25	Concord
Pine Hollow	738	754	16	Concord
Diablo View	838	851	13	Clayton
High School				
Ygnacio Valley	641	666	25	Concord
College Park	744	764	20	Pleasant Hill
Mt. Diablo	613	631	18	Concord
Clayton Valley	733	745	12	Clayton
Small Necessary High School				
Prospect	500	651	151	Pleasant Hill
Gateway	537	614	77	Bay Point
Crossroads	464	517	53	Concord
Summit	499	531	32	Concord

Congratulations to teachers, staff, students, and parents at all of these schools. They reflect the good work and dedication to student learning that is going on at all the schools in our District.

***In others' words. . . on student learning***

*"As a student I learned from wonderful teachers and ever since then I've thought*

*everyone is a teacher.*"--Bill Moyers, journalist

*"Take the attitude of a student, never be too big to ask questions, never know too much to learn something new."*--Og Mandino, psychologist

*"There is a brilliant child locked inside every student."*--Marva Collins, educator

**Gary McHenry  
Superintendent**

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