

March Newsletter 2022

Afterschool Programs

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 APPRECIATION WEEK

April 25-29, 2022

Celebrate, encourage, appreciate the #heartofafterschool!

Upcoming Events

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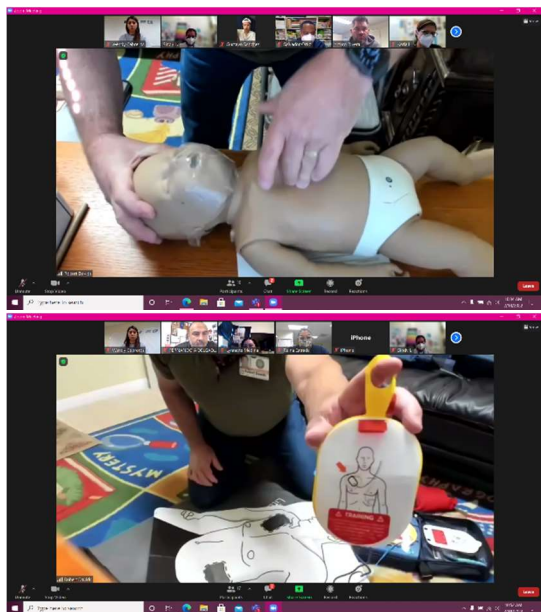
Hello PLN Community,

My name is Moises Carrillo, I am the site supervisor for the afterschool program for the elementary school. I invite you to read over the highlights we had across our three sites for the month of February 2022. Our students, staff, management team and partners have worked hard to make the afterschool experience memorable.



Moises Carrillo
 Site Supervisor, Charter Elementary School

The Afterschool Team get CPR/First Aid Certified



On Friday, February 18th staff from the afterschool program took part in the recertification of the first aid/CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) training. Staff are required to get recertified every two years and the last time the staff from the afterschool program took the training was prior to pandemic and was in person. This time around, due to safety precaution due to COVID, the staff took the training virtually with a certified trainer. The staff went over techniques on providing first aid and CPR to infants, children and adults. In addition, they learned how to use

and administer CPR using the AED (automated external defibrillator) machine. The training also provided information on how to aid for burns and how to save a life when one is choking. The staff received a lot of great updated information since the pandemic, including the decision by the American Red Cross to eliminate administering breaths when doing CPR on a patient. The staff will continue to get recertified every two years.

Karla Lara – 12th (GPC)
 Alejandro Soza – 13th (CES)
 Salvador Ortiz – 25th (CMS)



Students at Gratts Primary Center Celebrate Black History Month

The Gratts Primary Center afterschool students celebrated on February Black History Month. The teachers and students paid tribute to some of the most courageous, inspirational, talented, and creative African American personalities. The students learned about their heroic acts and the outcomes of their actions. The students acquired vital information on perseverance and social justice with leaders like Rosa Parks, Ruby Bridges, Jackie Robinson, Thomas W. Stewart, Garret Morgan, and Martin Luther King Jr.'s accomplishments.



Students at our Middle School Participate in Parallel Programs

The afterschool program offers academic, enrichment and recreational activities along with a hot meal. At our middle school we also offer a variety of parallel programs. Parallel programs include, guitar, music technology, robotics, coding and science. This semester we were fortunate enough to partner with the California Science Center to have students participate in a Science Camp. Through this program students are invited to participate in 10 weeks of fun science experiments and discussions every Friday for an hour. Facilitated by our leaders Kristen and He Shung Im, our young scientists in the making are given the autonomy to really think about how and why things work while making chemistry experiments. Currently, Noely Duran's 8th grade class is the one participating in these hands-on activities.



Elementary Students go on an Overnight Camp

Over the President's day weekend, forty five (45) third (3rd) to fifth (5th) grade students from the afterschool program went to Ojai, California to take part in United in Harmony's winter camp. The afterschool program and United in Harmony have been partners for many years. Our students had been waiting for this camp for years and many of them were in first, second and third grade when we last went and now they were eligible to attend and were very happy to be selected. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, camp and other fieldtrips that would take place throughout out the year have been put on hold. This was the very first camp in two years and students had a blast. For many of our students, it was their very first time being away from their families and some were apprehensive about attending. But after attending and experiencing winter camp, they all have been asking if they can go again or asking when is the next camp. Camp Harmony hosts approximately three hundred (300) campers from underserved areas in and around Los Angeles County. Campers arrive by bus to meet their new specially chosen counselors and the fun begins. Over thirty (30) different activities a day keep children engaged, excited, enriched and athletic. Three to four Counselors per cabin lead groups of 8-10 campers throughout the busy days and evening programs. Our hope is that we are able to send students to summer camp 2022 and continue the partnership with United in Harmony.



The Afterschool Program at Gratts Welcome a New Supper Program

Our students in the afterschool program at Gratts Primary Center are thrilled to start receiving delicious, balanced healthy meals that are very appetizing to their taste. The afterschool program has partnered up with L.E.A.P. Healthy Meals program to provide our students with a variety of nutritious tasty meals. The mission of leap healthy meals is to serve fresh, well balanced meals to under-served communities.



Girl Scouts Fundraise during Valentine's Day



With the support of Ms. Estrada and Ms. Nemesio our Girl Scouts leaders were able to have a Cupcake Sale for Friendship Grams in celebration of San Valentine's Day. Students, parents and teachers were able to send yummy treats to each other and show appreciation of their friendship. These fundraisers have been helping for our girls to have their end of the year field trip. The girls have been demonstrating great leadership, commitment, support to one another and dedication to their school and community. As our 5th graders culminate their program at the elementary school our hope is that they can carry those traits wherever they go.

The Afterschool Program Welcomes a New Team Member



Hello my name is Darlene Lopez and I work with the after school program at the middle school. The reason why I love working with kids is because I want to be a positive influence on their life and also they motivate me to become a better person. My students do sometimes raise my blood pressure but I do genuinely love every single one of them. Things I like to do outside of would be creating art, traveling, eating and sleeping. My friends and family are very important to me, I try to spend time with them whenever I can.

