

Cypress School District
“Vessels Grand Reopening”

On October 1st, students and staff at Frank Vessels School, in the Cypress School District, gave the community an opportunity to celebrate with them the Grand Reopening of their school. School had been in session since August 30th, but this was the first opportunity the District had to really showcase the improvements made possible through modernization funds from the Measure M General Obligation Bond approved by voters in 2008.

Vessels is the first school in the Cypress School District to be modernized. Principal Jane Snyder led students and guests through a rousing celebration out at the flag pole, and Superintendent Loewenstein introduced attending guests and dignitaries including Board members Donna Erickson, David Giese, Brian Nakamura, and Valeri Peters Wagner, Cypress City Councilman Leroy Mills, Brian O’Neal, President of Anaheim Union High School District’s Board of Trustees, Michael Kasler, President of Cypress College, and Ed Munson, President and CEO of Cypress Chamber of Commerce. State Senator Tom Harman sent a staff member to represent him at the event, and proclamations from both Senator Harman and Assemblyman Jim Silva were read to the audience.

Following the schoolwide rally, guests were divided into tour groups, each group led by Vessels Student Council members in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. Two guides were assigned to each group and attendees were taken through a kindergarten, primary, and upper grade classroom; the library/computer lab; and the office. Highlights included SMART Board technology in every classroom, a new computerized checkout system in the library, and new playground equipment. At the end of the tour, guests were invited into the multipurpose room for refreshments.

“Vessels students,, staff, and families are proud and excited to share our modernized and expanded school with the Cypress community members,” said Mrs. Snyder, noting that the event was a wonderful success and that staff and students are thrilled with their new school!