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Student OF THE MONTH



CONGRATULATIONS

On January 31, 2018, the Murrieta Chamber of Commerce High School Student of the Month Program was held, and the students shown above were recognized. Shown standing from left to right are: Sally Myers, SOM Founder; Samantha Stilwell, representing Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez; Jonathan Ingram, Mayor, City of Murrieta; Pat Kelley, MVUSD Superintendent, Brenda Denstedt, representing Senator Ken Calvert; and Mary Walters, MVUSD Executive Director of Secondary Education and SOM Emcee. Shown sitting left to right are: Jeff Miller, Murrieta Mesa High; Lianghao Ge, Calvary Christian High School; Lindsey Ruth, Vista Murrieta High School; Jacob Krumbein, Murrieta Canyon Academy; Victoria Rios, Murrieta Valley High School; and **Jenna Sundbeck**, Springs Charter Schools. Photo credit: Kip A. Cothran of KC Photography.

Springs Charter Schools Senior **Jenna Sundbeck** has been in the Keys Independent college study program since the spring of her junior year. With both of her parents facing serious medical issues, Jenna started taking on more responsibility. To avoid falling behind, she took her textbooks to the hospital with her to study while she visited her parents. At home, Jenna helped care for her 90-year-old grandfather. She plans to pursue a career in computer science and in the future, she wants to develop a universal software program that can be used by hospitals and other medical providers to help provide improved access to patients' medical records. Jenna has a 4.0 GPA and a passion for learning. She says that failure and adversity can be a foundation for your future if you use it as a springboard rather than a roadblock. Jenna plans to attend community college before transferring to one of the University of California campuses.



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Career Internship Technical Education



February has been designated as *National CTE Month*. Across the United States, schools with CTE are bringing awareness by celebrating the value, achievements, and accomplishments of their program. As Director of the Real World Programs, I'd like to celebrate CTE Month by thanking the CTE and Work Experience teachers for their hard work and dedication to providing students with courses that bring relevancy to real world applications and post-secondary education preparedness. I'd like to congratulate the many students who have mastered CTE standards and created some incredible projects along the way. *CTE at Springs Charter Schools is cause for celebration every month!* *Happy CTE Month!* - Maureen Wilson



CELEBRATE TODAY,
OWN TOMORROW!



CTE *Public Safety* students at the Pathfinder Student Center were privileged to have members of the *Riverside City Fire Department* conduct a presentation. Together, they discussed the qualifications a person needs to be successful in a career in fire service, including the everyday duties involved in working in this career pathway.

<http://springscharterschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/FEB-CITE-news.pdf>



California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

Each spring students across the state of California participate in CAASPP testing for both English Language Arts and Math. This is a highly rigorous test that challenges students to go beyond answering traditional multiple choice questions. They are asked to sometimes select multiple correct answers to a single problem, write in their answers, explain their reasoning, perform an in-depth task in Math with multiple steps, and write a complete essay for English Language Arts. The test also adapts to student responses and becomes increasingly difficult as students respond correctly.

The following students were recognized at the February Board meetings for their ability to persevere through this difficult task and achieve a perfect score in either ELA, Math, or both subjects. Some of these students have even achieved a perfect score over multiple years since CAASPP began in 2015. We are extremely proud of their accomplishment and can't wait to see what the future holds for these shining scholars!

Abbigail Ruzicka, Aidan Raymond, Aubrey Shield, Benjamin Strong, Brian Chu, Cadence Wright, Cameryn Mugol, Christopher Chandler, Colette Curry, Dalton Adcock, Delaney Adcock, Dominic Garcia, Emily Yaish, Gavin Puno, Geralynn Mendoza, Grace Calderon, Halsey Drechsler, Hannah Gerits, Harsha Antony, Isaac Smith, Izabella Smith, Jack Bailey, Jacob Hensley, Jacqueline Garcia, Jazmin Contreras, John Greene, Joseph Taylor, Julian Eshkol, Karina Maciel, Katherine Cordaro, Kayden Patecell, Lauren Thornburg, Leon Chiricescu, Logan Schneck, Lottie Molen, Madeline Cordaro, Marc Moroz, Mary Mobley, Max Rosenfeld, Megan Charley, Michael Rebia, Mikah Johnson, Miya Matsumune, Noah Emery, Patricio Conde, Rachel Woodruff, Reagan Laux, Sabrina South, Sterling Carr, Zoey Ruderman.



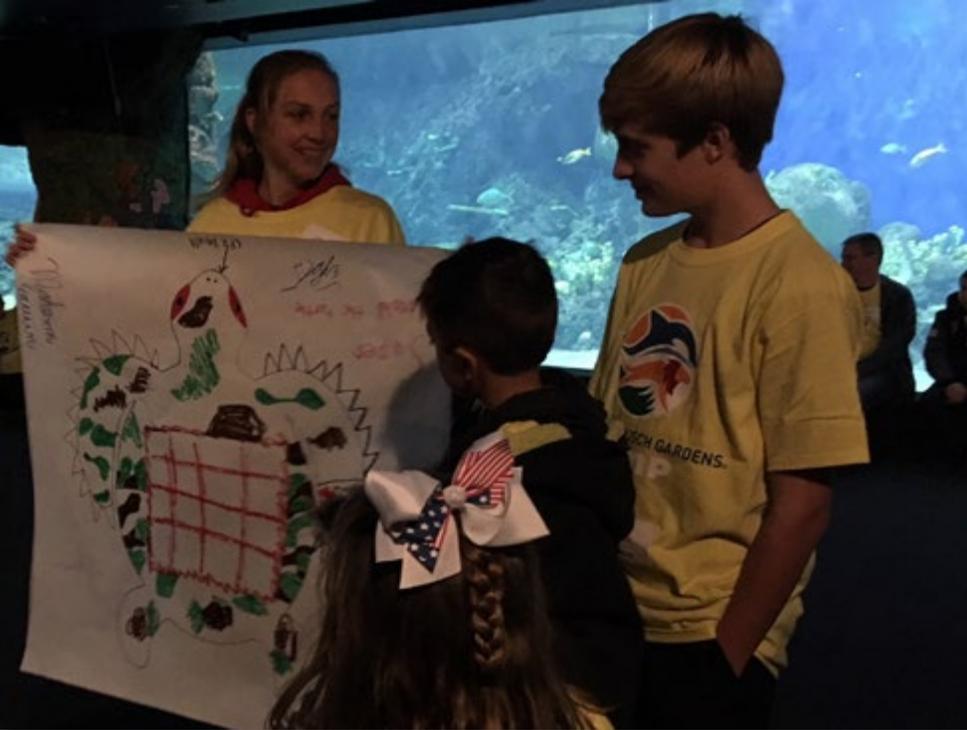




FIELD TRIPS

On January 26, 2018, thirty-five Springs Charter Schools Homeschool students, along with family members, attended the SeaWorld Sleepover Turtle Reef offered through Springs. The field trip started at 5:30 pm with an introduction, followed by a wonderful buffet style dinner. Afterwards, there were educational activities where students learned about sharks, sea turtles, and other sea life that share the ocean. Throughout the evening, students participated in crafts, feeding the rays, and a behind the scenes tour before calling it a night snuggling into their warm sleeping bags within the Turtle Reef habitat; falling asleep while magnificent sea turtles were gliding through the water. The learning and fun didn't stop there. In the morning, students and families enjoyed a hot breakfast and fed the sea lions before spending the remainder of the day exploring the park on their own.





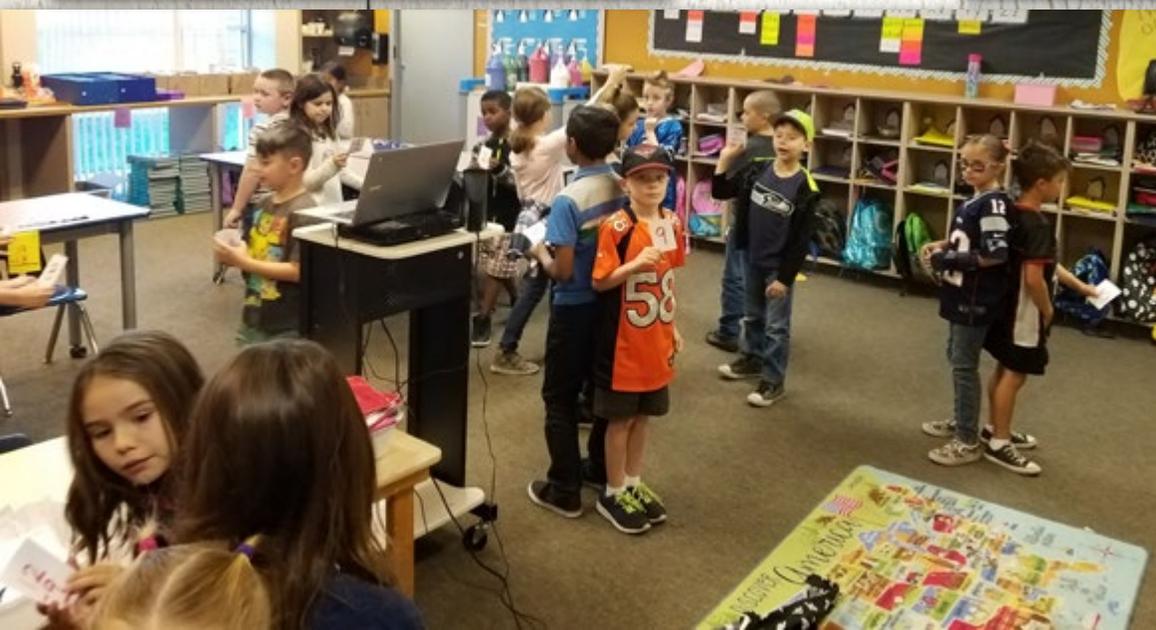
HISTORY Day

Springs held its annual History Day on February 8. Participants were presented with an annual theme and then chose a historical topic to connect with it. Competition began in the classroom and advanced to the site and school-wide. Twenty-six Springs students participated; and 16 will advance to the county-level competition.





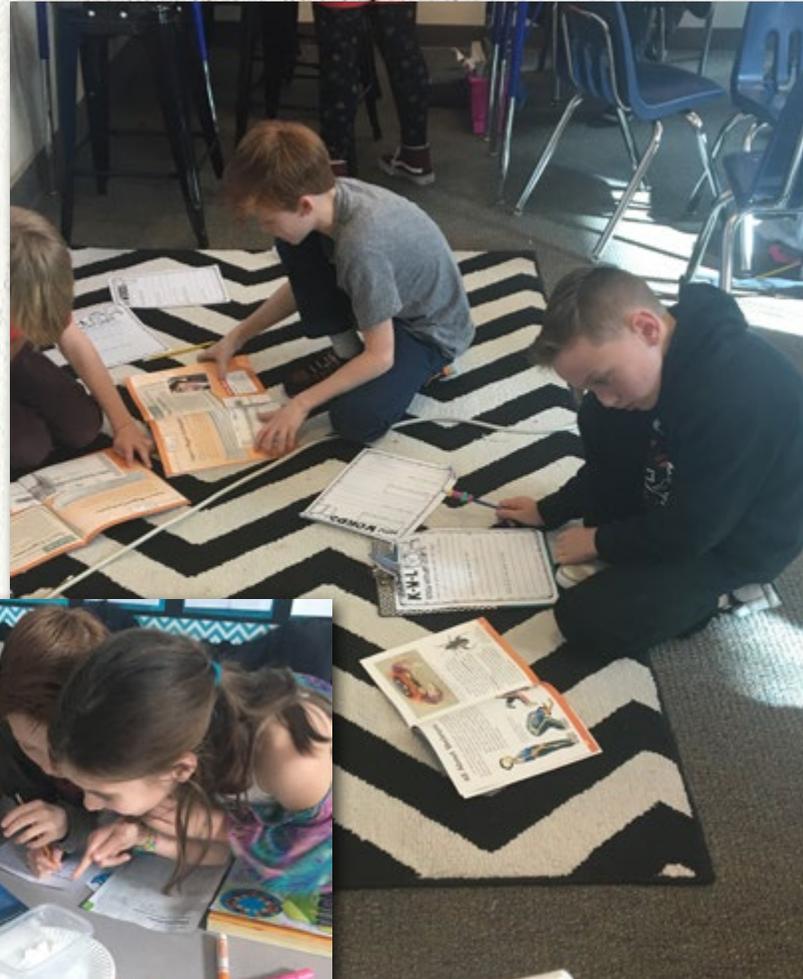
After the Math Hunt, Mrs. Keegan's students make putty and slime.



2nd Grade Math Hunt: Mrs. Keegan's students are solving subtraction problems with a matching game. One student has the math problem, while another student has the answer. To solve the problem, students had to find the partner with their problem or solution.



Ms. Jonas' students enjoying their experience with a physical and chemical weathering experiment.



San Diego Zoo - Kindergarten classes spent the day monkeying around in the tropical oasis as they visited amazing habitats for animals such as gorillas, Komodo dragons, tigers, flamingos, mandrills, polar bears, birds of paradise, giant tortoises, elephants, and more.



Both our elementary and middle school placed 1st in the Springs Volleyball Tournament at Andulka Park in Riverside.



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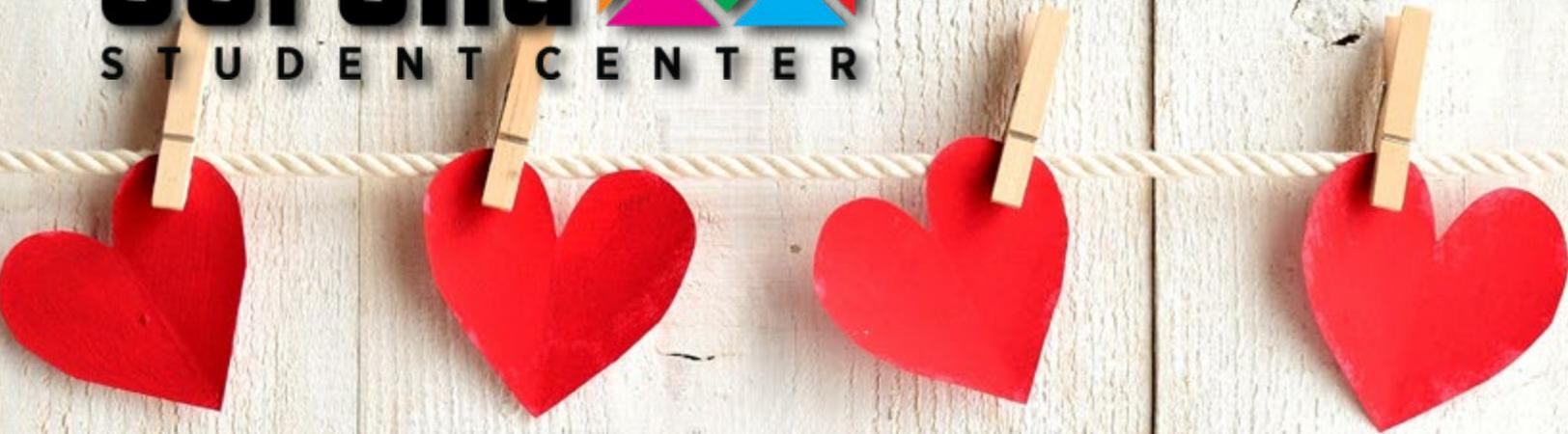
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Riley's Farm: Colonial Farm Life -
Our 3rd-grade classes explored the
domestic, agricultural, and cultural
heritage of Colonial America with
hands-on workshops.





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We have some really fun traditions that students and staff alike enjoy. One of those traditions is our twin day. This year we had students, siblings, teachers and even entire classes participating. We want to thank our AMAZING parents for being so supportive of not only our program, but these fun days as well.



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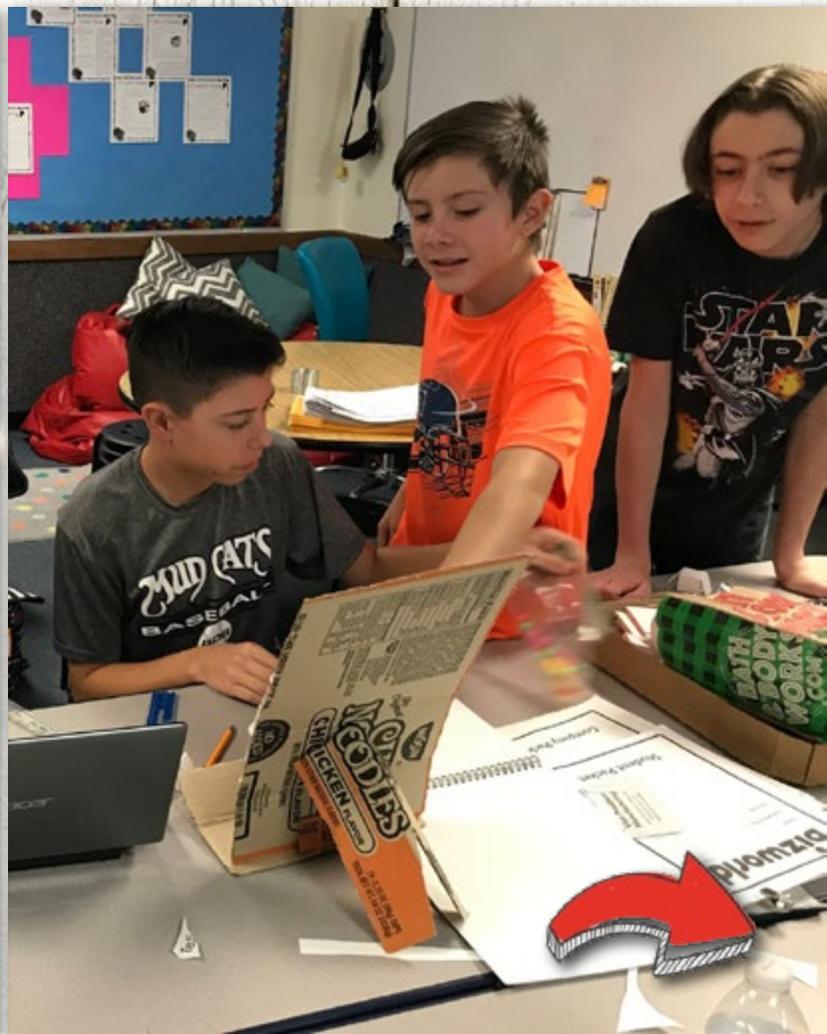
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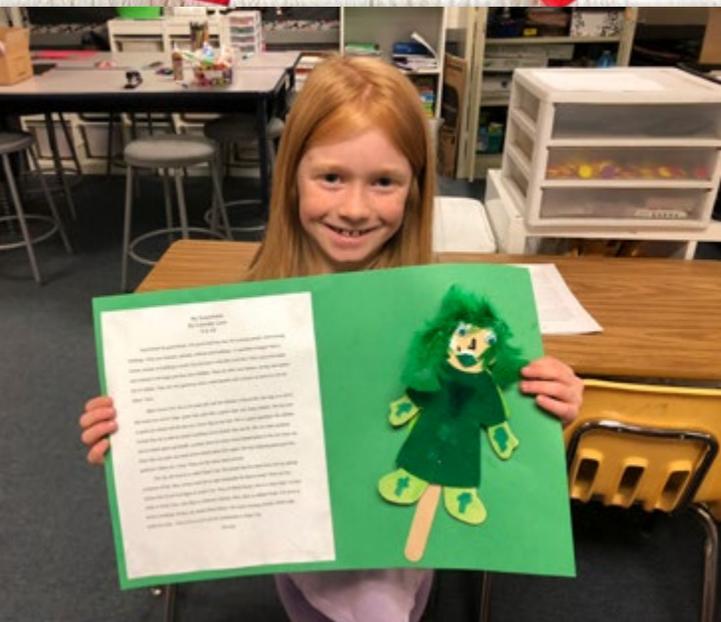
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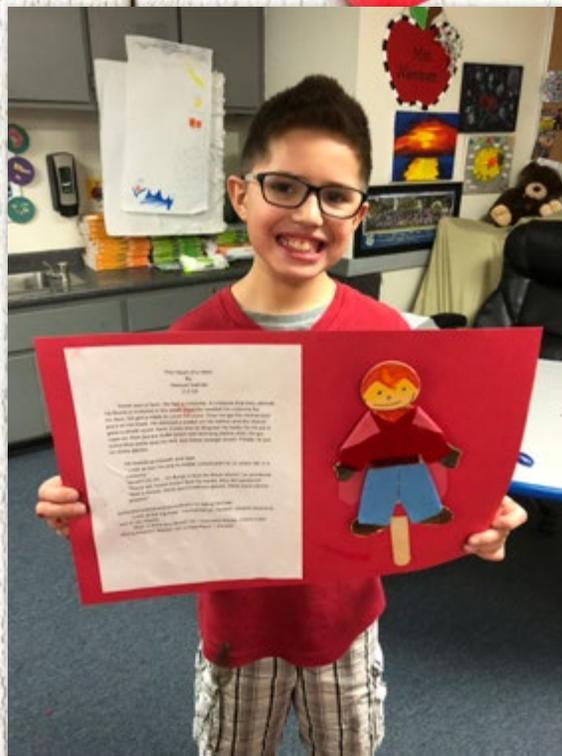


Future entrepreneurs are busy at work at the Corona Learning Center! The students in the BizWorld class, taught by Lauren Sommers, are learning the basics of entrepreneurship, business and finance, and marketing in a fun, hands-on way! Jewelry is always a hot industry, and in the Corona LC class bracelets seem to have taken the place of diamonds as a girl's best friend. Every great company needs to start with a great logo, and these students are learning how to incorporate their logo into their commercial for their student-created business, 4 Season Bracelets. In any hot industry, there is always competition. Student created, LTCM Bracelets and Intricate Design, and their marketing departments, also work on a commercial to promote their bracelets. The boys went in a different direction, creating a game for their company, The Puzzlers! These are some fun examples of how this project-based learning class, Bizworld, gives Homeschool Learning Center students the opportunity to learn first-hand how to start and operate their own business. The Corona Learning Center classes taught by Mrs. Kuderman provide fun, hands-on learning!





In Writing & Literature's (3rd & 4th) Heart of the Hero activity, students created their hero, writing a 3 paragraph essay describing the hero's appearance, superpower and contribution to the community. They also created a paper doll representation.



In Musical Theater's (5th - 8th) Set Design Tells a Story activity, students were asked to choose a set design from a musical. They replicated the set as a diorama, using stage direction to place characters and props before a backdrop.





Hemet Quest celebrates students' success at Semester Awards.

Hemet Quest families come out to celebrate Black History. Activities organized by ACEs were educational and inspirational!





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Art teacher, Linda Collins, and local artist Barbara Rivera show students and families how to create their masterpiece modeled after Mexican Artist Freida Kahlo's work at our first Paint and Snack.



Our students enjoyed a chilly day atop the San Jacinto Mountains on the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway. Our students 7th-12th experienced the heights of over 8,000 feet, the elements, snow and degrees in the high 30's. The 1.5-mile Rabbit Peak Trail Hike proved to be beautiful, full of nature, with breathtaking views, and was a novice trail all ages enjoyed.





Our high school students prepare for their annual physical fitness testing and pair up for support and guidance from one another. Hemet Rocks! Final Tournament in Temecula for our boy's basketball was Thursday, Feb. 1st. Both the girls and boys teams had an outstanding season and maintained a 3.0 GPA throughout the term with the superb assistance of Coach Garcia and the entire Hemet Springs staff.



Our ASB held the 1st annual "Paddle Royale" ping pong tournament. After one week of solid bouts amongst fellow students and brothers, Kevin and Brett Smolinski swept the competition and won their custom paddles as a reward. Way to Go!

HOME SCHOOL

All had a sweet time at our February Homeschool Professional Development meeting. Education Specialists were treated to cupcakes, a sweetheart minute-to-win it game, and appreciation notes from their peers. All this fun was sprinkled in between monthly Book Clubs, PLC with Carrie Paschall, Mastery Learning with Jacki York, and Excellence in Planning with Jessica McIntyre.



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Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Magnolia Student Center celebrated their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting ceremony after many years of planning, hard work, and team efforts. Our beautiful building hosted over 300 visitors including our Riverside Councilman Chris MacArthur, RCOE Board President Dr. Tucker, RCOE Dr. Levine and Dr. Loomis, Springs' board members and administration and Fred Pahl, former YMCA CEO. Our celebration included food from our Nutritional Department, tours, and a giant coloring page!





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We will be represented in the Riverside Art Float in May. Our 4th-6th graders painted giant balls that will be launched on the lake at Fairmont Park as part of the Art Alliance Community Outreach program.



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With recent tragedies in the news, Eddie Eagle stopped by our classrooms to discuss gun safety. Students learned the importance of Stop, Don't Touch, Run Away, Tell a Grown Up if they find a gun. Our school helped Eddie celebrate 30 years of helping children stay safe!



Magnolia RRWA honored our highest achieving high school students at our Honor Roll Assembly. So many of our students did well. Our high school students that received a 3.5 to 3.74 GPA made Honor Roll. Students receiving a 3.75 to 4.0 made Principal's Honor Roll. Congratulations!

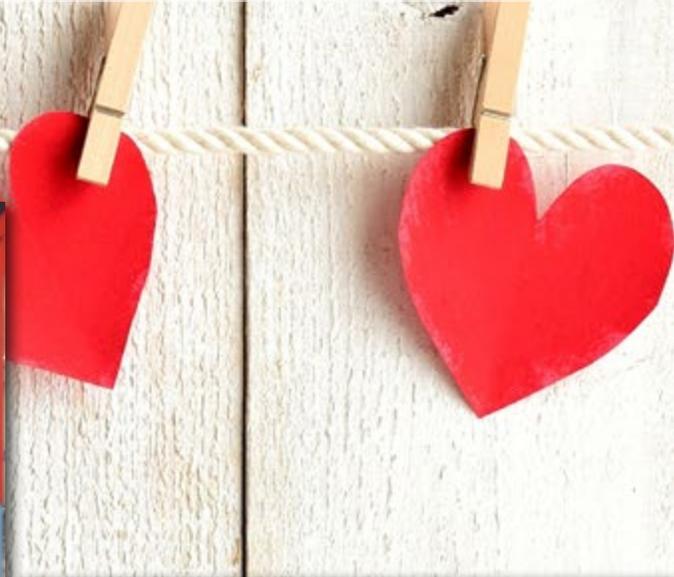


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Our 7th and 8th graders had fun at their Middle School Social event. Students finished off all the hot dogs and snacks, played board and card games, danced to music and hung out with their friends.



Our parents in 2nd and 3rd grade came and shared their careers with our students. Our students were all inspired by the diversity in careers for grown-ups!

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7th graders prepare for their Outsiders skits!!



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In Museum of Man, students are making an Egyptian boat, playing math board games, and in Journalism elective, students are interviewing each other.



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Mrs. Fetterhoff's first grade students experience job responsibilities and rewards while simulating a town in their classroom. The students make the inventory that they sell in their shops, and they take turns being consumers and business owners. The need to give and receive correct change provides an incentive for learning to subtract!



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The Rancho Cucamonga Learning Center 3rd & 4th grade I CAN Math class, taught by Mrs. Eaton, got creative designing and building Tiny Houses! The inside of the house is complete with 20 furnishings designed by the students. This project-based learning activity required students to use their imaginations and problem-solving skills in addition to applying what they learned about area, perimeter, and geometry. Students completed the project by presenting their Tiny Houses to the class.





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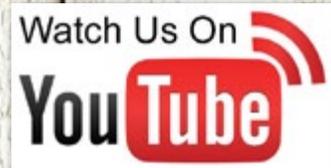


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National School Choice Week:

We kicked off the new year by celebrating CHOICE, OPPORTUNITY, and EMPOWERMENT. Recognizing parent choice when it comes to education, RSC participated in a series of activities that celebrated the freedom of diverse learning and education. Throughout this week of celebration, our students learned the National School Choice Dance. Presented in these photos are our K-8th students learning, rehearsing, and performing the dance with yellow scarfs around their necks. Every student, teacher, and staff member participated in this student assembly. Pictured here are photos of this performance, along with our principal, Jared McLeod leading the group!



<https://youtu.be/fv-kuQtZats?list=UUnCpQsojXj1MTe5L77TAhKw>





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Intramural Volleyball:

We hosted four teams at Adulka Park, and it was a hit! From professional photos being offered, a snack bar, refs, and the crowd, each elementary and middle school team got to experience sportsmanship, dedication, and demonstrated hard work!





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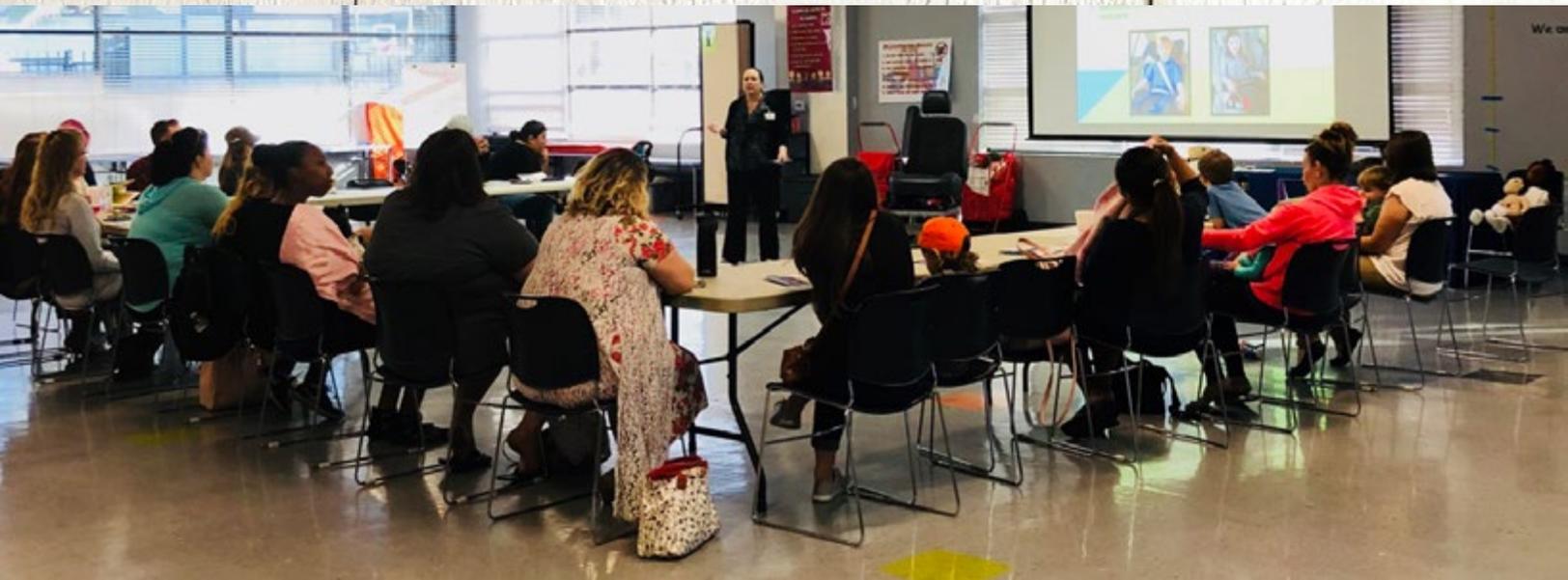
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Coffee with the Principal:

Principal Jared McLeod has connected with the Riverside Health Department to raise awareness on public safety, specifically the use of seat-belts. Parents were invited for Coffee with the Principal, where they were able to not only personally connect with the principal, but were educated on seat-belt safety. This presentation is a kickoff to bringing awareness to all grade levels at Riverside Student Center. Parents were enthusiastic about the information, and we are excited to hold our student assembly on this topic within the next couple of months.

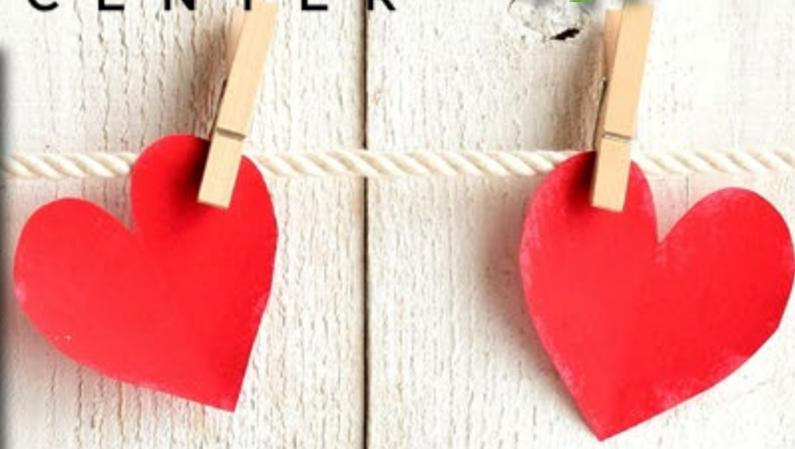




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Future entrepreneurs are busy at work in Santa Ana! The Santa Ana Learning Center BizWorld students are learning about the basics of entrepreneurship, business, finance, and marketing in a fun, hands-on way!





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Student created, K.I.D. Industries, made an investment pitch to a “Venture Capitalist” to acquire the money necessary to run their new bracelet business. Other student businesses, T.R.A.M. Supplies and The Jewelry Box, got busy making a commercial for their company. Employees of the student created company, Slime Time, are working their way through the manufacturing process. As they have learned, this is a long process including many ups and downs. Making slime is all about finding the right recipe and Slime Time learned that sometimes you find all the wrong recipes first! They persevered and found the perfect recipe! In an effort to not have waste, they decided to find a selling point in their unsuccessful slimes and sell them at a discounted price. BizWorld, taught by Lauren Sommers, offers students many opportunities to leadership and communication skills!



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Mrs. Thomas teaches second graders about multi-media. They used oil pastels, markers, watercolor and various techniques to make the watercolor react with salt and rubbing alcohol.



Landscapes in Tin Art - Students used geometric shapes to create Spain inspired architectural buildings. Tin is a natural resource of Mexico and Spain.



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We're all about hands-on project-based learning! Here is a picture of 2nd graders building "landforms" out of cornmeal. We then set up a drip cup over the top and had it "rain" on the land and watched how water forms canyons!

3rd Graders work in teams to estimate, create a hypothesis, and calculate using popcorn!



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We encourage expression and innovation. 8th Grader Calel Villareal has worked with our younger students to design puppets. Our younger elementary students drew the designs, and Calel brought them to life! He has crafted over 200 puppets. He has also designed puppets for a musical at MSJC. Mrs. Felix, our drama theatre teacher, says, "Calel is a creative genius who takes the initiative to learn how to craft these puppets."

4th Graders are learning about bones, ligaments, and muscles. They created their moving fingers!



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We encourage student involvement and community. Our Da Vinci Middle School student lead Masquerade Ball, complete with refreshments and live music!



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We celebrate academic achievement. Twice a year, the Da Vinci Academy celebrates Academic Achievement in Math and Language Arts. Congratulations to the students who worked hard to meet academic goals!

Monthly Spirit Days - Pajama Day 2018



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We use our community as a classroom. We love our field trips! From the Birch Aquarium Dissection class, to the Race Exhibit at the Museum of Man, and Newport for Whale watching. We connect our students to their community!



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My name is Rylee Clark, and I am 14 years old. I am a competitive dancer and am also represented by McDonald/Selznick Associates Agency for dance. Recently I was fortunate enough to attend the second round of dance auditions for a scholarship program called Spotlight. I visited the USC campus and met some amazing people. Venture has allowed me to manage my own time and schedule so that I can continue to attend amazing events like this. I am able to complete my schoolwork in a stress-free way. I am so grateful that I have such an amazing opportunity and that I have a program that is helping me get closer to my future goals.



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