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MICHAEL MILLIGAN
PERFORMED IN THE
NUTCRACKER**



YOU BE THE JUDGE

Vote for your favorite video by February 5.



GET OUT THE VOTE!

Help us determine the finalists of CCSA's One Movement. Many Voices. Video Contest. More than forty videos have been submitted by passionate members of our charter school community across the state.

You can vote ONCE a day!

CHARTER SCHOOLS ROCK!

Springs Charter Schools

By Jeremy Scherer

Charter Schools Rock! They represent a beacon of hope for our children's future in that they provide much needed parent choice, incredible dynamism for tomorrow's fast changing world, and increased pressure to slowly improve even the public education system.

The story of Ava and Jen Fried is one of many stories just like it. Ava might not have maintained her love for learning in just any environment, and thanks to Charter schools, she thrives. Charter schools give her a voice in her education.



CONTEST WINNERS WILL BE RECEIVING A CASH PRIZE:

First Place winner will be awarded a \$5,000 cash prize along with a \$10,000 donation to the California charter school of your choice.

Second Place winner will receive \$2,000 cash prize along with a \$3,000 donation to the California charter school of your choice.

Third Place winner will receive \$1,000 cash prize along with a \$2,000 donation to the California charter school of your choice.

Winning videos will be honored at the 22nd Annual California Charter Schools Association Conference in Sacramento, California.

Questions? Send us an email: video@calcharters.org



Human Resources

**INDIVIDUALLY,
WE ARE
ONE DROP.
TOGETHER,
WE ARE AN
OCEAN.**

Ryunosuke Satoro

National Counselor Appreciation Week: February 2-6 is a week that focuses public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within U.S. school systems and how students are different as a result of what school counselors do. This week also highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. Huge and well deserved THANKS to all our amazing SCS Counselors for their guidance and direction they have instilled in the life of all the students within our Springs Charter Schools Community! We are lucky to have them!



Wear **RED** on Friday,
February 6th!
February is Heart
Health Awareness
Month.

be a part
of
red
for
heart

President's Day is Monday,
February 16th



Hug your
Valentine on
Saturday,
February 14th!



**All Sites and Administrative Offices
will be closed in observance.**

Words of Wisdom from a Few:

“ I had rather be on my farm than be an emperor of the world.” ~ *George Washington*

“ When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on.” ~ *Franklin D. Roosevelt*

“As we express gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.” ~ *John F. Kennedy*

“ Focusing your life solely on making a buck shows a certain poverty of ambition. It asks too little of yourself...Because it's only when you hitch your wagon to something larger than yourself that you realize your true potential.” ~ *Barack Obama*

NOTICE



from



guidance

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF CAL GRANT GPA VERIFICATION FORMS IS WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26TH.

GET GRANTS FOR SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRANTS THROUGH CAL GRANTS!

Are your students looking for financial aid, college grants or school grants to attend a college in California? Cal Grants are the best way to get cash for a California based college, university or technical school. Students aiming for higher education or just needing cash to bear college expenses can be assisted with financial aid and grants so that they can fulfill their dreams and earn a degree.

With financial aid from a Cal Grant, students do not need to pay the aid back and the funds may be used on items such as room and board, and textbooks for class. To qualify for a Cal Grant, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Cal Grant Grade Point Average Verification Form. The forms are available in the Pupil Services office (see attached) or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov and at the California Student Aid Commission. Cal Grant GPA verification must be submitted to the Guidance Department no later than February 26th, 2014.

For additional information about the Cal Grant or FAFSA please contact the Guidance Department at (951) 252-8833 or your guidance counselor.



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Senior SCS families have likely started to complete their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Read some of the top questions families ask about the process.

TOP QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FAFSA

Are students expected to apply for financial aid before they receive an acceptance or offer from schools?

Yes. Applying to attend a school and applying for financial aid at that school are two distinct processes. You should be aware of both school application deadlines and required financial aid forms and deadlines to ensure you have the best chance at all available aid at the schools you are interested in attending.

If my child applies to more than one school, will he or she get different offers of aid depending on the school?

More than likely, yes. Every school has different policies and practices on how financial aid money is awarded. Resources can also vary widely from one school to another.

Should students or parents fill out the FAFSA?

The FAFSA is completed from the student perspective since the student is the one requesting the aid. However, parent(s) will need to help out and enter their data (financial and otherwise) to assist in this process. Always pay attention to which section you are in when entering data in the FAFSA by looking at the banner on the left-hand side of each page.

The first FAFSA deadline at one of the colleges where my child is applying is Feb. 15th. Our individual tax return won't be complete by that date. Do we submit estimates for the financial information and then later update it with the true tax return information once it is complete?

Yes. The most important thing to keep in mind is meeting your deadlines. If you cannot complete your taxes by the first deadline, you should estimate them. The FAFSA application has lots of tools to assist you with this — making the process easier and more accurate. Once you have filed your taxes, you should return to your FAFSA and update this information, if eligible, using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.

If we submit a correction, will updates automatically go to all schools in the application or do we need to call schools individually?

Updates done and submitted through the FAFSA online application will automatically be sent to the schools you've identified in your application.

CORONA STUDENT CENTER

We had a great winter assembly and toy drive. Each class learned a holiday song and performed it for the other students and parents. We also participated in the Spark Of Love Toy Drive. We have very supportive parents and students who donated a lot of toys. Thanks so much to all of our parents and students for all you do!!!

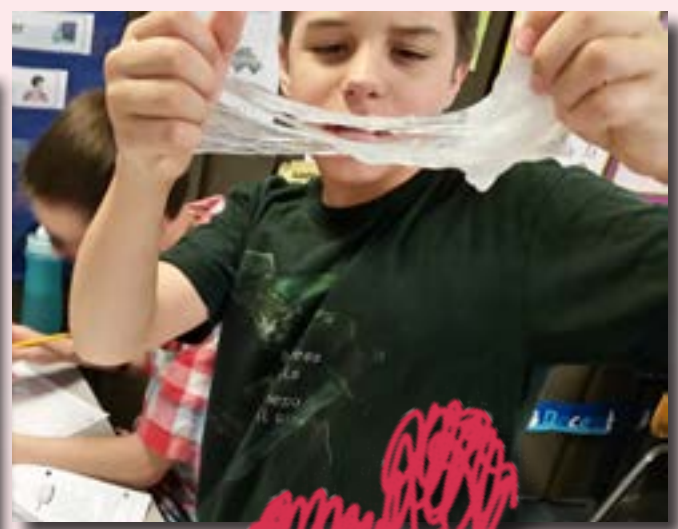


CORONA LEARNING CENTER



Our learning center teacher, Michael Milligan, played the parts of the Mouse King, Russian and Chinese Dragon, in The Nutcracker at the Bridges Auditorium in Claremont. Kelsey Milligan, his wife and also a learning center teacher, organized a field trip for their students to see the play. What a great holiday experience for our students!

In our Learning Center Hands-On Science class, we recently explored the characteristics of fluids and liquids. During one of the lessons, we combined certain liquids (one containing polymers) to create slime! Students were able to practice lab safety and exploration of science in this kinesthetic class.



HEMET QUEST STUDENT CENTER

Hemet Holiday Party!

Theresa Rodriguez and Katie Koelpin enjoying the delicious buffet.



HEMET STUDENT CENTER

Safety Awareness

This month's safety awareness cone goes to our Hemet Student Center Custodian, Mr. Isaac Neal. Mr. Isaac has demonstrated daily safety measures at our site and what is required to keep our students safe and secure. Thanks Mr. Isaac for your preparedness!



College Night

Mrs. Jennifer Martin, Principal at Hemet Student Centers and Mrs. Nikia Hovey, Assistant Principal at Hemet Students Centers pose for a rare photo op during our "College Night" event.

Students and their parents had the opportunity to listen to a few college professors and prepare for their youths' next level of education.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped out!



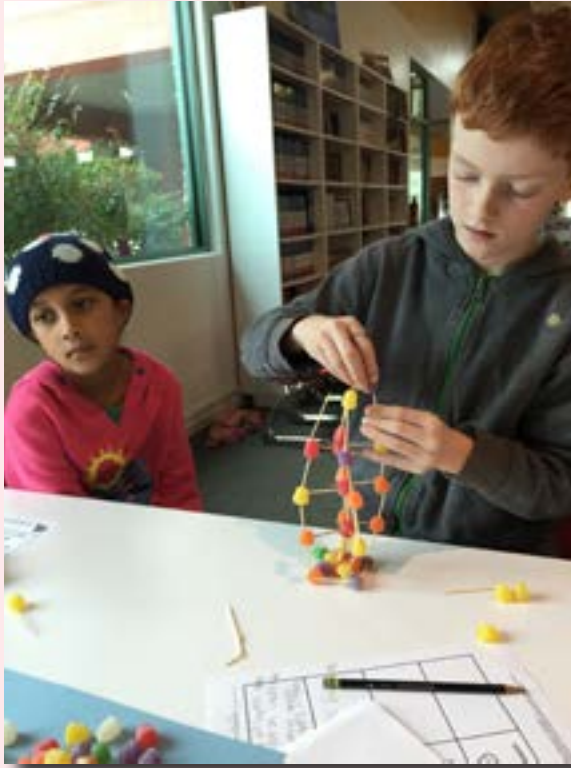
HEMET LEARNING CENTER



Our Learning Center Students participated in a 3 in 1 earthquake, lock down and fire drill. Each teacher went over important handouts prior to the drill and helped prepare them for an emergency situation, school threat, or disaster. When it came time for the drill our K-8th graders were responsible and safe!



ISHINE LEARNING CENTER



Hands on Science students at iShine ended 2014 on a sweet note. What's not fun about dissolving candy canes and building trees out of gum drops and toothpicks? Over in Actor's Studio, students worked on their improve skills playing Taxi.



Coming up at iShine is the "You're the Boss" trade show and Vocal Music end of the semester performance. Both will take place on Friday, January 23 at 10:30 am. The students are eager to show off what they have been working on! For more info, please see attached flyer on Moodle.

OTAY RANCH STUDENT CENTER



ORAA's first and second grade students created the simulation of "Kid Town". The students named their town; worked in cooperative learning groups to set up stores and services; practiced reading, speaking, math, and art skills; went on study trips in your local community; elected a new mayor; and concluded with a Town Meeting to which parents are invited. They then went on a field trip to the The Otay Ranch Town Center and visited the library and local businesses and also went to the movies. They ended the trip with a visit to Santa.

3rd Grade Class Winter Activities

- Macaroni menorahs in honor of Winter Around the World and learning about Hanukkah
- Creating marshmallow snowmen
- Using YouTube to learn how to make snowflakes

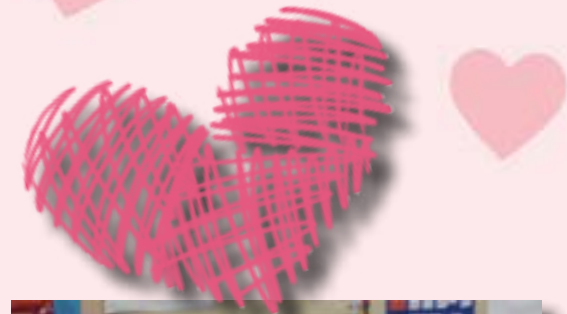


OTAY RANCH LEARNING CENTER



Students from Ms. Glickman Jones' STEM Science class explore with LEGO kits donated to Springs Learning Centers! The LEGO kits will be used to further concepts in engineering, design, mathematics, and artistic pursuits. A big THANK YOU!

Ms. Graham's K-2 art students made Snowy Scenes exploring elements of shape with tempera paint. The designs were created with a variety of tools, including brushes, cardboard, and fingers. Let it snow...but no such luck in Otay Ranch!



RIVERSIDE STUDENT CENTER



The Riverside Student Center students are participants of the Schoolstore.net yearlong fundraiser. This fundraiser allows the Riverside Student Center to raise money for their school all year long. With some of the funds raised so far, this year we were able to purchase playground equipment as well as physical education equipment which included basketballs, footballs, soccer balls and bouncy balls. The students are very excited to receive the new playground equipment and send a big THANK YOU to all of the parents, family, and friends who help to support the school.



The Riverside student center is extremely thrilled to have started such a diverse and talented volleyball team. At every practice each player is improving and having a lot of fun while doing so. We are beyond eager to play in our first volleyball tournament at Linfield School in Temecula. GO RED HAWKS!

This year, the Riverside Student Center was glad to be a part of a gift donation campaign to help the battered women and children of the Sheep Fold Shelter. Thank you to all the students, parents, and staff members who participated and paid it forward!!



RIVERSIDE LEARNING CENTER



Look at all the school spirit the Riverside Student Center has. Staff and students were encouraged to dress up in their Ugly Christmas Sweater!



In Mrs. Escamilla's This Week In History class, student's learned about the Leaning Tower of Pisa and created one with a partner.



In Mrs. Reightley's Hands On Earth Science class, student's had the opportunity to dissect owl pellets. Students were amazed at how many little bones they were able to pull out.



Upcoming Events:

- February 17th and 19th- Nerd/Jock day
- International Geography Fair: February 24th from 5:30-6:30

FEBRUARY

Happy Birthdays!

COEN, JESSICA	1
FERRARI, KIMBERLY	1
SCHAFFNER, JEANNE	1
SORENSEN, CARLY	1
TAM, HEIDI	1
PATRICIO, ROBYN	2
BRANDON, CRYSTAL	3
FABOZZI, REBECCA	3
SETZLER, BRIANNA	3
MINDE, ANDRIA	4
BLACKWOOD, BRIAN	7
PFEIFFER, MONA	9
DULANEY, ERIN	10
GARNETT, JESSICA	10
HEIN, KIMBERLY	10
KOSMAL, SHERRY	10
LYALL, COLE	10
FELIX, ROBIN	11
LISTER, ARLENE	12
SAMUEL, LASHON	12

BEACH, VERONICA	13
CARBONETTA, DANIELLE	13
FLOWERS, JAMES	13
GONZALES, CASSANDRA	13
WEEKS, ERICA	13
CLEARY, JENNIFER	14
GUTIERREZ, YOLANDA	14
MCKAY, DIANE	14
PASOLINI, ANDREA	14
AYON, DULCE	15
DEE, JACKIE	15
JAHNKE, NICOLE	15
MCDOUGALL, TRICIA	15
SHERMAN, CINDY	15
STEIN, GARRICK	15
ADKINS, RONALD	16
JULIAN, BREANA	16
REYNOLDS, AMANDA	16

VAN FOSSEN, SUNNY	17
YOUNKER, KRISTY	17
SCHILLING, MICHAEL	18
THOMAS, JULIA	18
LINNEY, MEGHAN	19
WILLIAMS, SHEILA	21
BAIRD, JOELLE	22
HARRELL, NICOLE	22
ADKINS, RONALD	23
RODRIGUEZ, MARIBEL	23
ADAIR-CHUNG, ALEXANDRA	24
CHICKMAN, AMANDA	24
BOECHE, AMANDA	25
DANIEL, DEBRA	25
FINNEY, MELISA	25
VOGEL, JENNIFER	26
BAROJAS, JULIA	27
NELSON, KANDYCE	27
SOUTH, NATALI	27
ALLINGTON, MARY	28
BALLANTYNE, KIMBERLEE	28

FEBRUARY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

ADAIR, JUDY	2012
ANDERSON, LEE ANN	2010
ANGER, KATHRYN	2003
BAUMEISTER, CHERYL	2010
BRANCHAUD, ALYSSA	2010
BUTTERFIELD, KATHRYN	2012
CALLISTER, LINDSEY	2010
CARSON, BRIANNE	2010
COLSON, ALISON	2014
COTE, MARK	2010
DEERING, MICHELLE	2010
FERRARI, KIMBERLY	2014
FINN, JENNIFER	2010
GRABOSKY, DEBORAH	2010
HAYNES, NICOLE	2010
HIKE, JACQUELINE	2003
KILEY, MISTY	2010
KUSLEIKA, LYNN	2010
LEE, MICHAEL	2011
LEWIS, ROSALINDA	2014
LYNCH, KATHLEEN	2010

MARTINEZ, DANIEL	2012
MCCORMICK, KRISTINA	2012
MIDDLETON, AMANDA	2012
MITCHELL, TIFFANY	2011
MORAN, TERESA	2002
NORIEGA-LOEBIG, CELIA	2012
PEREZ, WHITNEY	2014
PRICE, VIVIAN	2003
REEVES, BRANDY	2010
REYES-MEJIA, ANICK	2012
SCHILLING, MICHAEL	2010
SCHLABACH, LAURA	2004
SCHROLL, MELISSA	2014
SLATER, COURTNEY	2010
SMALLMAN, CHERYL	2010
SNUFFIN MEDEIROS, DANA	2010
TORQUATO, MARY	2003
ULLOA, MONICA	2010
WILLES, JANAN	2010
ZAPPIA, BRIDGET	2012