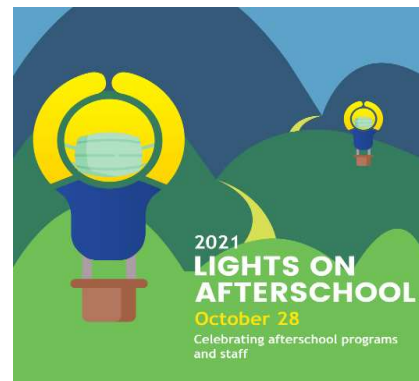


# October Newsletter 2021

## Afterschool Programs

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## Upcoming Events

Updates on our schools can be found here:  
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Hello PLN Community,

We are in October now and new, fun and festive activities will begin soon. I invite you all to read our monthly newsletter. We are happy to have all our students' in-person now. Our students are engaged in fun enriching activities with our awesome staff.

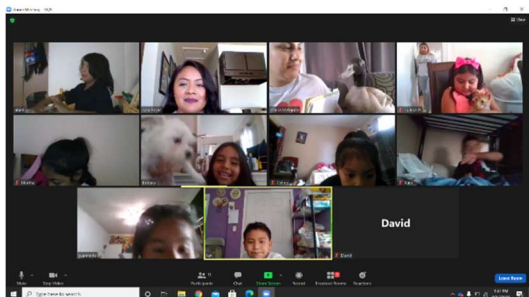


Cecilia Hernandez  
Director of Extended Learning

## WELCOME BACK!



## Distant Learning Day



On September 17<sup>th</sup> our students had a remote learning day. Our students had the opportunity to log into our remote afterschool program from home. As pictured below Ms. Rangel's and Ms. Sanchez 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes had a social emotional lesson in which students discussed persons and things that make them happy. They also discussed things that were currently challenging for them. Together they focused on ways to overcome some obstacles and supported one another with encouraging words. In addition, Ms. Melgoza's kinder class had a getting to know each

other lesson from home and were able to share their pets. The highlight of the day for this kinder class was when Ms. Melgoza introduced her duck to the class. Our teachers and students had a fun and interactive distance learning day.



## Gratts Primary Center Engages Students in STEAM Activities

At Gratts Primary Center, the afterschool teachers have kept the students very busy this past month. In the program, we are always very intentional when developing learning centers for our students. This month we kept them very engaged by incorporating arts and STEAM into our curriculum. The students made colorful and very creative masks and strengthened their drawing skills. They also practiced their engineering skills by building birdhouses and ingenious car models.



## Fifth Grade Students of the Month

This month Elijah McKenzie and Allison Argueta were our two fifth grade students to receive the September Student Recognition for their efforts and participation in class. Both students were recognized by their teacher, Ms. Estrada on Friday October 1<sup>st</sup>. Both students participated and provided great input in the conversations. Ms. Estrada recognized students that participate and show positive efforts towards the class and their classmates.



## Students at Gratts Primary Center Celebrate Culture



Our students at Gratts Primary Center celebrated the culture, history, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America. Our students learned about how countries celebrate birthdays, their language, and how their food and clothing look. As our students learned that Spanish is the most spoken language in the U.S., our teachers encouraged their students to use Spanish phrases or words taught in class during

their lessons.

## Students at the Charter Elementary Celebrate their Week

We enjoy ending our week with our Funky Friday celebration. Students ended the week dancing along to some dance routines presented by our dance coach Mr. Danny. Students also had the opportunity to share some things they enjoyed this school week. Our Coach of Staff Development



Specialist, Arturo Rivera led this activity by encouraging students to dance and sing along everyone present. It was a great way to conclude a week of learning.

## The Middle School Celebrates the End of the week with Fun Friday



Every Friday at the middle school students participate in Fun Friday! Students are able to end their day and enjoy it with fun activities. This year is different in comparison to other years so we had to make a few modifications to be able to keep our students safe. Students have rotations each week that consist of either the playground, gym and classroom activity. In the gym students have the choice of playing; soccer, volleyball, basketball, dodgeball, interactive games or anything that they suggests. Meanwhile, in the playground students have the opportunity to do the same but have a bigger space. Lastly, in the classroom students are able to play board games. Each class has their own set of games, if they are neat and organized they are rewarded with new board games every month! In the picture we have Jesus Delgadillo (8<sup>th</sup>) shooting a basketball during his recreation block. Students look forward to Fun Friday and we do as well it is great to see students not want to leave and enjoying themselves after a long week.

## New Staff bring Knowledge and Experience at our Middle School

The after school team is growing at the middle and we have a new member in the group. We are happy to welcome Elmer Salinas! He will be a 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at the middle school. His favorite ice cream is mint chip and his favorite movie is "Back to the Future." He is familiar with working in after school programs and it is great to have someone new to provide feedback and suggestions to our program. He enjoys working with children because they are our future. If you see him around campus feel free to say "hello!"



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