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A Special Tribute to Tammy Sanchez

Student of the Month

Reading Extravaganza & Science Fair

News From Around Our Locations



When I met Tammy Sanchez in September of 2006, I remember telling my husband, "That's someone I could be friends with." Not only was she a teacher, like me, but my kids were the same ages as two of her kids.

She told me all about the homeschool program she worked for at River Springs Charter School. It sounded a bit odd to me since I had always worked for a regular public school, but three months later when my husband and I decided we would homeschool our son the following school year, I went to Tammy. "Okay, this is what you're going to do," she said with a serious expression. "Apply for the River Springs homeschool and request me as your ES." By the end of my first year homeschooling, she also convinced me to apply for an ES position. And with that, an amazing friendship was born.



Tammy had worked for Springs Charter Schools since 2004. She was such a strong believer in parent choice that she homeschooled three of her five children for eight years. Tammy loved helping children thrive. With her expertise in homeschool, she was a great resource

not only to her parents but to her fellow employees. Tammy brought wisdom, organization, and laughter to every group she was in. She had a love for technology, and the past few years took Google classes. She was excited to share what she learned with fellow employees and implement it with her own families. For years she served as Temecula site coordinator for state testing. Her organization and cheery disposition made one of our largest testing sites run smoothly. Even when she was diagnosed with cancer in March 2017, she made sure everything ran smoothly that year.

By September of this school year, cancer had spread to multiple places, forcing Tammy to take a leave of absence. Though the year was difficult with treatments and pain, she was blessed to have more time with her family. She cherished time with her husband, attended her kids' activities when she was able, and enjoyed more time with her mother and sister. Unfortunately, cancer continued to spread despite the treatments. Surrounded by her children, husband, twin sister, and mother, she passed away on March 15.

I was able to take Tammy to breakfast to celebrate her 43rd birthday the week before she passed. On the way home, we were talking about cancer and the possibility of her death. She made a statement that I will hold in my heart always. "There are a lot of adjectives to describe this," she told me, "but God is still good. He'll use this to accomplish His purpose. Our thoughts are not His, and His ways are higher." Though it broke her heart to leave her family and friends behind, she knew a glorious ending awaited her.

Both of us were extremely thankful for the support and love Springs' employees and parents poured out on her during the past six months. It truly made the journey more bearable.



In Loving Memory

Note: There will be a scholarship in honor of Tammy through the Summit Springs Educational Foundation. Additional information on how you can help will be available soon.

Lovingly submitted by Kelly Harrel (Homeschool ES)



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On February 22, 2018, the Murrieta Chamber of Commerce High School Student of the Month Program was held, and the students shown in the photo above were recognized. Shown standing from left to right are: Murrieta Mesa Principal Steve Ellis; Springs Charter Schools Principal Ben Taylor; Oak Grove Center CEO Tammy Wilson; Murrieta Canyon Academy Principal Martina Beach-Hedges; Vista Murrieta Principal Mick Wager; Murrieta Valley Principal Mark Pettengill and Mary Walters; MVUSD Executive Director of Secondary Education and SOM Emcee. Shown sitting left to right are: Christian DeMesa, Murrieta Mesa High; **Noah Emery**, Springs Charter Schools; Anisa Fontes, Oak Grove Center; Sirenamarie Cruz, Murrieta Canyon Academy; Danielle Shores, Vista Murrieta High School; Erick Eguia, Murrieta Valley High School.

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Spring Charter School Senior **Noah Emery** is a stellar student who is a positive force at his school. He has taken numerous AP and Dual Enrollment courses, and is on his school's leadership team. Noah also volunteers at Loma Linda hospital. Noah is compassionate, and he teaches preschool at his church. Having been raised in the church, Noah's mission is to be a beacon of light. Noah has applied to UCLA, and he wants to be a constitutional attorney.



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Springs Charter Schools Senior **Lauren Mason** is an AP and Honors student who is interested in arts and technology. She volunteers for Shakespeare in the Vines and has done an internship while completing two Career Technical Education pathways. Lauren wants to major in computer science and child development. She plans to attend MSJC to obtain an Associates of Arts degree in computer science and child development, and then transfer to a university.



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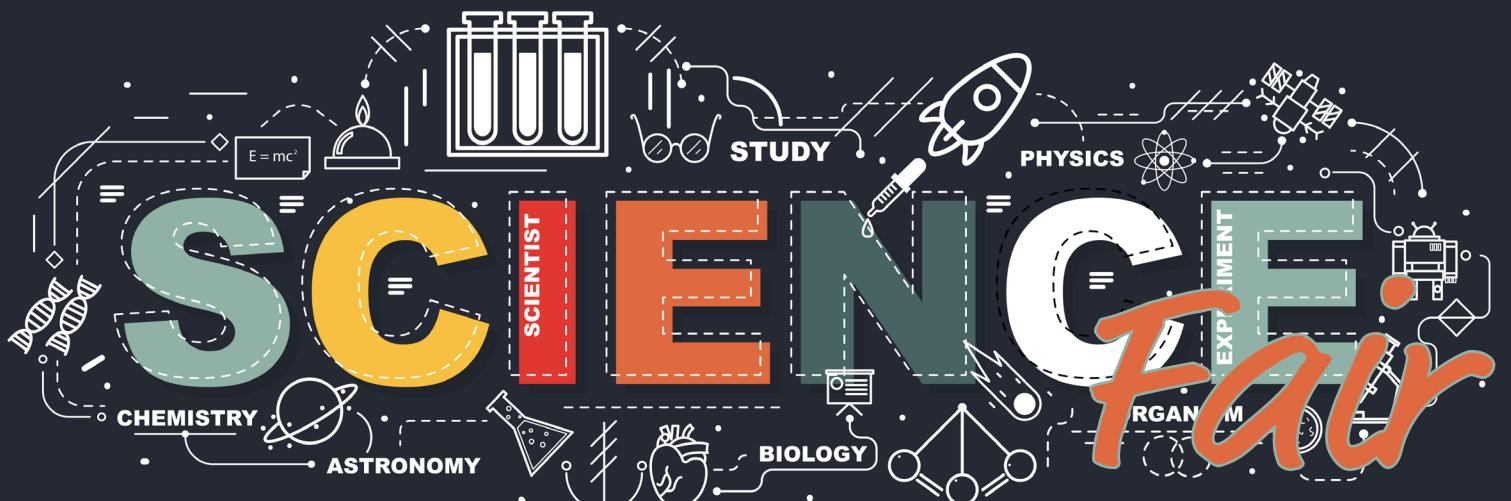
The Supervisor Training was held on February 23, 2018, with 50 in attendance. This training was Wizard of Oz Themed and called "There's No Place Like Springs." Topics that were covered were the Oz Principle-Getting Results Through Individual and Organizational Accountability, Supervisor 101- Supervisor and Employee Relationships, Top Workplace Data, HR Reminders, and Springs Payroll Changes.





ES Krissa Jeldy reads Dr. Seuss' The Lorax to Homeschool students. Springs held its 3rd annual Reading Extravaganza for Homeschool students grades TK-8 at the Temecula events center. Sixty-five students and many parents participated in the event, which is designed to promote reading. Stories were read at ten interactive centers, paired with a matching hands-on activity. The day ended with a readers' theater, in which students presented Dr. Seuss stories.





Grades 4-5

1st Place: Jocelyn Stangeland, Michelle Miller & Audrey Moreno - Corona Student Center

2nd Place: Savannah Mitchell – Magnolia Student Center

3rd Place: Katelyn Cherney – Magnolia Student Center

Grades 6-8

1st Place: Landon Halvas – Magnolia Student Center

2nd Place: Kyle Stamps - Homeschool

3rd Place: Zachary Ibbetson, Corona Student Center and

Yasmin Bobadilla -
Bear River

Grades 9-12

1st Place: Tyler Led
– Magnolia Student Center

2nd Place: Eileen
Solorzano – Magnolia
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Mission San Luis Rey de Francia Field Trip - A former Spanish mission surrounded by the present-day city of Oceanside, 4th graders received a short presentation, followed by touring the museum and grounds.



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Our students are
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Cat in the hat STEM: Mrs. Keegan's students had a cat in the hat STEM challenge. The cat lost his hat, and the class had to make him a new one to wear.



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Bear River Jog-A-Thon - Our school goal was to reach 4,000 laps to pie Mr. Whitehead and Mr. Wickwire. The school ran a total of 5,260 laps!



Contraction Surgery: Mrs. Tillery's students loved performing "surgery" on words to make them into contractions. "Surgery" is performed by cutting out letters to turn the words into contractions.





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On February 28, 2018, FAPA senior, Tim Carlson received the ranking of Eagle Scout. We are proud of his accomplishments. As his Eagle Scout project, Tim restored a Folland 141 Gnat airplane for March Air Field Museum. Tim's enthusiasm for aviation drives his learning. At March Air Field Museum, Tim can use his passion for aviation to complete his internship course. Tim will attend San Bernardino Valley College next year, studying Aircraft Maintenance. His goal is to join the Airforce as an Officer after he finishes his degree.





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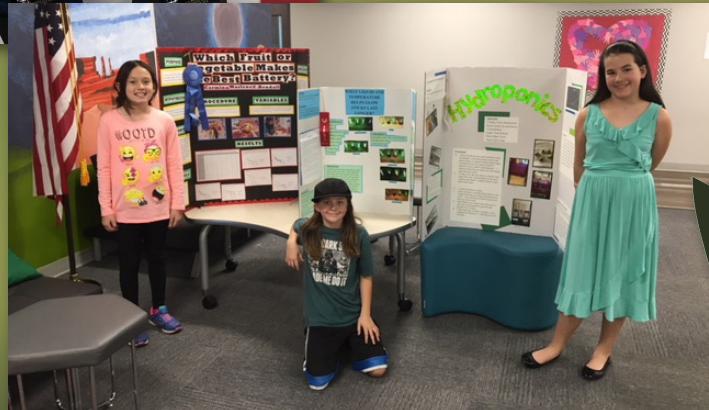
Students at Hemet Quest celebrate Dr. Suess' birthday by dressing up as their favorite character.

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Our 7th and 8th graders had a blast learning about marine life at Catalina Island.

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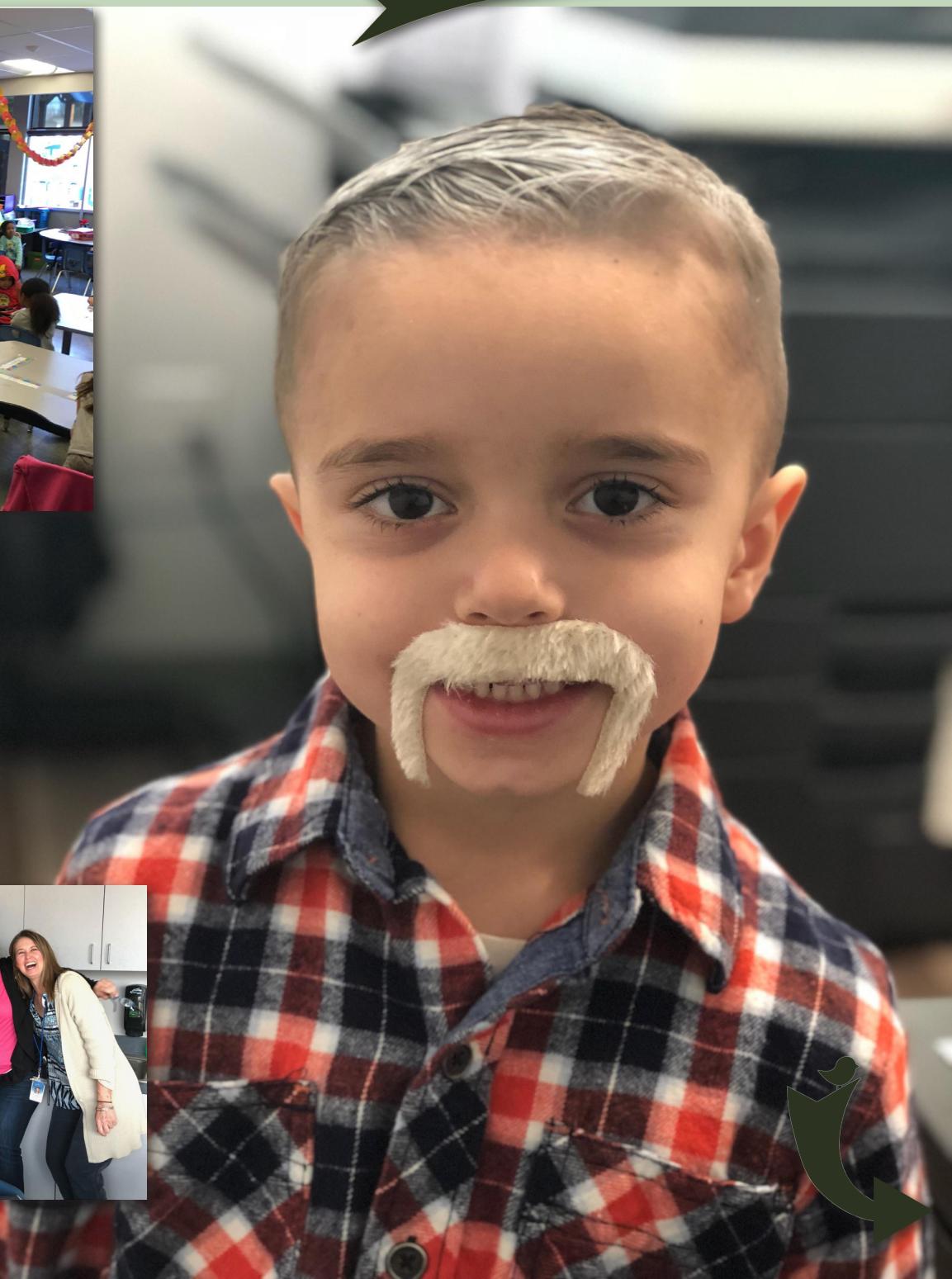
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Students dressed up as 100-year-olds and made crafts out of 100 items. Here is a 100 piece chain.



Magnolia staff is enjoying each other and celebrating Sandy Fuentes' birthday!



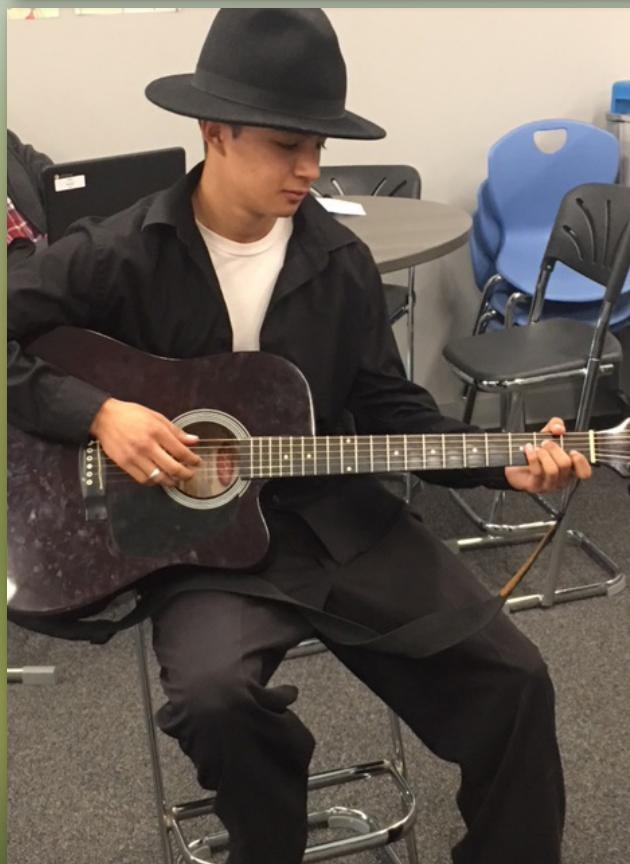
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This note was found on the floor in a 1st grade classroom!



Our 11th graders finished reading The Great Gatsby book. To prove mastery, students dressed as characters and explained their characteristics, along with explaining artifacts from the 1920s period.

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We had plenty of reading happening on campus in honor of Read Across America! Our high school teachers and older students read to younger children.



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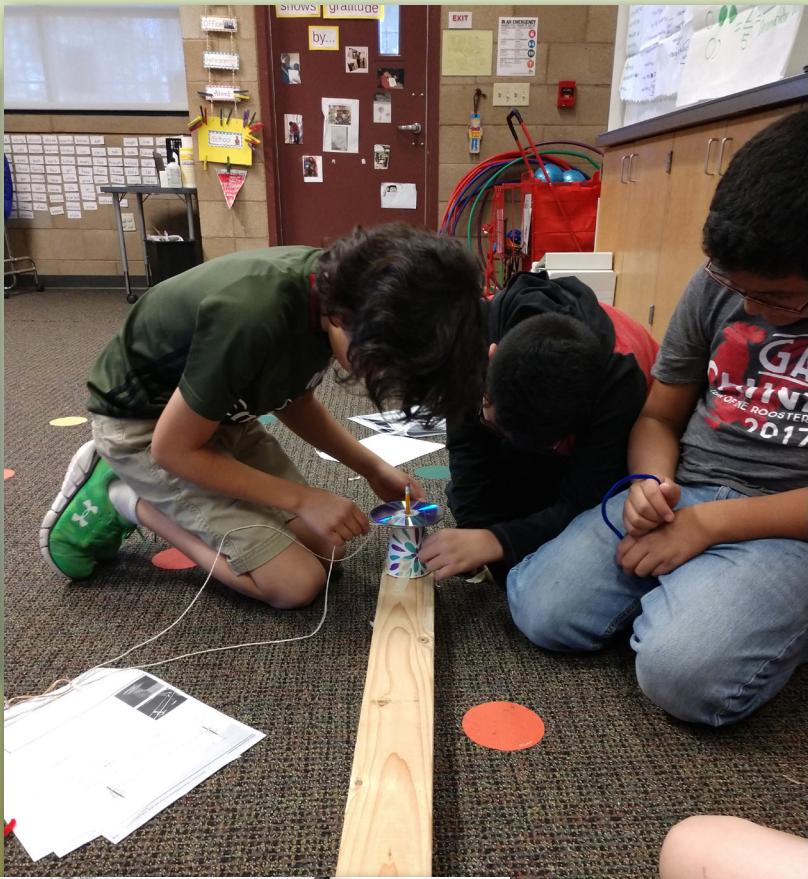
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Ms. Yakas' 3rd grade class building ski lifts as part of the TPS math unit on multiplication and fractions.



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It's Harvest Time in Mrs. Fetterhoff's 1st grade class. Each student was given a small box from which they made a truck. They "drove" their trucks to a field where each truck was loaded with the harvested grapes. Back at the trucking company headquarters, the grapes were unloaded, counted and put into bundles of 10. The bundles will be taken to "market" where each company will have to display their bundles for potential buyers. Students have unloaded their trucks and are making the bundles of 10 in order to sell their harvest at the market.

An 8th grade student created a model and wrote a report on The Alamo as part of our "West" Unit.



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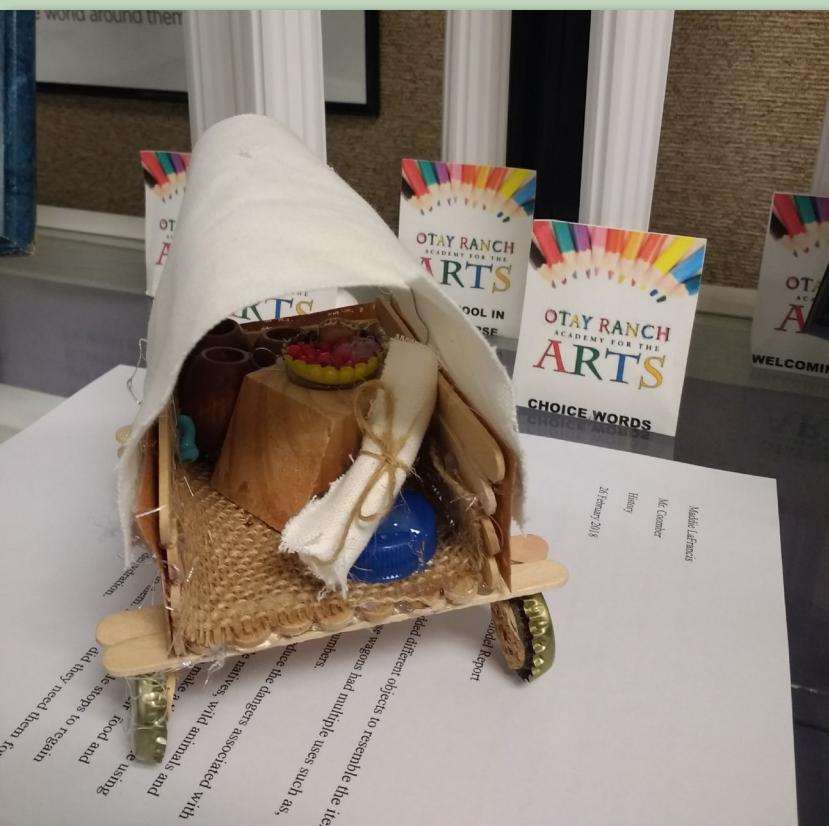


6th graders get real world business experience at Biztown: McGrath Family BizTown is a 10,000-square-foot mini-city where students get a glimpse of how the real world works. Versions of City Hall, the San Diego Humane Society, San Diego Gas & Electric, and State Farm Insurance share floor space with Mission Federal Credit Union and the San Diego International Airport, for example.



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An 8th grade student created a model and wrote a report on Wagon Trains as a part of our "West" Unit.



Students created Zen Gardens as a part of the 7th grade Medieval Japan unit.



A photo of Miss Pinkerton's Ukulele 101 Elective



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As part of the "DIY Art Elective," students create melted crayon art.



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ORAA Kindergarten Class celebrated Dr. Seuss' Birthday in style with a visit from The Cat in the Hat (aka Principal Parks), and their activities included Dr. Seuss books, a Dr. Seuss parade with handmade floats, green eggs and ham, and fun activities celebrating all things Dr. Seuss.



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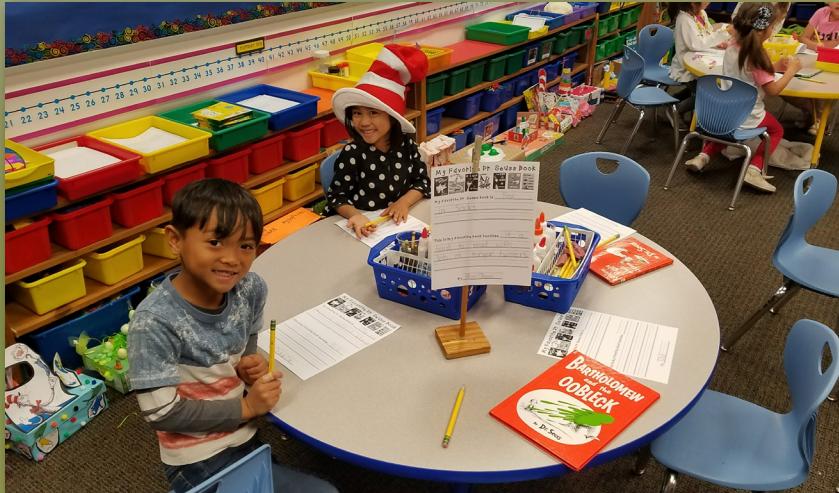
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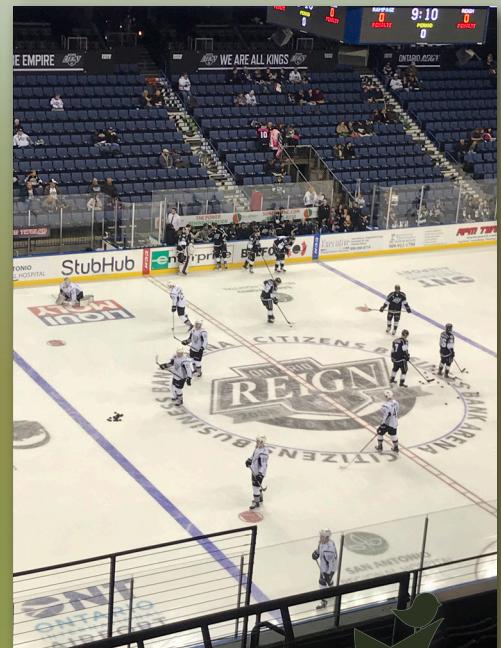
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Family hockey night at the Citizens Bank Arena

Hummingbird families participated in a family hockey night and cheered on our local Ontario Reign. Students and their parents were able to meet hockey players and hold the flag on the ice during the National Anthem.



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Students learned how to identify what bullying is and how to respond to bullying through an engaging assembly called "The Bully Games."





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Our Hummingbird track stars were invited by Pomona High School to participate in the Pomona Peace Games! Our track team is composed of students in grades K-12.





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Students who participate in our school's 100-mile club were able to work on their miles in a hike at Mount Rubidoux. The 100-mile club is a group of young individuals that want to make fitness a part of their everyday life. These students take the initiative by coming early to school and walking/running on our Springs field. Today the students received their certificates for reaching 25, 50, and 75 miles.



Color Run at Rancho!



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7th - 8th grade STEM class designed and constructed a bead and string model for the distances of Solar System planets from the sun converting astronomical units (A.U.) to centimeters (cm) to engage and practice the math component of STEM!



I Can Math - 8th graders are focused and engaged while unpacking and exploring I Can 8.10 using Tangram sets to demonstrate Transformations: translations - slide, reflections - flip, rotations - turn, dilations - bigger/smaller.





Leadership students at Rancho Cucamonga Learning Center partnered with their kindergarten buddies to celebrate Dr. Seuss week! Activities included making a Cat in the Hat mask, "We are Here" clovers from Horton Hears a Who, scavenger hunt to find The Lorax, making colored slime like Bartholomew and the Oobleck, and much more. Leadership students planned and ran all 8 activities on two separate days! Great fun for all.



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4th grade students tested the effectiveness of different liquids on the ability to clean oil off bird feathers.



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Ms. Minnesang's students experimented to determine the effect of the drop height on the size of an impact crater as they explored energy transfer.



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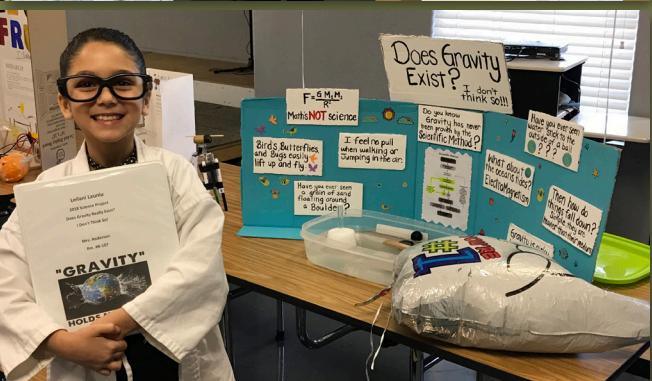
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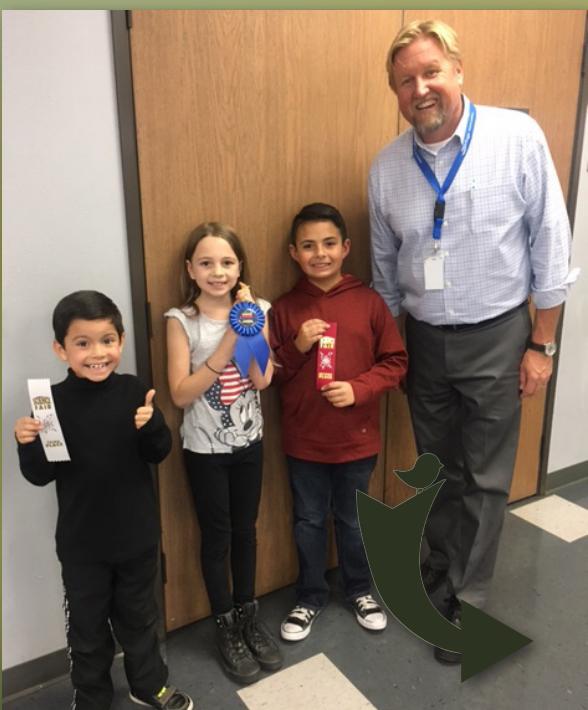
8th grade science in Mrs. Keel's class!
Exploring density and buoyancy in different types of liquids.



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Students were excited to present their projects at the Science Fair. K-8 produced



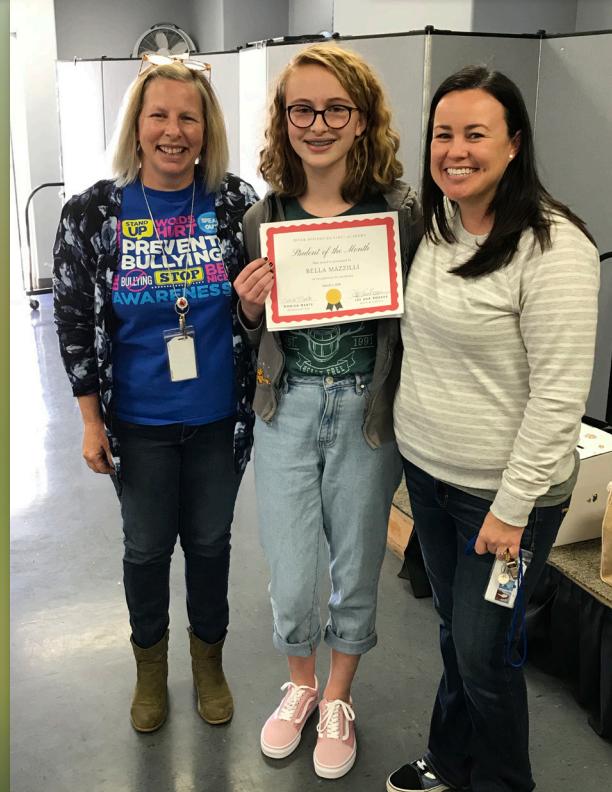
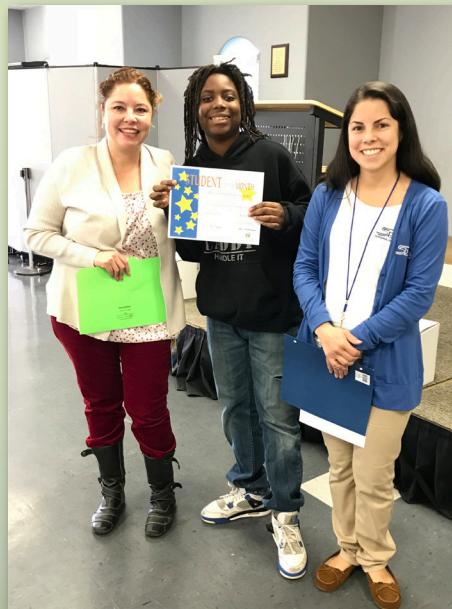
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HS - Celebrating Noah at the Murrieta Chamber of Commerce Student of the Month breakfast!



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Oh, The Places You'll Go!

6th, 7th, and 8th grade students got a great guided tour of University of California, Riverside. It was a fun day learning about the college, and some of our students had great questions for our guides.



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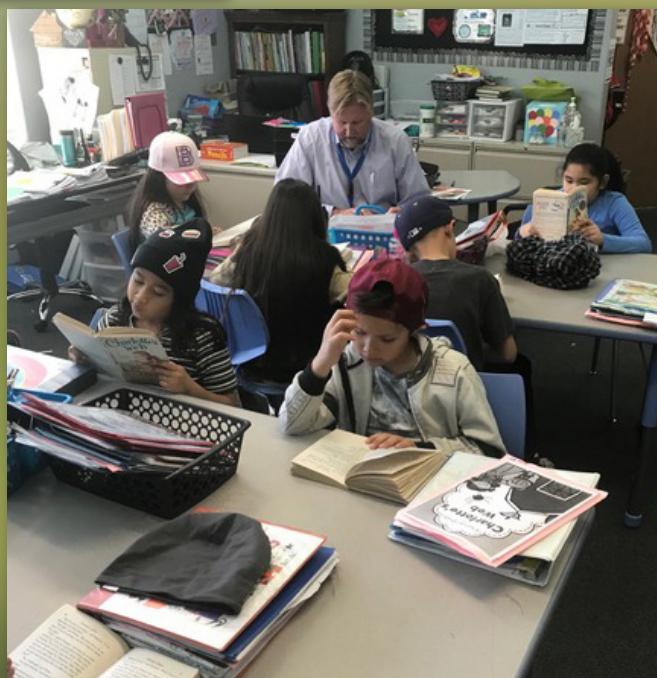


The DVMS Art of Tea Club celebrates the donation of china teacups and teapots to add additional elegance to their weekly meetings.

Guess who got called to popcorn read Charlotte's Web in Mrs. Ornelas' class?



High School Leadership is working together to purchase, organize, and deliver Flower Grams!





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Elle Martin is an 11th grader at Venture Online. Elle has been riding horses from the time she was three years old, and has competed in various disciplines and horse shows across California. One of the organizations that Elle is a part of is the Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA). In these IEA horse shows, Elle competes for Elvenstar Orange County's team, accumulating points for both individual and team divisions. At each IEA show, the riders draw a horse's name from a hat, will have two warm-up fences on a horse they have never ridden before this show before, and must navigate a course of jumps to be judged. This element of surprise provides both excitement and a technical twist to riders on top of the obstacles they face in the ring. Throughout the show season, riders are allowed to participate in five shows, trying to earn enough points to qualify for regional finals. In Elle's season, she has earned enough points to qualify for regionals, where she then placed first in her over fences class, and third on the flat which has qualified her to compete at the next level of competition, Zone Finals. At Zone Finals, the top IEA riders in California, Nevada, and Arizona compete against one another in an attempt to win first for their division. If Elle wins first, she will then go on to compete in National Finals in Syracuse, New York. Venture Online's flexibility has allowed Elle to not only compete at IEA competitions, but with the extra time she now has, she has earned five championships on her horses at horse shows in the greater Los Angeles area.

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