

September Newsletter 2022

Afterschool Programs

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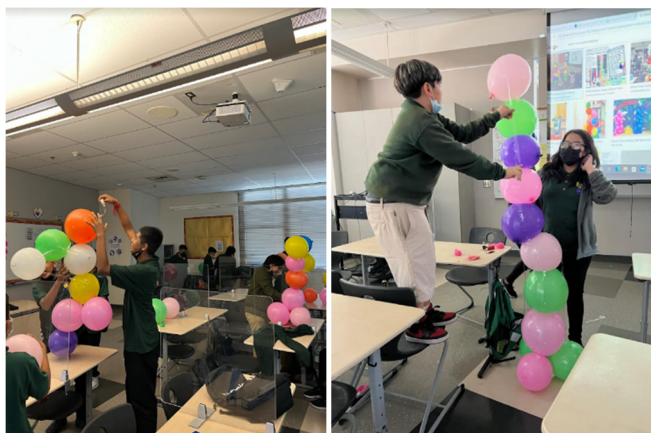
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Hello, my name is Sindy Lopez, I am the new Site Supervisor for Para Los Niños Charter Middle School. I hope you enjoy our afterschool newsletter for the month of September.

Moises Carrillo
Site Supervisor, Charter Elementary School



Our Middle School Students Get to Know Each other with Teambuilding Activities



During the first week of school our after school team at the middle school planned activities around "getting to know you" and teambuilding activities. The objective of the activities was to get to know each other and learn who they are as a class and as individuals. Our 7th grade students had the opportunity to

participate in a friendly competition of "Balloon Tower", where students were put into groups of four total and tasked to create the tallest and most stable tower out of balloons as fast as possible. Students worked together in their groups to strategize how they were going to build their tower and practiced listening to each other as they were attaching each balloon to each other with tape. Our winning team consisted of 7th grade students Maria, Ernesto, Aiden and Kevin. When asked about the activity they said, "It was really fun, but also a little stressful, It all happened so fast!" Kudos to Ms. Garcia and Mr. Mendoza, our 7th grade team, for putting this activity together.



Upcoming Events

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<https://paralosninos.org/education-community/after-school/>



Brandy Rodriguez – 2nd
Lisbet Ruiz – 2nd
Sunshine Martus – 3rd



Our Fifth Grade Students at our Elementary School attend Camp

Our 5th graders went to Camp Harmony to start off their last academic year in elementary. They departed on 8/19 and returned on 8/23/2022. For some students, this was their first time spending a night away from home, so it was a memorable moment in their lives. Our afterschool 5th grade teachers rode back with the students and were so eager to share their experiences with them. Students were singing camp songs the entire ride back to CES. The afterschool program has had this strong partnership with United in Harmony for many years and take students on fieldtrips throughout the school year. Another successful, life changing experience for our students, thanks to PLN's partnership with United in Harmony.



Our Afterschool Program adds Experience to our Middle School Team



This new school year has brought new exciting additions to our after school team. Our team is growing! Joining our 6th grade team we have Hazel Ayala and Britney Rincon. Joining our 8th grade team we have Sunshine Martus. Although it is their first couple of weeks here at PLN, they are catching on fast and seem eager to work with our students. To describe a little bit of their interests... Hazel's favorite quote/saying is "Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game", her favorite vacation

place is Catalina Island and her favorite movie is Coraline; Sunshine's favorite holiday is Christmas, her favorite color is purple and she enjoys working with children because they are funny, remind her of her siblings, and they keep her young; Britney's favorite book is called "The Summer I Turned Pretty", if she was an animal for a day she would be a panda because they are so cute and eat bamboo, and her favorite superhero is Wonder Woman because she is a strong woman and she loves her costume. WELCOME!

Our Students at Gratts Primary Center Enjoy New Programs



meals are delivered daily and are in partnership with L.E.A.P, which provides a full meal that include an entrée, fruit,veggies and a milk.. In addition, after many years of having the apparatus closed for repairs, the new apparatus finally opened and students can enjoy playtime during recreation. Pictured above right, we welcome our new kinder student and her mother. She was all smiles as she leaves the program for the day. According to youth.gov afterschool programs can support social, emotional, cognitive, and academic development, reduce risky behaviors, promote physical health, and provide a safe and supportive environment for children and youth.

What if the afterschool team told you that "three hours a day, makes a lifetime of different?" The afterschool team at Gratts welcome their students with new programs. In the afterschool program we provide a hot meal for every students enrolled. At Gratts we receive meals from Better 4 You. The

The Afterschool Program at GPC Welcome back their Staff and Students

The afterschool team wrapped up their eight days of staff development trainings and had a great time at the ALL staff picnic and an evening to enjoy Knotts Berry Farm. The staff are energized and excited for the new school year and were ready to welcome our new staff, students and their families. GPC team at the picnic, Charter and Afterschool. Always collaborating and have an amazing partnership! Pictured above right, Ms. Valle provided Kindergarten students a tour of the campus. It's their first year and very first time stepping onto a campus. Ms. Valle wanted them to become familiar with certain areas, which included the sign-out table, the main office, the afterschool office, courtyard, and playground and lunch area. Welcome back staff, students, families and the community.



Our Elementary School Hosts Family Day!



On Thursday, 8/11/2022, our charter elementary school hosted family day for all new and returning students. Families were given the opportunity to meet with teachers and see what classrooms students will be doing all their learning in. Our students were also given free backpacks, school supplies, books, and lots of other back to school essentials. All families

that attended were given the opportunity to enter a raffle upon finishing a scavenger hunt. Some families won Target gift cards and one lucky winner won an Apple iPad. It was such a long awaited event for all school staff and families to finally reunite after a summer apart.



We want to WELCOME and congratulate Cindy Lopez, the new site supervisor at our middle school. Cindy comes in with many years of experience as an administrative clerk and lead teacher at Gratts Primary Center. Her future goal is to become a teacher at a middle school. Cindy is currently pursuing her Master's in Education at Cal Poly Pomona,

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