

September Newsletter 2021

Afterschool Programs

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Upcoming Events

Hello PLN Community,

I invite you all to read our first newsletter of the school year 2021-22. We are all finally in-person. Our students are engaged in fun enriching activities with our awesome staff. Special thank you to all the staff for all their hard work and dedication during this transition time.

Cecilia Hernandez
Director of Extended Learning



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WELCOME BACK!

Meet Ms. Estrada's 5th Grade Class



During our first weeks back to school our teachers have focused on getting to know their student's academic and social competencies. Most importantly, teachers have also prioritized supporting student's social emotional wellbeing. This month our teachers engaged their student's in activities in which student's had the opportunity to share things about



themselves and their families. Students in Ms. Estrada's fifth grade class worked on collages and paintings that depicted their personalities and interests. These activities allowed students to get to know one another at a more personal level, and provided students opportunities to develop friendships and

teacher connections.



Gratts Primary Center Engages Students in Recreational Activities

At Gratts Primary center, we are ecstatic to have our little ones



back on site. The students have shown their resilience by positively embracing the new way things are at their school. Hearing students' laughs and giggles show how much fun they are having at school. While playing, learning, and exploring, our students in the afterschool program continue to build their confidence, independence, and self-esteem.

All Students Return Back to School

On August 17th 2021 our students, teachers and staff returned to in-person instruction. Students and teachers were excited to return to school as many of them had been learning virtual for the past 18 months. We are glad to once again see all of our students engaged in their classrooms and enjoying some social time in the playground.



All of this is possible thanks to our teachers for being committed to providing their students with the best and safest learning environment. As a team we look forward to seeing our student's academic and social growth and are looking forward to supporting them every step of the way.

Students in the Afterschool Program Practice Monthly Emergency Drills

As we begin our new school year we are committed to the safety of our students and staff. On August 25th our teams conducted the first emergency drill of the school year. Our students and staff practiced fire drill emergency procedures. The afterschool program practices monthly drills throughout the year especially; lockdown drill, fire drill, earthquake drill and shelter in place. It was a great refresher for returning students and a great learning opportunity for our new students and staff.



Students at Gratts Primary Center Engage in Hands on Activities

Our students and their teachers have been genuinely letting their imagination run wild when it comes to creativity. At Gratts, the students in the after-school program have been working on different projects. They have been very busy doing arts and crafts, learning new dance moves with Mr. Danny, (Dance Instructor) and doing fun and engaging science experiments in Ms. Nava's kinder class.



The Middle School Celebrates the End of their Summer Program



During the summer we had the opportunity to host our summer program for three weeks running for five hours every day, from Monday through Friday. During the program students were also able to participate in virtual field trips, clubs, hands-on activities, coding classes and more. A couple of students' favorite activities were field trips to Golf n Stuff, learning about the Olympics and visiting the San Antonio Zoo, virtually. To celebrate and thank our students for their dedication to the summer program we hosted an event on the last day where we had music, games and raffles! Pictured

here are two of our raffle winners, George Lopez and Oscar Martinez, who won gift cards to Target!

New Staff bring Knowledge and Experience at our Middle School

The Para Los Niños Charter Middle School, After School Program has two new faces! Pictured here are our two new Associate Teachers; Sandy Navarro and Ana Rodriguez. They joined our 6th grade team along with our other 6th grade staff Yasmin Ariza. Right off the bat they started working towards forming positive relationships with our students. We are happy to have them be part of our team and look forward to seeing them flourish. If you see them on campus don't be afraid to say hello!



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