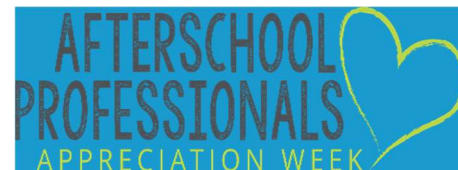


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Hello PLN Community,

I invite you all to read our December newsletter. Our highlight for November was our Fall Enrichment Camp. Our students had an amazing time. Special thank you to all the staff for all their hard work and dedication.

Cecilia Hernandez
 Director of Extended Learning



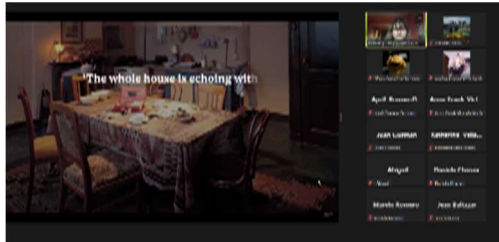
WELCOME BACK!



Students and Staff have a Virtual Learning Day



On November 12, staff and students at our three schools held a virtual learning day. Throughout the semester we've had in-person and virtual learning. The afterschool program provided two hours of engaged virtual activities. This hybrid model of in-person and virtual learning has brought out the best in our staff and students. We've gained immense skills and have been able to adapt. The dynamic is unique in that staff come to the site and provide their activities virtually with the students. At our middle school the staff provided an hour of clubs and one hour of virtual field trips. Some of the clubs our associate



teachers provided were bingo, hurricanes and the chemistry and science of nuclear bombs. Students have the choice to select where they want to go and if they are interested in a different club they are free to switch around. Students are also able to do the same when it comes to virtual field trips. Some of the virtual field trips we offered were the Seattle Aquarium, the Pyramids of Giza and Bryce Canyon National Park.



The Afterschool Program Holds Three Days of Fall Enrichment Activities

Last month we were able to host a Fall Break program for our students at the elementary school. During our three-day program, students had rich activities like math and literacy via I-Ready, science, team building, virtual fieldtrips, as well as art sessions. In addition, we were able to provide a breakfast, lunch and a supper for our students. Our fun spirit days were a hit for this program, students enjoyed the Western Day, Pajama Day, and wear your RED Day for our fieldtrip to Regal Cinema to watch Clifford the big Red Dog. After over a year of not going to fieldtrips students were very excited to have a fieldtrip. For our Kinder and 1st graders, this was the first time being in a school bus. All 74 students that were served asked when we were having another camp.



Students at the Middle School Engage in Robotics and Science Activities

During Thanksgiving break the middle school after school program offered three days of programming. The program was open for all students to attend and we provided students with enrichment activities consisting of team building, academics, geometric abstract art, and science. Students were able to participate in hands-on activities creating their artwork based on what they learned from artist Kazimir Malevich. Students participating in a science decathlon learned about the Apollo 11 mission to the moon. Students were able to create their own astronaut lander using straws, marshmallows, cups and cardboard. Classes were split into three groups and each group was in charge of their own project. Each class had to create a bridge, egg drop and a rocket with the materials provided. We had spirit days and provided a field trip for all students who attended the program. Students left the program very pleased receiving yummy snacks that included chips, juice, cotton candy, and candy apples. Overall it was a great program.



Students at Gratts Primary Center Learn about College



Teachers at Gratts Primary Center have been engaging the students in different STEM and art activities. During the students' learning center time, which is when teachers reinforce subjects their students are learning in the school day, hands on activities are one of their most favorites. First grade students in Ms. Sanchez's class learned about the life cycle of an apple as well as explore how different color apples tasted. Students in Ms. Sanchez's class taste tested red, yellow, and green apples. Her students then shared notes and described their favorite apple. As part of adding to what each student curious minds wonder, students in Ms. Sanchez's class also wanted to find out the weight of their apples using wood blocks. Our students at Gratts Primary Center have started to make connections between academic achievement and career aspirations. All students in the afterschool program participated in the college awareness activities. Student explored their personal interests matched them to career opportunities. Our goal for our students is to provide them information and reinforce the message that college is attainable no matter your life circumstances.

Students at Gratts hold Three Days of Program over the Thanksgiving Break



During the week of Thanksgiving break, students were invited to participate in the Fall Enrichment Program and had the opportunity to go on a fieldtrip. Students and teachers went to the California Science Center and experienced incredible exhibits. Students explored the Art of the Brick exhibit, observing more than 100 sculptures that were made out of LEGOs and



learning how long it took the artist to make each sculpture. Students also watched Secrets of the Universe 3D, where they were taken to explore the universe and got to closely see a collision that duplicated the way the universe started. Students were very fascinated by how real the graphics looked on the screen and how it almost felt real to them. Apart from experiencing these two amazing exhibits, students and teachers also went to explore the ecosystem exhibit which allowed them to get up and close to different living organisms such as starfish, plants, and fish. Discovering how big the Endeavour was to the students was mesmerizing. Getting to learn more about the missions the Endeavour went to spark the student's curiosity when they found out that it had been transported on land to the science center. The California Science Center fieldtrip was one of the biggest highlights for many of our students who were their first time going on a school fieldtrip.

Students at Charter Elementary School Attend a Holiday Event



This past Sunday, December 12th, 72 of our CES Afterschool students were able to attend a Holiday party hosted by United in Harmony, long-time partner program. Students from Kinder up to 5th grade had the great opportunity to receive gifts, have some pizza,

decorate cupcakes, sing, dance and take pictures with Santa and overall enjoy a holiday spirit day. From the gifts received, student got beanies, cozy pajamas, sweaters and fun toys to play over the holiday. We thank United in Harmony for always making these moments memorable for our students.

The Afterschool Program would like to wish our Families a Happy Holiday Season!

