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WINTER BREAK

DECEMBER 19 - JANUARY 2

Summit Springs EF Board of Directors
National Merit Scholarship Commended Students
Student of the Month
News From Around Our Locations

*Happy
Holidays*



The Summit Springs Educational Foundation welcomed its inaugural Board of Directors at a swearing in ceremony on November 29, 2016. The new members include: Louis Fetherolf, retired Chief of Police, Peter Alvino, Springs' Interim Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Services, Amy Podratz, Springs' Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Operations, Kristin Crellin, Vice President of School and Community Relations for SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union, Verta Guynes, a management training executive from the real estate industry, Mike Monteleone, retired from his company Monteleone Excavating, Lou Monville with Raincross Corporate Group, and Mitch Surowitz, area vice president at Arthur J. Gallagher. Dr. Hermsmyeyer administered the oaths and said "It was my pleasure to be part of the ceremony. As Chief Fetherolf, our board president, noted, we were most pleased to have attracted a quality board with diverse backgrounds." The purpose of the foundation is to raise funds for scholarships for graduating Springs students and to offer grants to teachers and staff for activities that promote the mission of Springs Charter Schools.





National Merit[®] Scholarship Program

Three Springs students have been named Commended Students in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program: **Maxwell Chan, Mira Larsen, and Karl Zieber**. Commended Students are recognized for their academic promise, and placed among the top 3% of the 1.6 million who entered the competition. They were recognized by Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Springs' Superintendent, at the school board meetings on December 8, 2016. Each student received a letter of commendation and a certificate from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation in recognition of their achievement. Dr. Hermsmeyer, remarked, "We congratulate each of these outstanding young people for their academic accomplishment, and are confident that they are headed to a bright future."



Maxwell Chan and Dr. Hermsmeyer



Karl Zieber and Dr. Hermsmeyer

Note: Mira Larson is currently attending the Royal Ballet School in London



Student OF THE MONTH



CONGRATULATIONS

While attending Springs Charter Schools, Senior **Maxwell Chan** has been taking community college classes and he will have 50 units of college credit when he graduates. He is a member of the National Honor Society and he is the lead programmer on the school's robotics team. Chan also plays piano and holds a black belt in kung fu. Chan participates in annual engineering camps and he enjoys tutoring other students. He plans to study video game design and computer programming at USC.

On December 8, 2016, the Murrieta Chamber of Commerce High School Student of the Month Program was held and the students shown above were recognized. Shown sitting left to right are: Kailee Shedeed (Murrieta Canyon Academy); Isaac Cunalata (Murrieta Mesa High School); Therese Recidoro (Vista Murrieta High School); **Maxwell Chan (Springs Charter Schools)**; Kaylin Krahn (Murrieta Valley High School); and Micah Roth (Calvary Murrieta Christian High School) Shown standing from left to right are: Rick Gibbs, Mayor, City of Murrieta; Margaret Jones, SOM Chair; Andy Morris, Murrieta Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board. Photo credit: Kip A. Cothran



The River Springs Centurions cross country team made it to CIF championships last November. Our girls are looking to build a comeback as a team and place on the top 2 teams, and the boys are looking to keep placing on the top three and compete for first place at the CIF championships.



CITE

Pathfinder Student Center Yearbook and Photography interns, Delilah Cohen and Noel Soares Gilbert, spent their day capturing the action and school spirit at the Springs Charter School Flag Football tournament. The busy interns have been utilizing their creative talent in photography to capture images of school sporting events, dances, and other academic and creative activities around campus. Both Delilah and Noel are currently students in the CTE Arts, Media, and Entertainment Pathway, where real-world creative projects and internship opportunities let them develop their technical skills and build impressive, creative portfolios.

Photo: Delilah Cohen



Photo: Noel Soares

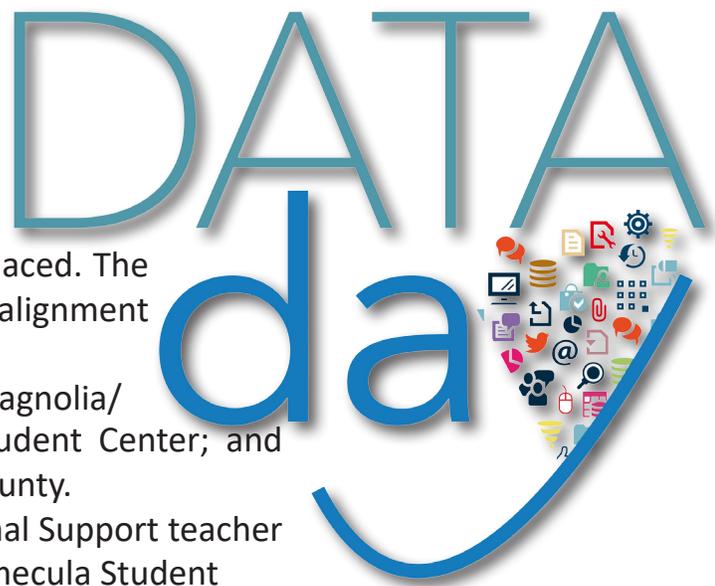


On November 15, Springs Science teachers reviewed reports showing the results of Milestone 1 for each area of science. They identified an area of challenge where more instruction may be helpful and questions on the assessments that should be improved or replaced. The Science group is also busy making new "I CANs" in alignment with the Next Generation Science Standards.

High School Science Table: Jim Ardalan, teacher at Magnolia/FAPA; Shahram Yousefian, teacher at Temecula Student Center; and Skylar Sorensen, teacher at Murrieta and Orange County.

Also: Katie Evans, Mobile Science Lab and Instructional Support teacher for Science; Juanita MacLean, Biology teacher at Temecula Student Center; and April Holemo, teacher at Hemet Student Center. Photos by John Kane, Physics teacher and Springs Data Analyst.

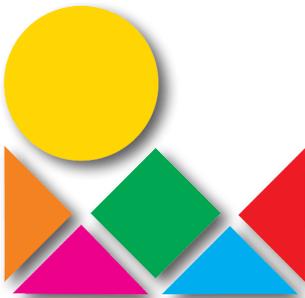
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Corona

S T U D E N T C E N T E R



Corona Coyote Elementary Team won the Springs Championship. We are so proud of the boys and girls who played their hearts out for our Mosaic Academy.

Photo credit to Student Noel Soares



We kicked off our annual canned food drive on Dec 1st. Our goal this year is 500 cans of food. Let's go Coyotes!



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STUDENT CENTER

We had our December Scholar Awards Assembly on December 7th. We want to congratulate everyone who got an award. We are happy to announce that our Student of the Month and our Principal award went to two sisters in our school. They are amazing girls! They work very hard in school, they are great examples to everyone and are always very kind to others. Congratulations Courtney and Sierra!





Our school counselor, Mr. Young, giving class presentations. Today's lesson was on social skills. The students were actively engaged and reaped the benefits of the lesson.



In CTE Ground School, students celebrated the 241st birthday of the USMC with discussion about the Marine Corps' history. While having cake and drinks, each student received a USMC challenge coin commemorating the 100th year anniversary (1912-2012) of Marine aviation. The students prepared for our annual "Dress of Success" mock interviews event. The students were each given a neck tie and instruction on how to properly tie it. Fellow students immediately went to work showing other students how to tie their new ties.

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On November 17th, the seniors at Magnolia and FAPA had the wonderful opportunity to take a guided tour of the newly renovated Richard Nixon Library and birthplace. New exhibits included an interactive replica of Nixon's Oval Office and the Watergate Scandal. They even took a tour of the house Nixon was born in. This field trip gave historical context to Nixon's presidency regarding his domestic and foreign policy for our students.



Hunter Peterson, FAPA senior, interns (work experience) at Ed Martin's Garage, Riverside, where he cleans and preps for the mechanics in the morning and closes the shop in the evening. Hunter has been working there since the beginning of summer and the bosses are so pleased with what a great worker he is!!!



Congratulations to our seniors, Giselle Alvarenga (FAPA) & Jennica Tejeda (Magnolia), for participating in the LISTOS class sponsored by San Bernardino County Office of Emergency on Dec, 3rd. LISTOS is a grass-roots disaster preparedness program that is tailored to meet the individual needs of our Spanish-speaking communities. The program is delivered in a format that is both culturally and linguistically appropriate for the target population.





Giselle and Jennica helping "injured" students during the LISTOS class.



On December 5th, our 4th-12th grade Magnolia and FAPA students participated in National History Day. This year's theme was "Taking a Stand in History". Students presented their projects and were interviewed by a panel of judges. Judges had outstanding historical posters, websites, exhibits, papers, and documentaries to judge.





Hemet

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Boys and Girls Basketball is here! The boys and girls teams have been pulling together and learning what it takes to be a CIF competitive team. There has been some hardships and some tough games but both teams have pushed through and we are getting better every day. Discipline, respect, responsibility, and leadership are the basis for any student athlete and our students have been taking those concepts into every game. This is a great start for CIF athletics at River Springs Hemet and the future looks bright.



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Celebrating Education Specialists birthdays for November and December, and also having a Holiday sweater competition. Education Specialists collaborated in their book groups studying the book, mindset, and The New Psychology of Success.



Springs Staff is participating in a new offering for professional development called, Evolving Leaders. Here we have Kathy Cox sharing about finding passion at work.



Personalized Learning Department enjoying a holiday gift game.





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Murrieta

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Springs participated in the Murrieta Festival of Lights which included the annual push cart parade and tree decorating contest. We decorated a tree that was donated to a local family in need for the holidays. Even though our tree didn't win any awards, it was featured on the Murrieta 24/7 news write up for the event and received wonderful feedback from the public.



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Mrs. Fetterhoff's 1st graders enjoy their monthly walking field trip to the neighborhood park to get exercise, build classroom community, and have fun!



Miss O'Grady and her 6th grade students at the Fleet Science Center and making King Tut masks for ancient Egypt



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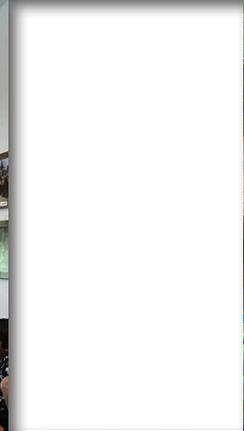
5th grade students work together on their Back to School arts project for math. Here they are preparing to get and use their figures made from the die cut machine to help show how digits change place value as they move from left to right or right to left.



Lindsay Miller, the 7/8 grade Science teacher; and Michael Davis, a 7th grade student and Treasurer in the Student Council, read aloud to students at our Barnes and Noble Otay Ranch Arts Family Night.



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4th grade students enjoyed an awesome, educational field trip to the Mission San Diego.



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Students are using watercolors to paint Daoist inspired landscapes as part of their Medieval China unit.



Park day with the
2nd graders.



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Fun at the Otay Ranch Learning Center!

- Monochromatic Art - Students in Ms. Graham's class complete a lesson on value study and monochromatic tree art.
- All About Shapes - Students make shape patterns based on a Studies Weekly math lesson in Math Fun & Games class.





RANCHO CUCAMONGA

PERSONALIZED LEARNING CENTER

More than 30 families came out to learn S'more about reading fluency and enjoyed making S'mores at the Discovery COLLABorative Program in Rancho Cucamonga. Led by Principal, Colette Bozek, a meaningful, fun time was had by all.



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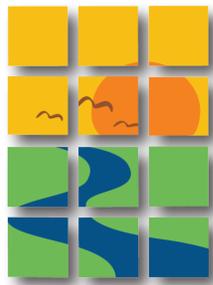
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Rancho Learning Center Science students enjoyed creating volcanoes in Miss Woodruff's class. Her science students in grades 3/4 are checking the density of liquids using water, syrup, and oil. It's always a fun (and messy) at the learning center!





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We started our 100 Mile Club this year! Students and parents are very interested, and we currently have 100 people participating in the club. The club meets at a local park after school twice a week, where students and families run or walk around the track. The 100 Mile Coach, Christy Wong Ah Sun, tracks the miles for each participant. The students receive prizes as they reach each 25 milestone at the school's monthly awards assembly. Students who reach 100 miles will receive a gold medal at the end of the year. Way to go, Riverside "running" Red Hawks!



We had our October Awards assembly, where students received awards for Reading, Math, and Citizenship. Students that are part of the 100 Mile Club received their milestone award and t-shirt for running or walking 25 miles.

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Teachers and students visited the California Science Center in Los Angeles for an exciting field trip. The students got to view the science museum, see an educational IMAX movie, and view the Pixar exhibit.





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We began offering a computer elective class this year. Kindergarten through 8th grade students are researching, creating documents, slideshows, drawings, and spreadsheets using the Google apps, and learning valuable computer coding skills.



We had a dress up day where students chose their favorite characters.





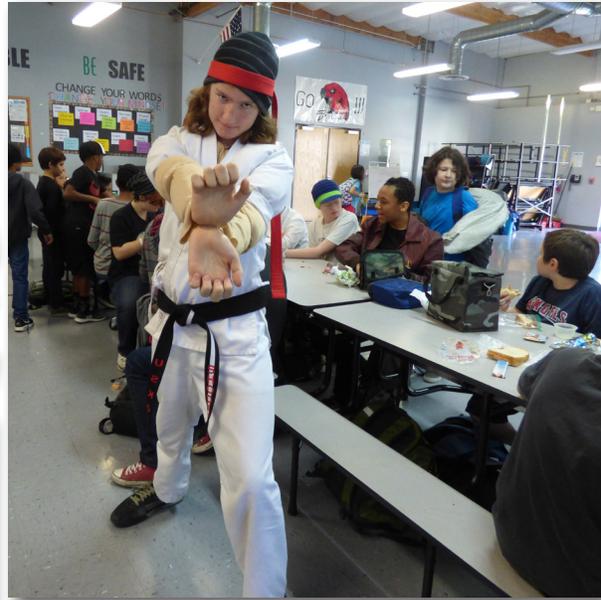
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We had a great time celebrating Thanksgiving with our annual Feast, put on by the 1st - 3rd grade teachers. With the help of parent volunteers, they put on a full Thanksgiving dinner and had several Autumn crafts for the students to work on.



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Alison Hubler is a 7th grader at Venture Online. Her passion is horses, and she has been riding since she was three years old.

Alison's first jumping horse was a small, black pony named "Likerish," whom she was very fond of. Since then, Alison has been teaming up with "Mia" to do other tricks.

Venture Online came into Alison's life when she was struggling at middle school. "I was so happy when I found Venture! I could be in my safe home environment... I was happy and felt confident!" said Alison.

Although Alison missed friends at first, she has since learned how to find some at the stables she goes to. Now she is happy to have Venture as her school, and to be able to spend time at her favorite stable with friends, where she can be herself without being judged.

Alison hopes to continue following her passion of being with horses and maybe even one day becoming a horse trainer or professional show jumper.



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