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Springs Charter Schools was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place as a Top Workplace in the Inland Empire by The Press-Enterprise, The Inland Valley Progress Bulletin, the San Bernardino Sun, and the Redland Facts in the category of “Large Employers.”

This award resulted from a survey which was sent out to all staff earlier this school year. The survey was completed by 76% of our wonderful employees, way above their average response rate. Thanks to all of you for taking the time to have your voice heard! The judges for this award were YOU!

Springs Charter Schools was the only public school in the top five honorees, making us #1 in our category.

We are very excited to be honored with such a distinction! We know that it is all because of YOU; each and every one of our dedicated and hard-working staff!

The Superintendent, Kathleen Hermsmeyer, was thrilled to be able to share her pride in our schools, our employees, and the important work we do with the large audience upon accepting the award.

So, congratulations all! Keep up the great work, continue to treat everyone with respect and dignity, and celebrate and enjoy accomplishments as we march forward offering the best-personalized learning opportunities to our deserving and wonderful students and families!

Springs Charter Schools and All Our Employees ROCK!





# CONGRATULATIONS

On November 30, 2017, 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 Dan Stake, Alta Pacific Bank; Sandy Word, Which Wich; Andy Morris, Murrieta Chamber of Commerce CEO; Derric Gonzalez, Altura Credit Union; Mary Walters, MVUSD Executive Director of Secondary Education and SOM Emcee. Shown sitting left to right are: **Hannah Hebdon, Springs Charter Schools**; Stephanie Seibuhr, Oak Grove; Monique Barrera, Murrieta Canyon Academy; Arabella Reece, Murrieta Valley High School; Allyson Bean, Vista Murrieta High School and Jonah Sanchez, Murrieta Mesa High School. Photo credit: Kip A. Cothran of KC Photography

Springs Charter Schools Senior Hannah Hebdon is in the KEYS independent study college prep program. Hannah's mother had health issues for a couple of years, and the program allowed her to pursue her education at home while helping with her siblings. Hannah is an independent worker who is disciplined; she has learned that patience is key and it takes a lot of hard work to succeed. Hannah is known for being humble, for having a broad perspective on life and for being a good listener. She is a member of National Honor Society, and she takes dual enrollment classes. Hannah plans to attend MSJC and transfer to a four-year college. Her goal is to become an OB/GYN.



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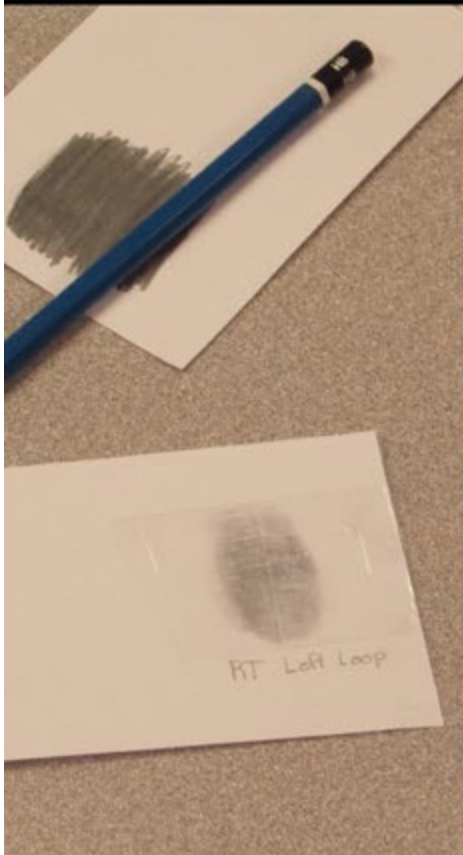


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Career Internship Technical Education

## PUBLIC SAFETY PATHWAY



### PATHWAY COURSES

CTE Public Safety 1

CTE Enforcement Agencies and Procedures

Capstone Course - Coming 2018-2019  
school year!

*The CTE Public Safety pathway prepares students with a broad-based foundational knowledge in careers that involve public safety.*

The educational foundation will assist students who wish to pursue related professional training at the postsecondary level. Students will gain *experience* through classroom instruction, *hands-on training*, and *community exercises*. The evolving integration of state public safety organizations, their connections with federal and state intelligence and security agencies, interoperability and coordination of effort, and the shared mission to *protect the public* in a post-9/11 world are areas of emphasis for the pathway. The careers included in this pathway primarily address law enforcement services, homeland and cyber security services, and correctional services.

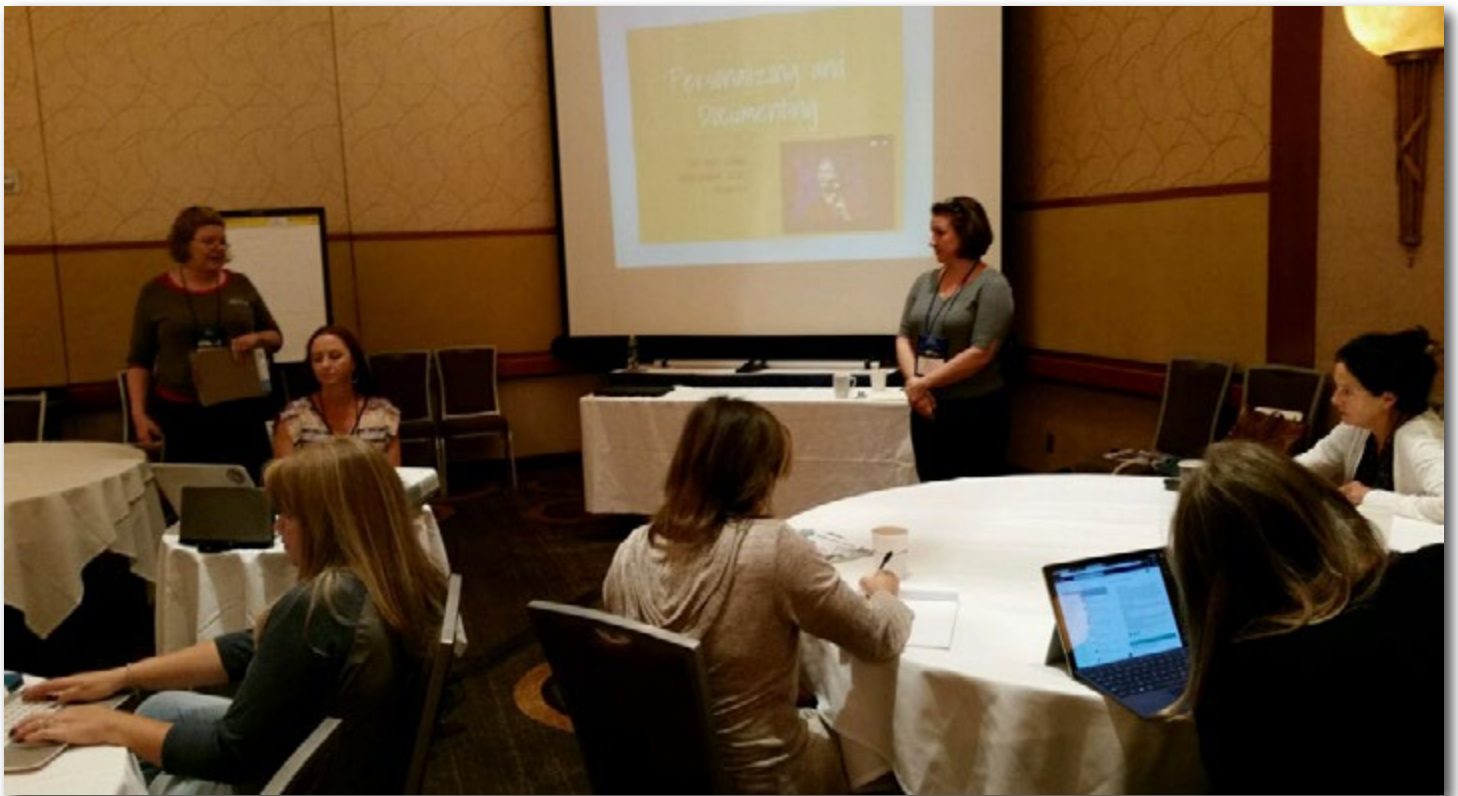
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# KEYS



## College & Career Prep



Springs Charter Schools attended the annual APlus+ conference this year, and the following KEYS staff members presented at this conference with a smashing success: Ellen Minor, Janan Willes, and Sarah Behney. They gave a presentation on personalizing and documenting personalization for high school Independent Study students.



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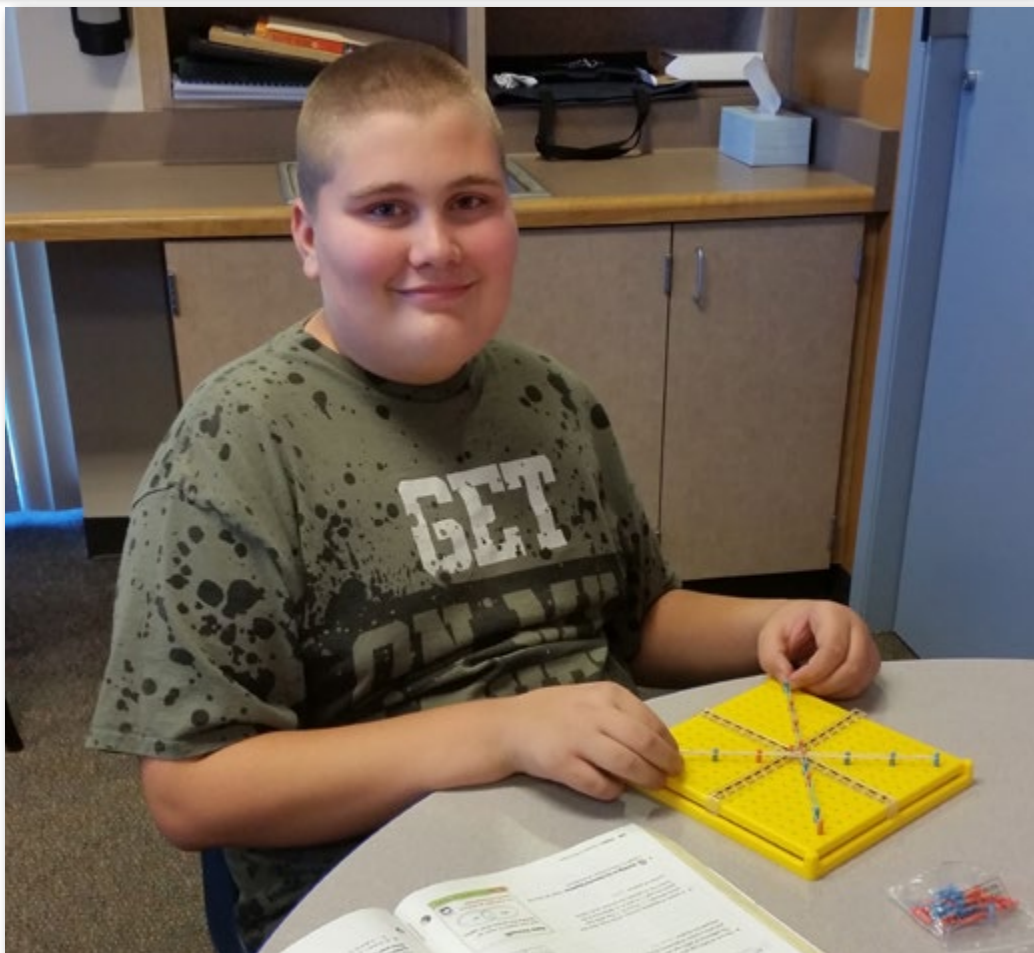


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In Mrs. Martinez's class, students use a coordinate plane pegboard to solve a system of equations graphically.





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California weekly walk through presentation - American Revolution: Mrs. Nielsen's 5<sup>th</sup>-grade class actively participated in games, music, and storytelling that retold our nation's beginnings.



California weekly walk through presentation - Ancient World: Our 6<sup>th</sup>-grade class actively participated in storytelling, games, and drama that painted a picture of ancient history.





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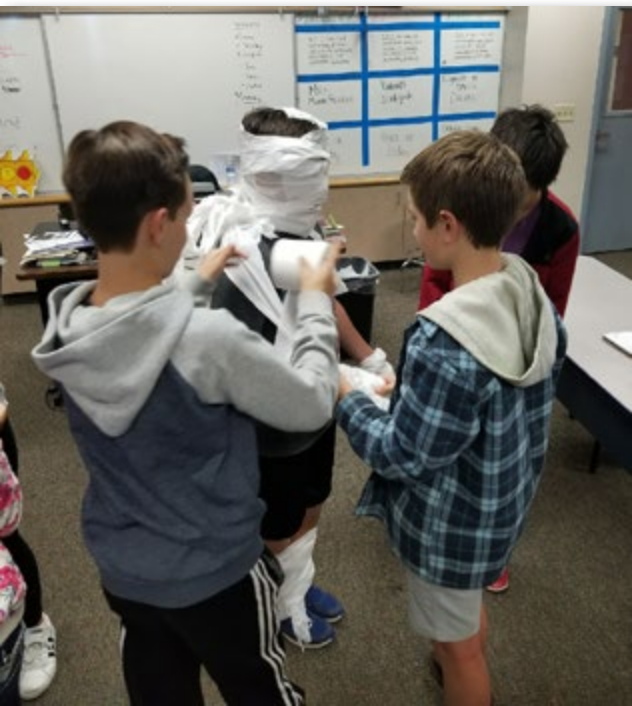


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Mrs. Bedley's 6<sup>th</sup>-grade class is demonstrating a mock mummification.



Ms. Collins' class took a quick picture wearing their superhero gear before recess during one of the school spirit days.





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Ms. Keegan's 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade class created paper mache turkeys for their Thanksgiving centerpiece. They trotted and gobbled their masterpieces through the school.

Ms. Collins' class is doing a directive drawing of an elf for a holiday activity.





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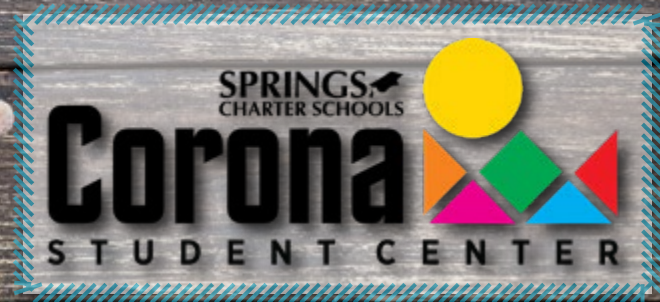
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California weekly walk through presentation - Ms. Nilesen's class actively participating in California's rich history.



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Every year we do a fun holiday door decorating contest between the classes. Our students are very creative, and we love to see this creativity come out in them. Our number one rule is that every student is involved. The class that wins will be eating lunch with Mrs.

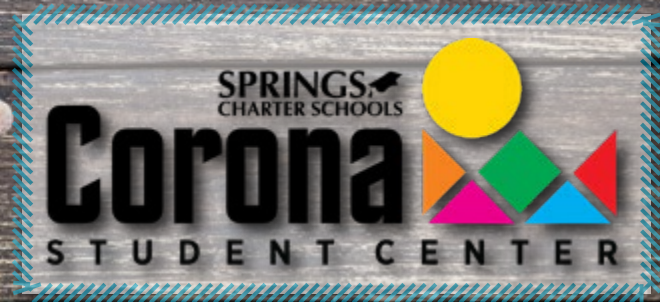



Hansen. This year our most creative door was our FA LA LA LA LLAMAS door done by Ms. VanSchaik's 6<sup>th</sup>-grade class, and our overall winner was our A MINION REASONS TO BE MERRY door done by Mrs. Shafor's TK/KN class. Congratulations to our TK/KN class! We hope you enjoy your lunch with Mrs. Hansen.





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Our K-8<sup>th</sup> graders dove right in at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. This fun, hands-on and educational experience allowed our families to explore a variety of different animal exhibits and numerous up-close encounters with marine life. Students also learned the importance of water, where it comes from, the major uses, and ways to conserve it in our daily lives. From the bio-luminescent jellyfish to the carnivorous sharks in the lagoon, our students had a memorable experience learning about oceanography.





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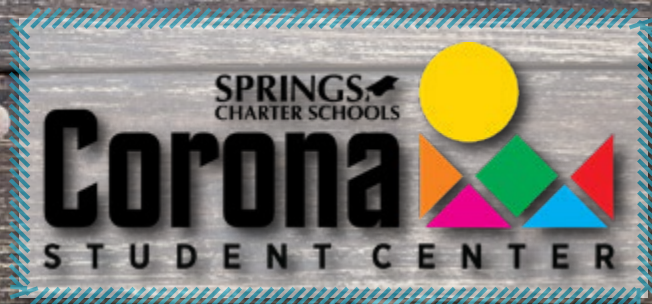



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During the Magic Tree House Learning Center class, students created their Egyptian headpieces. Students are reading Mummies in the Morning, learning about Egypt and all the adventures of Jack and Annie in the book three of the series.



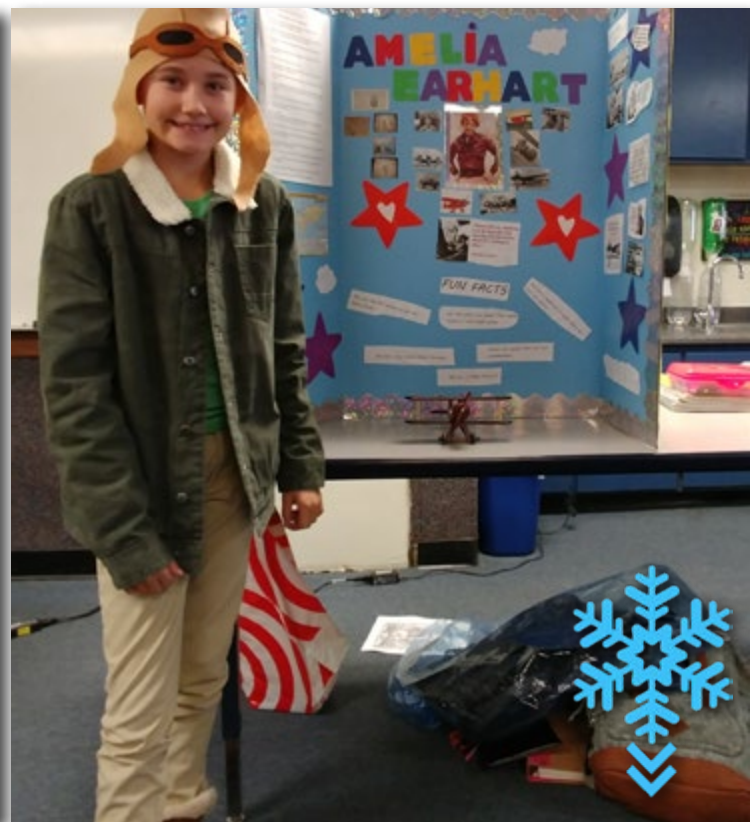


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For this 6-week project-based learning experience students chose a historical figure that interested them. Students researched this person, completed a written report, and created a visual display board to present their information. Students dressed up as their historical character and presented their information orally to their class.





# Happy Holidays







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The mission of the Settlement House is a major source of compassion, information, and emergency support for people in the Corona-Norco community facing personal crises that threaten their stability, safety, housing, and health. For the past seven years, we have been collecting food items during the holiday season for the Settlement House. This year we are striving for 1,000 food items to donate to the Settlement House. Thank you so much to our generous families! You have shown caring and kindness towards our community members in need. We couldn't have done this without your tremendous support. Have a wonderful winter break with your loved ones. We will see you in 2018!








# Happy Holidays



 (951) 225-7100



FAPA students and families boarded the Metrolink and headed off to the California Science Center. It was an excellent opportunity to use our extended community as a learning environment. During our visit, the staff, students, and their families visited the Body Worlds exhibit to learn about the wonders of real human bodies. Students got up close to learn what makes us unique.

We also got up close and personal with the space shuttle Endeavor. Students were able to learn about the Endeavor's flight to California and her 12-mile, 68-hour journey through the streets of Los Angeles to her final destination in the Samuel Oschin Pavilion at the California Science Center.



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After visiting these exhibits, students viewed ecosystems and air space exhibits. It was a great learning experience from beginning to end.





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Our teachers have been working tirelessly to provide quality instruction and make adjustments to meet the needs of our students. Before the break, our academy teachers collaborated with our CTE (Career and Technical Education) teachers. Our high school staff is making a concerted effort to align CTE standards with ICANs and Common Core standards that will further guide students through their course assignments and assessments. This will allow students to see the connections between their courses and how they correlate to life after high school. It is our goal to ensure that our students are gaining the knowledge and skills needed to transition into the real world. Whether our students choose a career or continuing education opportunities after graduation, we want to ensure that they are well-equipped to take on the day-to-day responsibilities of adulthood.

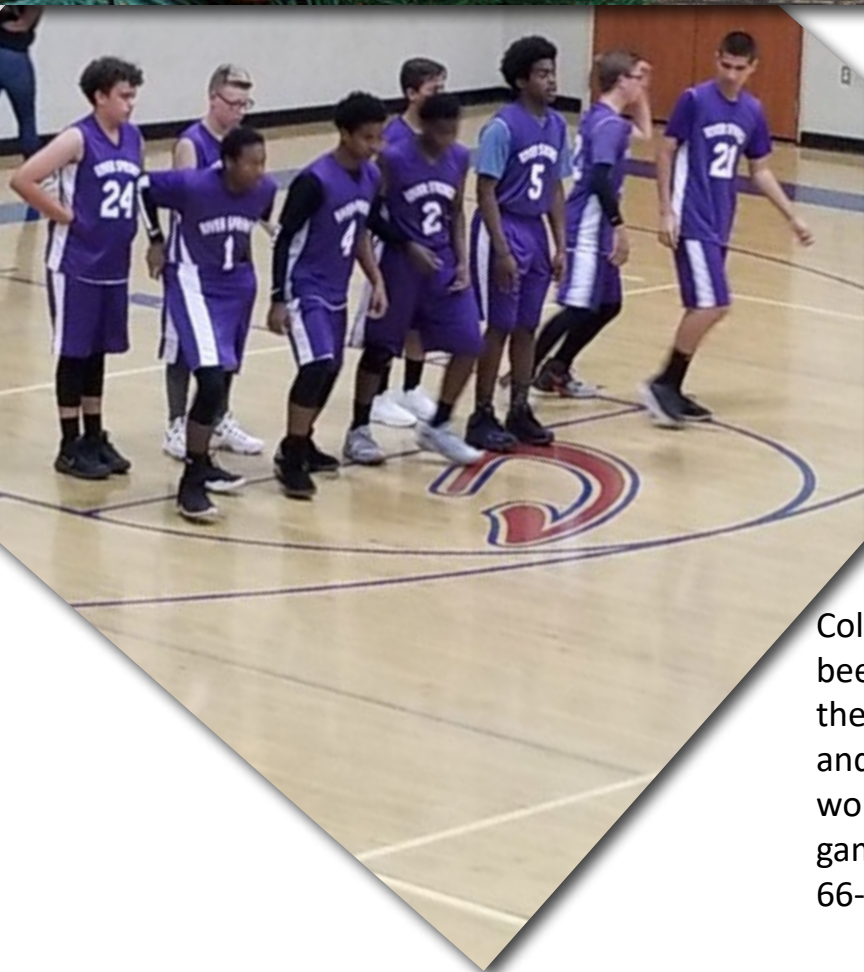




# Happy Holidays



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Collectively, our CIF Basketball teams have been doing a much better job of keeping their grades up and following school rules and discipline policies. Keep up the good work! Our Eagle Boys team had a great game against Baypoint Academy, winning 66-8. Way to go!





# Happy Holidays



 (951) 225-7150


Our Hemet Girard lunch program has been such a wonderful addition! The students are enjoying the nutritional snacks and lunches. With all this success, we were in desperate need of seating and shade, so new lunch tables and umbrellas were in order. The students like having a comfortable place to sit, and think it's nice to be under cover from the sun to enjoy their lunchtime with friends.





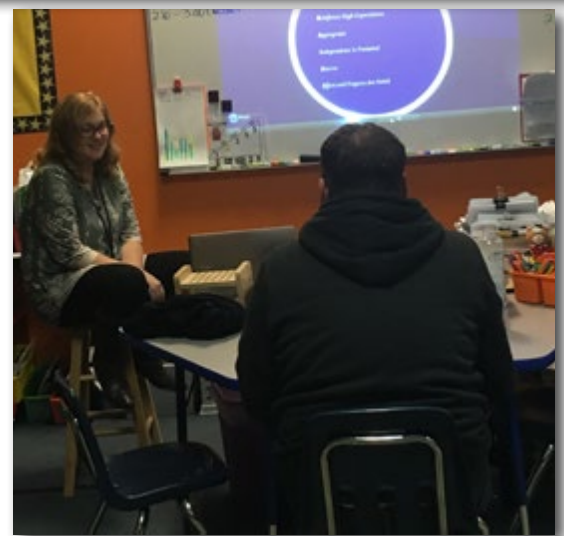
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Hemet Quest Jingle Bell Ball  
Students danced while parents  
and families learn about the  
many resources available for  
physical, emotional, and social  
support.





# Happy Holidays



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We transformed our outdoor lunch area into a Polar Express scene for families to enjoy watching their students sing holiday songs.





# Happy Holidays



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4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Riley's Farm Gold Rush!






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# Happy Holidays



The Homeschool Math Extravaganza was a huge hit in December! Homeschool ESes, led by Jacki York, shared fun and engaging math activities with students travelling from near and far for this popular annual educational event!






# Happy Holidays





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Victoria "Tori" Cantu is an ACE at the Magnolia Student Center. She graduated from California State University, San Bernardino on December 9, 2017. She has completed her Bachelor's of Arts in Criminal Justice with a focus in Crime Analysis, a minor in Geography & a Certificate in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). When she is not studying, Tori enjoys traveling and has even done a few study abroad trips through school—she has been to England, France, Ireland, Spain, Italy, and Japan. We can't wait to see where her next adventure will take her!


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Winter Wonderland was our theme for our high school students. Students participated in karaoke, video games, dancing, board games and food! Everyone had way too much fun!

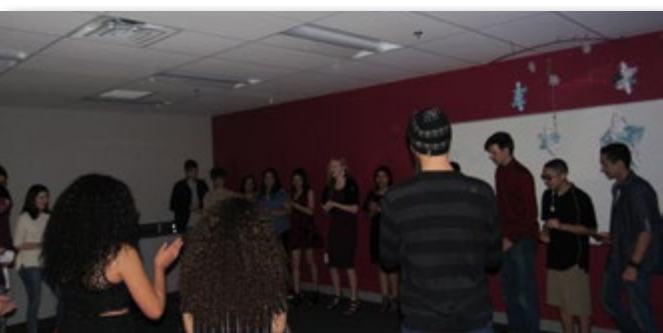
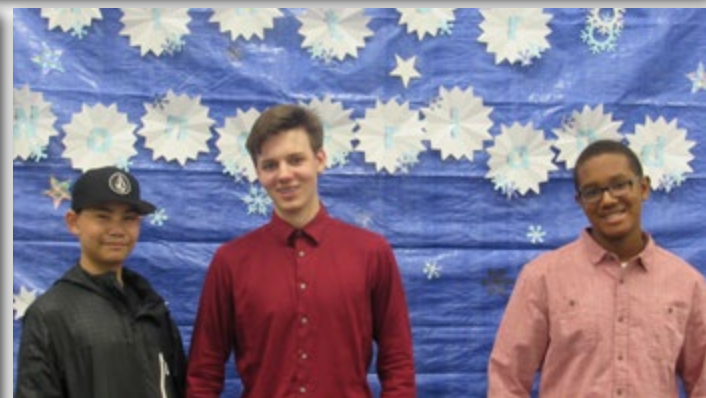




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Our middle and high school students have moved to our new building. All grades are now under one roof this year! The students were greeted by signs of Welcome Home! It is wonderful having all of us together.





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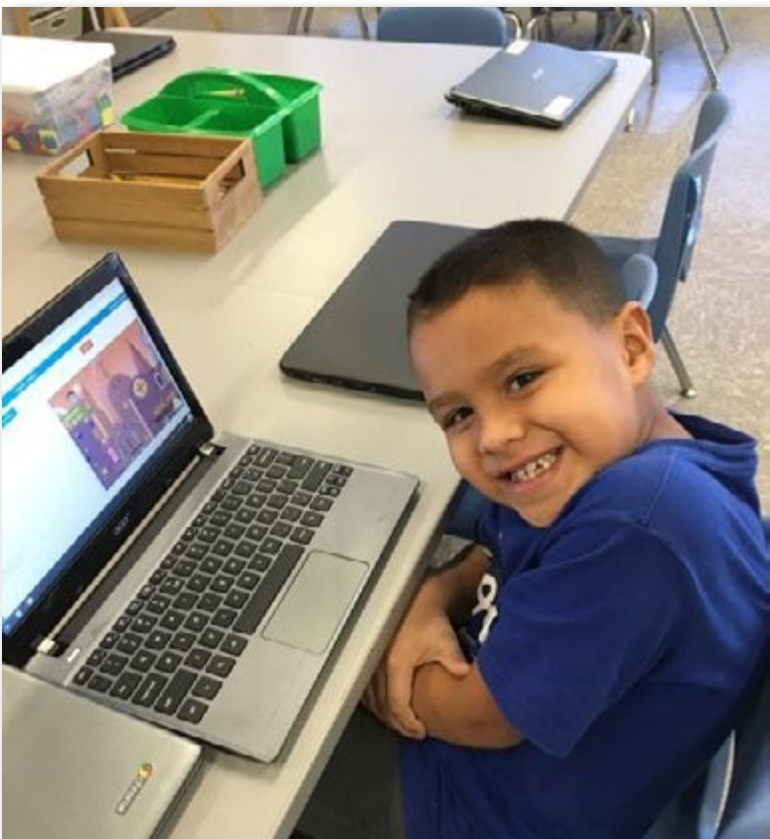


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Our program participated in the Hour of Code. This worldwide event helps students understand coding and enjoy computer science. From our Kinders to our high schoolers, everyone found something they could enjoy and learn at the same time!





# Happy Holidays



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Our TK-1<sup>st</sup> graders learned a lot about our past at Riley's Farm. Our youngest Falcons had a lovely field trip.





# Happy Holidays




Our students participated in celebrating Thanksgiving with crafts, art, and food. We are especially thankful for our students, families, and staff!



# Happy Holidays



 (951) 225-7250

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Murrieta Student Center was honored to participate in the Murrieta Push Cart Parade and Festival of Trees. We also were able to decorate a tree which was provided to a local family in need after the event.





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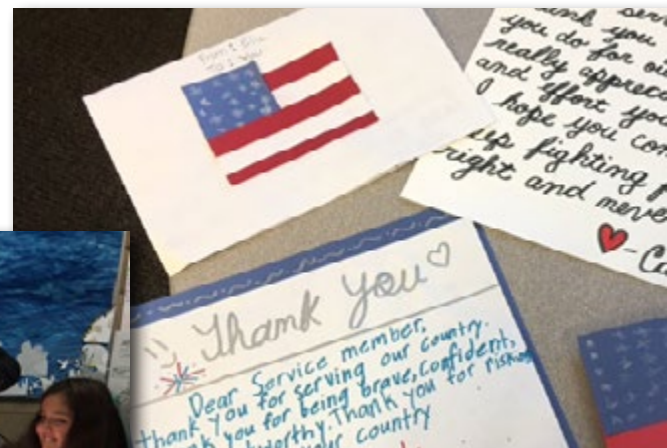
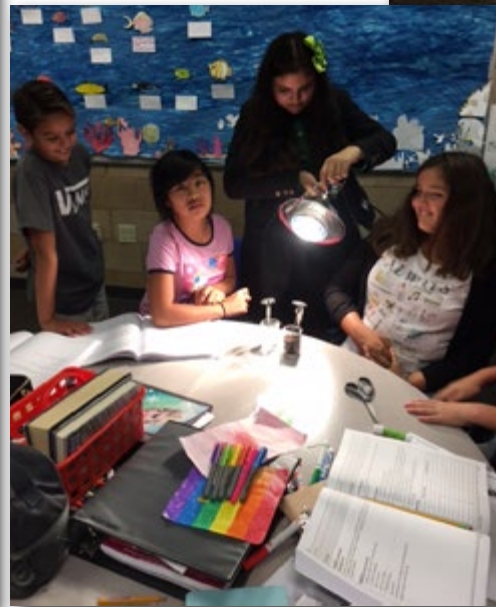


# Happy Holidays



(951) 225-7690

Mrs. Santana's 6<sup>th</sup>-grade class has been busy with Egyptian sarcophaguses, science lab for ecosystem study, and letters to service members.



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# Happy Holidays



 (951) 225-7690


ORAA's Run Club meets every morning at 8 am to run laps around the field. They earn charms and gain self-esteem. It is a great way to start the day. This year's Fall Run Club celebrated with a Turkey Trot right before Thanksgiving Break. They all ran laps, earned their turkey charm and had an ice cream celebration. We are so proud of all our Run Club participants. See you in the Spring!





# Happy Holidays



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Mr. Coomber's 7<sup>th</sup>-grade homeroom writing letters to Santa with their 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade buddies.






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Ms. Arimany, our Artist-in-Residence, giving a lesson on wire sculptures. The class worked as a group to create 3-dimensional art using different gauges of wire.





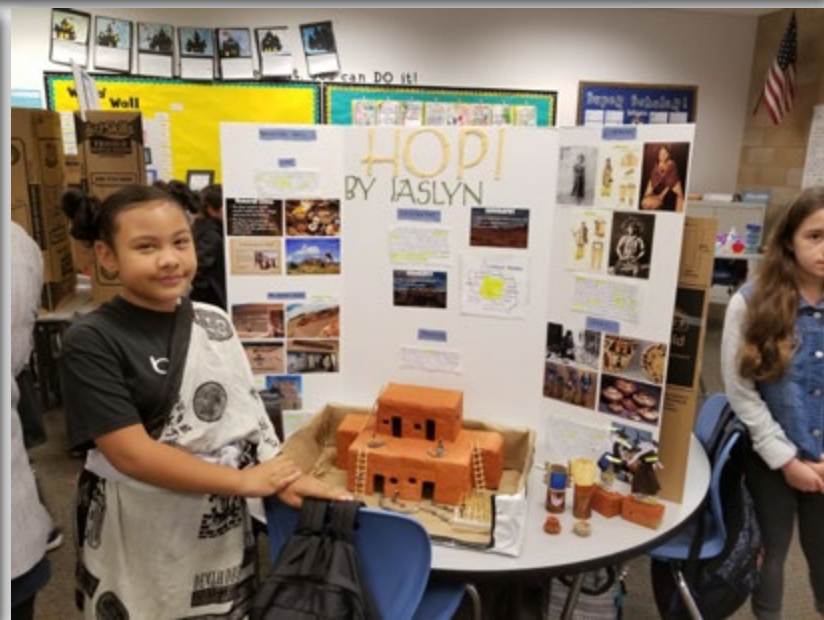
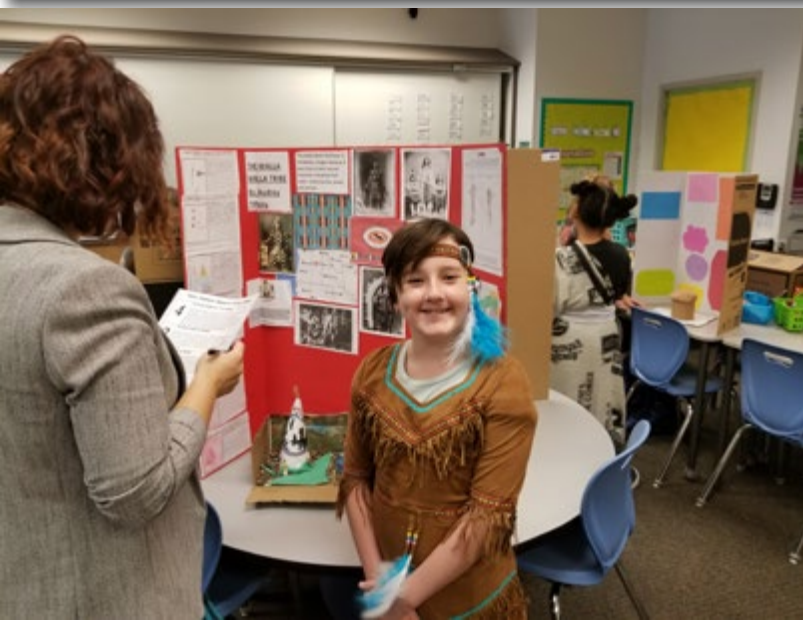
# Happy Holidays



Ms. Yakas' 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade class created beautiful artwork in their holiday traditions unit. They also celebrated with a field trip to see The Grinch at the Old Globe Theater.



# Happy Holidays



Native American Tribes Project in Miss Tompkins' 5<sup>th</sup> grade class where children created a museum in the classroom. They also had a cow assembly where students learned in a Mobile Dairy Classroom.





# Happy Holidays



Mrs. Santana's 6<sup>th</sup>-grade class, Biome home study projects, created plastic water bottle sculpture art with Ms. Arimany.





# Happy Holidays



Mrs. Santana's 6<sup>th</sup>-grade class ocean mural.



Multiple teachers dressed up as ORAA's History teacher, Mr. Coomber, for Twin Day!





# Happy Holidays



Student volunteers give suggestions and participate in the visiting Improv group: National Comedy Theater.





# Happy Holidays



The Mobile Dairy Classroom came to ORAA! Our KN-6<sup>th</sup>-grade students enjoyed a 45-minute assembly where they learned all about the dairy industry and California's dairy farmers. The assembly covered nutrition education, agriculture, and food literacy. Students also got a chance to pet a calf. Site facilitator, Tami Foster, enjoyed taking selfies with the cow, Blue Belle. If you would like information on this free opportunity, email Steve Miller, Instructor, at [smiller@dairycouncilofca.org](mailto:smiller@dairycouncilofca.org).





# Happy Holidays



ORAA students enjoyed shopping at the Scholastic Book Fair and visiting with Clifford the Big Red Dog. ELA teacher, Miss Pinkerton, spent some quality time with Clifford.





# Happy Holidays



Miss O'Grady's 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade class had two amazing adventures on their field trip to the Maritime Museum and the San Diego Zoo.









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The Rancho Cucamonga Learning Center leadership students conducted a food drive during November. They were able to collect eight large boxes of non-perishable food for a food bank right here in Rancho! Thank you to our Rancho families for your participation and to the leadership class for organizing this great outreach to the community.



# Happy Holidays



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Principal, Jared McLeod, leading the Literature Day Parade, with a student by his side. We promoted literature to our K-8<sup>th</sup>-grade students by encouraging them to dress in their favorite character from a book. Our principal chose Woody, from Toy Story!





# Happy Holidays



Following the parade, our 1<sup>st</sup>-grade teacher, Mrs. Poe, involved the students as she read gripping their attention. What a way to engage in reading!





# Happy Holidays



Students are being introduced to creativity and expression by participating in Thanksgiving crafts. They are engaged working and having fun while following guidelines and gaining confidence in their work.





# Happy Holidays



Ms. Helvey put together a "Diner" set in her 5<sup>th</sup>-grade classroom to promote adding decimals. What a fun and engaging way to encourage students to count!



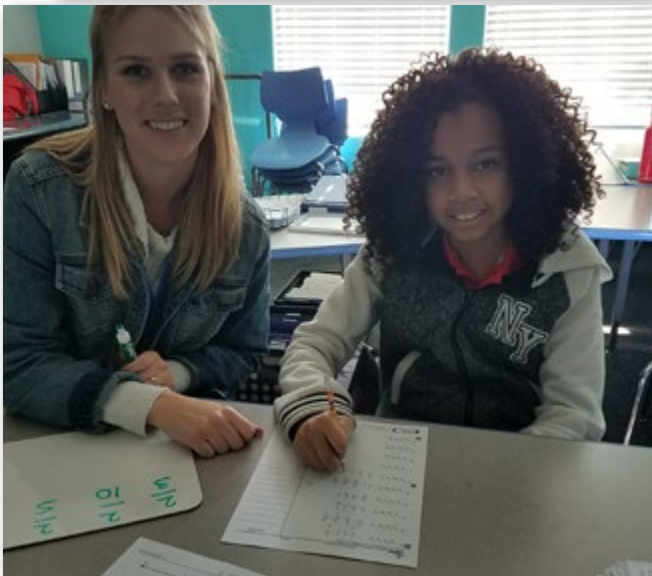
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Our Assistant Classroom Educators in action.  
All our ACEs are diamonds!



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Our Student of the Month families are excited to receive a 'Brag Lawn Sign' to brag to their communities for two weeks. Lawn signs are returned and awarded to new Student of the Month recipients.





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Personalized seating in our middle school math class, when student's choice is honored, they are more engaged.





# Happy Holidays




Middle School STEM science class building roller coasters to apply the principles of potential and kinetic energy.





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Mrs. Pepito's 5<sup>th</sup>-grade class read the book *Wonder*, by Raquel Palacio. Here they are having fun at a special movie showing just for us!

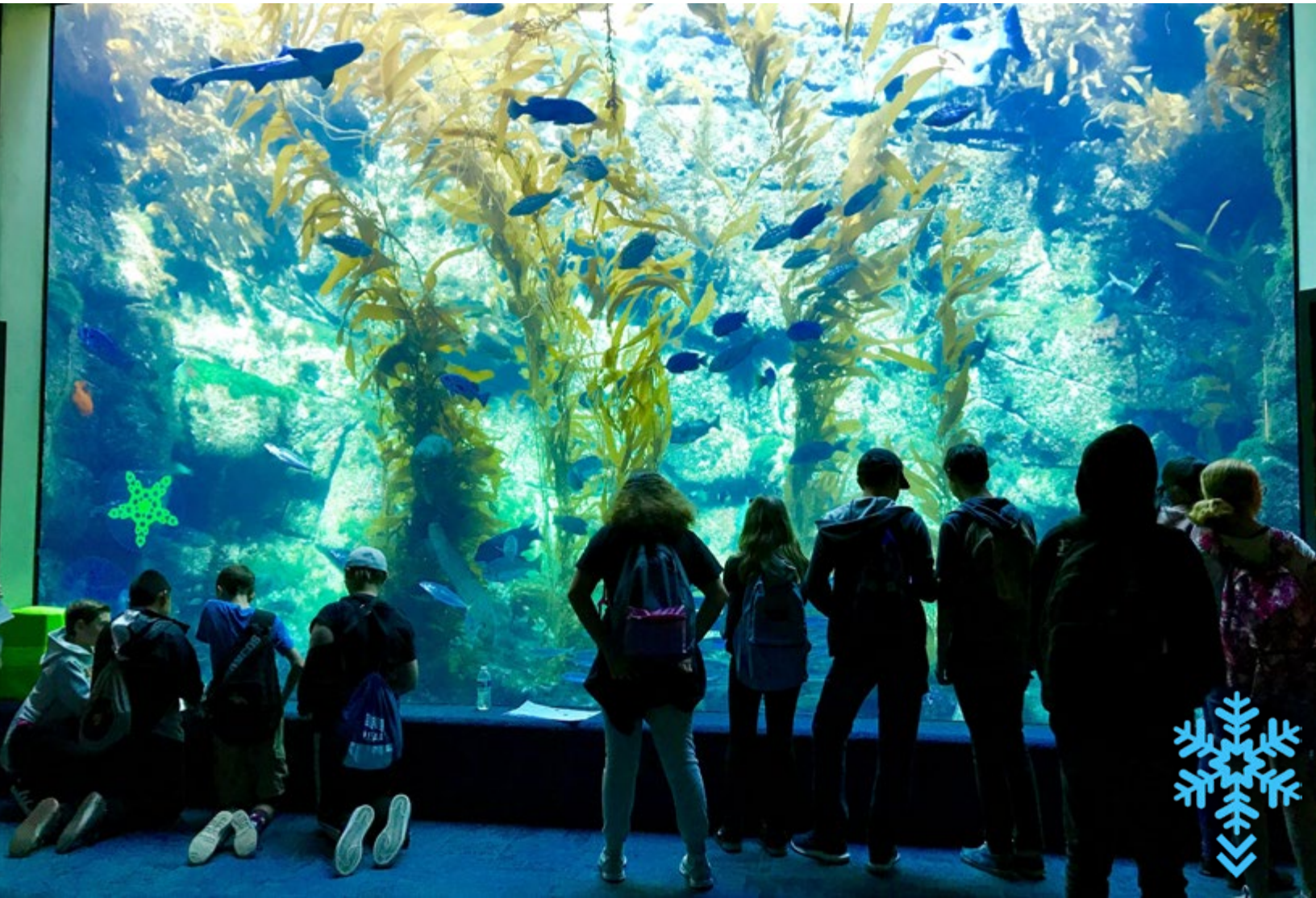




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Middle School students study marine life at the Birch Aquarium in San Diego.





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4<sup>th</sup>-graders enjoy a guided tour and brick Adobe class at San Juan Capistrano Mission.

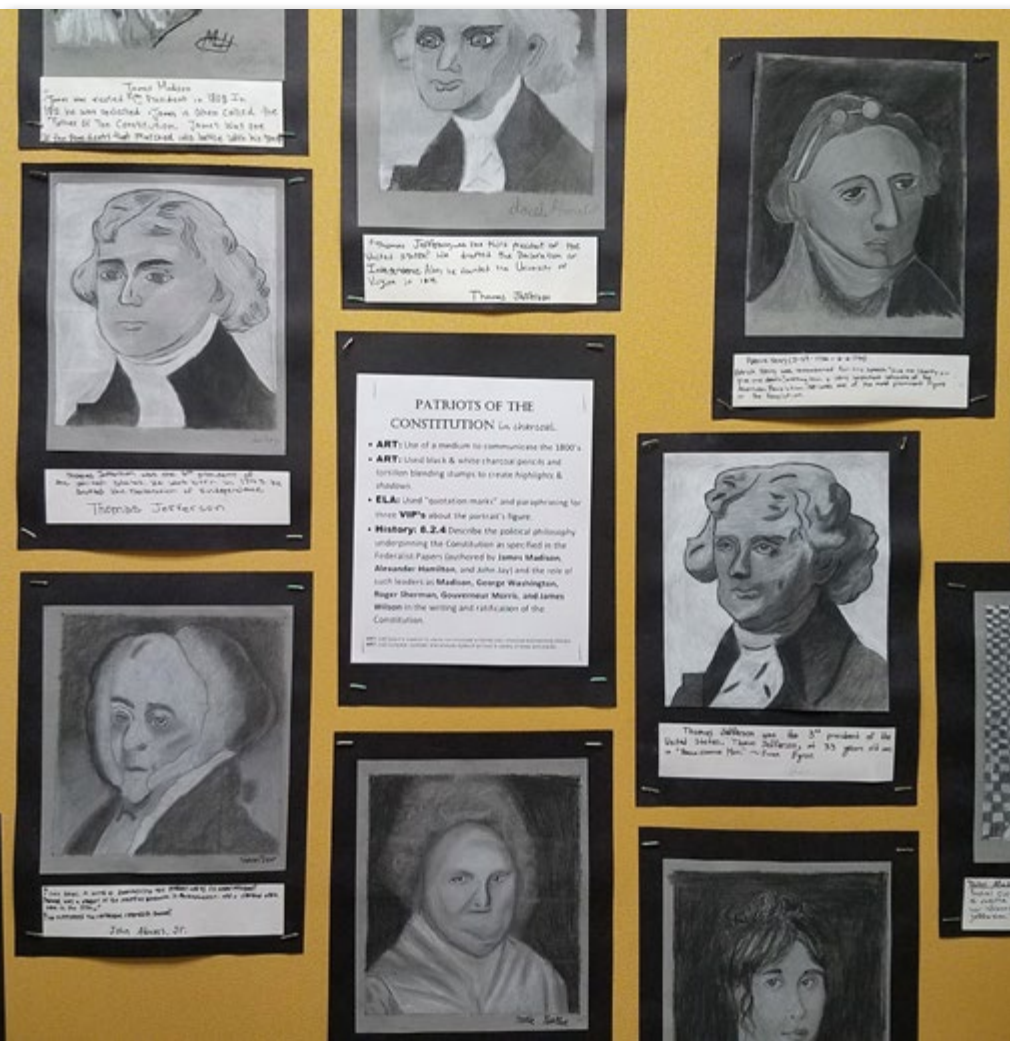




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We love our Da Vinci integrated projects!



1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders built a model to answer the question "How are Crayons made?"





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Monthly school spirit days: K-12 participates in Disney Day.





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First semester Employees of the Month were recognized by administrators for making huge contributions to the school. For going above and beyond, they get to park in the Principal's parking spot. Also, first semester Colleagues of the Month were unanimously nominated by their peers. They get to park in the Vice Principal's spot.



Elementary teachers hosted a before school 'Morning Breakfast' with parents and students. Everyone enjoyed it!





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Spelling Bee 2017:  
Congratulations  
to Joe Simmons  
4<sup>th</sup> grader from  
Ms. Boytim's class.  
He's headed to our  
school-wide Springs'  
Bee.





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High School had a Pep Rally and Elementary School had a Winter Performance, Candy Cane Lane, directed by Mrs. Walker and Mrs. LaRue.





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My name is Gianluca Sasso, I am 13 years old, and I am an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Venture Online. School was always very hard for me, I loved learning, but I struggled. When I found out I was dyslexic I asked my mom and dad if I could be homeschooled, they said yes, and I have been with Venture Online for two years now. I love the program because it allows me to learn at my own pace and I don't feel too much pressure.

I enjoy photography and fishing, but my passion is soccer. I have been playing competitive soccer since I was seven years old. I hope to someday become a professional soccer player. Being homeschooled with Venture allows me to train extra during the week with my coach. I plan to continue with Venture online because it allows me to learn at my own pace without the pressure and allows me to get extra training for soccer.

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