

# THE FW INSIDER

## RYAN VANDERO NEW DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR



Ryan VanDero has been selected as the next Database Administrator, following in the footsteps of Vicki Willan, who is retiring on January 5th. Ryan has worked in Flowing Wells since 2019, first as a Payroll Services Associate and most recently as the Database Systems Specialist. He also brings a wealth of experience from his prior work as an Associate Director at the Sonoran Institute, where he supervised database and technology integrations, accounting, payroll, and IT services. Ryan will work closely with Vicki Willan over the next month as he transitions into the position. Congratulations, Ryan!

## EMELC WAITING LIST

Calling all future Teddy Bears! Emily Meschter will be developing a waiting list for FY 21 for all interested families who have a preschool age child and are interested in enrolling in the tuition preschool. Through a lottery system, students will be chosen on January 4th and will be guaranteed enrollment for the following school year if the parent continues to be a District employee. Please call the preschool at 696-8909 if you are interested in enrolling your child or have further questions.

## ANNUAL CLIMATE SURVEY

On Monday, December 7, employees will receive a link for our annual climate survey. The survey results will be used to support our goal of continuous improvement, although we recognize the current unusual conditions. Employees will need to log in with their District Google account (firstname.lastname@fwusd8.org) to complete the survey; this step is necessary simply to maintain one response per person. No personally identifying information will be collected, and all survey submissions will remain anonymous. If you do not know your District Google password, please contact Mike Escalante (miguel.escalante@fwusd.org or ext. 8812) for assistance. The District also will be surveying students in third grade through high school and parents/guardians at all schools. Thank you in advance for your participation.

## POWERSCHOOL CALCULATIONS IN SEMESTER 2

Beginning January 12, all grade calculations in PowerTeacher Pro will display to the tenth place (one decimal), which is consistent with the calculation method that had been in place in the prior version of PowerTeacher. This change will not affect grades from the first or second quarter or from the first semester.

## PROPOSITION 202 FUNDS IN TUESDAY'S PAYCHECK

All certified teachers will receive \$195 in the December 8th paycheck. Funding for Proposition 202, the Indian Gaming and Self-Reliance Act, is based on state gaming revenue. Only certified teachers are eligible to receive these funds which are distributed in December and May.

## BENEFIT ME

Jorgensen Brooks, our employee assistance provider has introduced a new mobile app. The app gives you access to over 5,000 articles, resources, and links to through a searchable database. In addition, the app allows you to access a live response from professionals 24 hours/365 days, creating an "always open" mental health service. The app gives instant access to resources for parenting, adoption, child care, education, aging well, personal health, grief and loss, mental health, relationships, family life, legal questions, pets and much more! Best of all, the Jorgensen Brooks assistance program is free to all Flowing Wells employees. Download the app today at [www.jorgensbrooks.com/app](http://www.jorgensbrooks.com/app). The Android app is available on Google Play or you can download it using the Apple App Store. When prompted, the Employer number is FWSD and the password is JBG (not case sensitive).

## FW BLUE AND GOLD = CARDINAL RED



Flowing Wells High School Senior, Syahmi Ali Mohd, will attend Stanford University on a full-ride scholarship! Ali attended Richardson and FWJH. His high scores on the PSAT and ACT along with his exceptional grades caught the attention of an organization called Questbridge, a non-profit that links students with educational and scholarship opportunities at top colleges and universities. Ali completed a lengthy application and as part of the application process, listed his top schools including Stanford, MIT, Princeton, and UPenn. Ali became a finalist, and Questbridge matched him with his first choice, Stanford. Ali will receive academic scholarships from Stanford and Questbridge for approximately \$300,000 over four years. We could not be more proud of Ali!

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