

November Newsletter 2021

Afterschool Programs

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Hello PLN Community,

I invite you all to read our November newsletter. Our students are engaged in fun enriching activities with our awesome staff and partner programs. Special thank you to all the staff for all their hard work and dedication.

Cecilia Hernandez
Director of Extended Learning



WELCOME BACK!



Students in Girl Scouts have their First Fundraiser of the Year



For over two years now, the afterschool program implemented a Girl Scouts program at our elementary and primary center. In its first year, (prior to the school shutdown) students in the fifth grade had the chance to learn about the girls scouts program and culminated with an intimate ceremony. The

students received a tote bag full of goodies, including a girls scouts T-shirt. On April 2020 prior to the school shutting down due Covid – 19, the girls were invited to a day camp, however due to the shutdown, those plans were canceled. Finally back to in person program the Girls Scouts program continued, and it's led by lead teacher, Ms. Rojas. She started the program again with fifth and fourth grade students. The excitement is like no other and in October (pictured above) the Girl Scouts had a fundraiser where they each went to a classroom and conducted a presentation to their fellow classmates. They were selling Halloween grams each student purchasing a gram for a fellow classmate or staff had a positive message to go along with it. The girls fundraised a little under five hundred dollars where they hope to plan a fieldtrip sometime this school year. Due to the success of the fundraiser, the girls are planning another fundraiser for the month of November. Good luck!



Students at Gratts Primary Center Engage in Coding and Music

At GPC, in the afterschool program, we are super excited because we were able to kick off October with two of our fantastic parallel programs, music with YMF and coding with Digital Dragon. This is the second year our second-grade students continue to practice their technology skills in their coding class. The Digital Dragon class introduces video game design, programming, and the students can create their own characters and environment. Students Angel, Frederick, and Byron, are having a blast designing their video game characters in coding class. During the music class, all the students in the afterschool program are having so much fun with Mr. Pablo, the music teacher, from leading the music classes to developing new dancing and singing skills.



Students at the Middle School Celebrate October

The after school program at the middle school had an outdoor assembly on the last day of October where students were able to participate in different activities in the playground. All students participated in bowling, musical chairs, and interactive games. Each grade level was able to facilitate a game for all the students. Students were encouraged to participate and the winners receive a gift card. As students were going home they received a goody bag. Overall it was a success and we are happy the students had a great time.



Students at our Elementary School Participate in the Arts, Music and Robotics



We are glad to announce that we have started partner programs. In collaboration with Inner City Arts (ICA), Young Musicians Foundation (YMF), Digital Dragon – Robotics, and C.H.I.S.P.A., our students are having the opportunity to explore different areas of interest. With ICA, our 3rd graders are receiving Music class and Creativity Lab. While 4th and 5th grade students participating in the Youth Musicians Foundation program, are learning how to play the Ukulele and Guitar and or Music Technology. In partnership with Digital Dragon students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade are using Lego Education-Robotics to build and program robots. Lastly, our 3rd graders are being taught different ways to explore science with the support of Ms. Sanchez and Ms. Rangel. Programs like these help our students expand their knowledge through visual and performing arts as

well as in the area of STEM.

The Middle School Fun Fridays



On Fridays the after school programs starts at 1pm, it is a longer program day for us at the middle school so we are able to provide students with various parallel programs. One of the programs we have on Fridays is Coding and Robotics which is provided by our partner Digital Dragon. Students are able to continue building their 21st century skills such as problem solving, digital literacy, and teambuilding. Students build anything they can imagine or what is being instructed by the facilitator. The program software is easy to use and students

are able to quickly learn how coding skills are used in robotics and how to incorporate these skills in their own robots, machines and designs.

The Afterschool Program Celebrates the Fall Season

Our Spooky Festival was a success at the elementary, all of our students were able to walk through a “Spooky Tunnel”, played fun carnival games like tic-tac-toe, dropping the bowling pins and finished off the day with treats such as chips, juice, popcorn, cotton candy and gummy fruits. They also received cool pencils, notepads, stamps, bouncy balls, slap-on bracelets and stickers. On October 27th, the afterschool program at GPC had a fun and engaging Kidzfest Carnival for all the students. We had various carnival games for our little ones, such as mini-golf, bowling, cone ring toss, cornhole, bucket toss, and a disc game. We also had delicious treats, a fun photo booth, and great prizes. THANK YOU to our wonderful volunteers Leticia Pedraza, GPC Office manager; Fernando Delgadillo, Program Manager; and Cecilia Hernandez, Director of Extended Learning, for your support. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE IT!

