

# Superintendent's Update

## Celebrating Black and African American History Month

Board of Education Meeting

February 2, 2021

Meeting No. 15



# Serving our Community

## *Honoring the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

- Cerritos Elementary School



- Muir Elementary School



- Toll Middle School





## Cerritos Elementary School Service to the Community Project Thank You Dignity Health!



Dear Doctors and Nurses,

Thank you for working hard to help us.

You saved many people.

I am proud of you.

Felipe

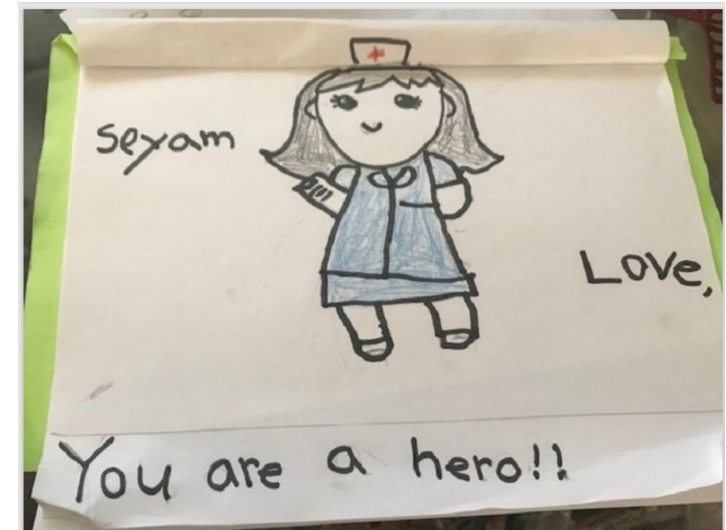
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Mrs. Miranda

Dear Dignity Health Doctors,  
Nurses, and Essential Workers,

Thank you for going to work everyday to keep us safe. You are brave. One thing I have done to stay safe during this pandemic is wear a mask when I go outside. One thing I miss the most is going to restaurants. Stay safe!

Sincerely,  
Maya





## Dear Dignity Health Workers,

I just wanted to say thank you for all the things you have done for us. By us, I don't just mean our school, I also mean Glendale! You have helped so many people during this pandemic. It's true! It's very thoughtful of you to help us get through this. You've done a big part in this and we thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Nyah DePree

Age 11

5th Grade

*Dear Hero at Dignity Health,*

You are my hero because you are sacrificing your life to help other people. I know it's difficult, especially during this pandemic, but you are still trying your best to help stop it and I know you can do it. I am just sorry that many people are not following the guidelines and because of them you have to put your life at risk. This is the reason why YOU are my hero! All my love and goodluck with the pandemic.



Natalie. G



*With Much Gratitude,  
Natalie Gharibian  
6th Grader, Mrs. Avanesian's Class  
Cerritos Elementary School  
January 19, 2021*

Dear Doctors and Nurses,

Thank You for your kindness! I very much appreciate the work you've been doing for the world. You are one of the kindest people in the world because you do hard work for us to get us to feel better. And I imagine how hard it is for you because there's lot of patients.

Thank You doctors and nurses!!! I hope you stay healthy and safe! Let's all fight the PANDEMIC!!!!

From,

Vardan

## Dear Dignity Health Workers,

*Thank you for helping to save people. You are putting your own lives on the line to save others. You're doing such a great job in the hospital, saving people. I hope you stay safe and continue to do your job as well as you always did. During this pandemic, you are truly doing such a good job taking care of patients.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jaira Nunag*

*10 years old*

*5th Grade*

*Thank  
You*

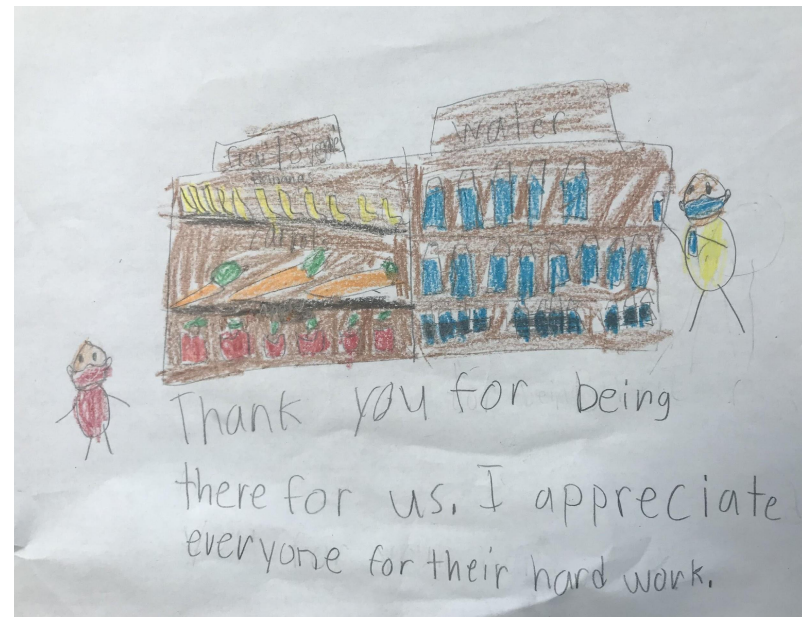
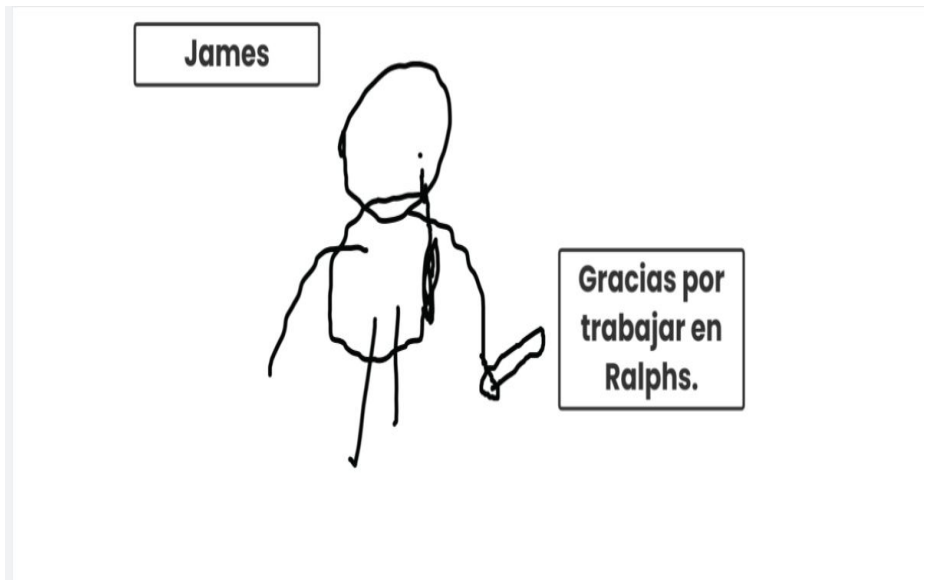
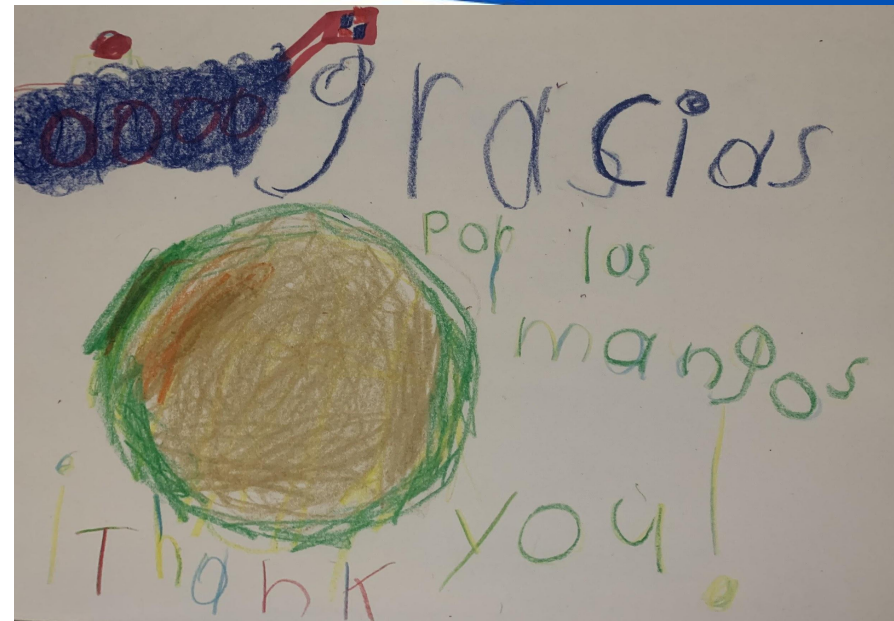
# John Muir Elementary

## Letters of Appreciation

### Supermarket Workers



AND ALWAYS SHOW THAT YOU CARE







Dear Supermarket Worker,

Thank you for all your hard work during this very scary pandemic we are going through. Thank you for not only showing up to work but also for making sure the shelves are filled everyday with fresh food, and drinks. It must be very uncomfortable to work with a mask on, it is hard to breathe and see well. God bless you and keep you safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Logan



## Attention Toll Students, Parents, Teachers, and Staff,

Toll is putting on a schoolwide service project and we need your help! Please help Toll support families experiencing homelessness by donating items for Union Station Homelessness Services' hygiene kits program. This important program assists Union Station in meeting the basic needs of people as they rebuild their lives and escape homelessness!

Some of the items you can donate are:

Travel size shampoo, conditioner, soap, and body wash

Travel size body lotion, sunscreen, and hand sanitizer

Toothpaste, toothbrushes, and dental floss

Fold up hairbrush or comb

Shaving razor

Small first aid kit and travel size sewing kits

Deodorant, Chapstick and small packs of tissue

Feminine hygiene products, such as sanitary pads and tampons

New socks

Rain poncho

Granola bars and bottled water

All items must be NEW and have never been used. Please drop off your donation items to the front of Toll Middle School, during the month of February. The donation boxes will be outside Monday-Friday (excluding holidays) during the hours of 8 AM to 4 PM

For more information about the Union Station Homeless Services go to: <https://unionstationhs.org/>



# Titans Believe in Service







# Black and African American History Month Speaker Series

[www.gusd.net/BlackHistoryMonth](http://www.gusd.net/BlackHistoryMonth)



## The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity

CELEBRATING  
BLACK HISTORY  
MONTH  
2021



Special Webinar Series Every Wednesday



In honor of Black History Month, every Wednesday in February Glendale Unified School District will host a special webinar series featuring Black and African American leaders who serve their communities in wonderful and different ways. The theme for **Black History Month 2021** is **The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity**. We encourage all students to participate in these webinars to learn more and celebrate Black History.

### Session

WEDNESDAY  
2/3/2021  
1:00 PM

### Speaker

[DeMark Liggins](#)  
Chief of Staff,  
Southern Christian  
Leadership Conference



### Webinar Registration

[www.gusd.net/Feb3](http://www.gusd.net/Feb3)

WEDNESDAY  
2/10/2021  
2:30 PM

[Joi Blume](#)  
AVP-Underwriter,  
Intact Insurance Specialty  
Solutions



[Mike Phillips](#)  
World Renowned Saxophonist



[www.gusd.net/Feb10](http://www.gusd.net/Feb10)

WEDNESDAY  
2/17/2021  
2:30 PM  
(Panel)

[Cheryl Pollard](#)  
Engineering Project Manager,  
Lockheed Martin RMS



[www.gusd.net/Feb17](http://www.gusd.net/Feb17)

[Michelle Rojas-Soto](#)  
Managing Director,  
Encompass



[Miles Thompson](#)  
Credit Products Associate,  
Govt. and Institutional Banking,  
Regions Bank



[Eboni Walker](#)  
Life Coach and Mentor



WEDNESDAY  
2/24/2021  
1:00 PM

[Gerda Govine Ituarte, Ed.D.](#)  
Author of Poetry



[www.gusd.net/Feb24](http://www.gusd.net/Feb24)



# Coming up on February 16

- Update from the Glendale Unified Working Group to Ensure Culturally Relevant and Responsive Education
- CRRE Working Group Focus Areas
  1. Eliminating bias in curricula and educational materials
  2. Actively recruiting a more diverse workforce and providing professional development to ensure culturally competent, anti-biased leadership
  3. Analyzing student discipline data and continuing the use of Restorative Practices to build community, strengthen school culture, and repair relationships
  4. Engaging students and families to proactively develop inclusive school communities
  5. Connecting with community partners to support this work and provide culturally relevant educational opportunities for students
- Learn more at [www.gusd.net/CRRE](http://www.gusd.net/CRRE)





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