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Hi, my name is Sindy Lopez, I am the lead teacher for Para Los Niños Gratts Primary Center. I hope you enjoy our after school newsletter for the month of May.

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The Girl Scouts Troop at CES Visit Knotts Berry Farm



With the school year nearly finishing up, our students wrapped up programs that they have been participating in all year long. Girls Scouts

participants had their culmination on May 13th. Kinder greeted and cheered them on while we presented the girls with their certificates. Our 4th and 5th grade Girl Scout students celebrated their culmination by finally being able to cash in on their hard work and went on a field trip to Knott's Berry

Farm. Our students came up with the idea of going on a field trip at the end of the school year and planned all the details to see their idea through. They chose a destination, organized a series of fundraisers, decided what to sell and for how much, and they set a goal minimum for each event in order to raise enough for admissions. Our students were able to see their ideas turn realities through diligent hard work. It was truly a great learning experience for them all. In the true spirit of Girl Scouts, they faced their fears and reached new limits by getting on several rides and welcoming new experiences at Knott's Berry Farm. If in 4th and 5th grade they were able to accomplish such a huge goal, then we can only imagine the galactic heights they will reach later in life. We are very proud of you all!

Lynette Medina (GPC) – 1st
Jennifer Marcial (CES) – 3rd
Dora Sanchez (CES) – 12th
Maria Melgoza (CES) – 18th
Jennifer Rosas (GPC) – 25th



The Girl Scouts Troop at Gratts Primary Center Culminate their Experience

Our Girl Scouts troops from 1st and 2nd grade, culminated their awesome experience as Daisies and Brownies level. Ms. Sanchez who was the 1st grade (Daisies) and Ms. Lynette who was the 2nd grade (Brownies) troop leader proudly handed out the certificates of completion and participation to their girl scouts as well as a special gift given to them. We are very proud of our Girl Scouts Troops as they continue to develop their curiosity, kindness, leadership skills, and can-do spirit.



Students at our Middle School Participate in a Kickball Tourney

During the month of May, the charter middle school hosted parent conferences the week of the 16th. During this week we also hosted a dodgeball tournament annually with students in the after school program. Students were given the opportunity to create their own teams and recruit players from all grade levels. We created a bracket for students to play against each other and the team "Crispy Cheetos" led by our 8th grade students, Robert Howze and Domingo Garcia, were crowned champions. The entire afterschool program was outside on the playground during the first two hours of the program to cheer on their peers, keep score, and announce the game for everyone. At the end of the final game, the winning team were given medals and took a team picture to recognize their accomplishments. Great job Mustangs!



Elementary Students Complete their Semester of Robotics



Digital Dragon is a robotics program where they have been learning how to build machines and robots and also program them. Programming robots requires diligent attention to writing specific series of codes. This program was truly a privilege for our students because it is not very common to our communities. It can be very expensive to have access to the tools and robots needed for programming. Thanks to our parallel programs, our

students were able to learn how to do this with absolutely no costs to their families. Our students challenged themselves by programming their robots to pass through mazes and complete obstacle courses. Having access to S.T.E.A.M. programs like this can very well inspire careers for our students in their adult lives.

Students at Gratts Primary Center Create Artifacts for Someone Special



During the month of May, our students work arduously to create the most perfect and amazing gift to their mothers. Their imagination ran wild when it came to writing what their most favorite memory was with their mother and how that translated to what they would draw or create using different arts and craft materials. Students in 2nd grade with Ms. Rosas, created picture frames for mother's day and used their creative skills to paint it. All of our youth from Gratts Primary Center had a chance to make something for someone special in their lives.

The Middle School Students Visit CSU, Fullerton



For our third and final college field trip of the year, students had the opportunity to attend California State University, Fullerton. During our college field trips, students were able to tour the campus with our after school teachers on a self-guided tour. Students learned about the various housing arrangements on campus, discovered what sports looked like at a college level, gained knowledge about the different majors and careers that each campus offers, and more. It was great to see and hear students asking

questions about what their future plans could look like. Our after school teachers were able to talk about personal experiences as well to the students to give them a different perspective. Being in this environment gave them the opportunity to envision themselves in higher education and it was great to hear that students enjoyed the experience.

Students at our Gratts Primary Center Celebrate Diversity



1st grade students in Ms. Luna's class started off the month of May by celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Students in Ms. Luna's class were introduced to Sushi, for the first time for some of the students. Students were very curious to see how an actual roll of sushi looked and how to use chopsticks to eat them. Our first grade students were introduced to Japanese culture and one of their famous food.

Students at Gratts Primary Center Create a Boys' Group

Our group of 1st and 2nd grade students led by Ms. Rosas (2nd grade) and Ms. Luna (1st grade) also had their own version of Boy Scouts. Ms. Luna and Ms. Rosas created activities that engage their students in leadership roles such as be the teacher for a day and can you teach us your favorite sport. Students in both of these groups developed their teamwork skills as well as their curiosity.



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Thank you, Mr. Ortiz!

On behalf of the Afterschool team, I would like announce Salvador Ortiz, Site Supervisor for the afterschool department, will be leaving after the school year. We'd like to THANK Mr. Ortiz for his many years of service, commitment and dedication to the students and families of the Charter Middle School community. Mr. Ortiz was an integral part of the afterschool program, providing guidance and support to the students and staff throughout the years. We want wish him nothing but the best and success in the next chapter of his life.



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