

# December Newsletter 2022

## Afterschool Programs

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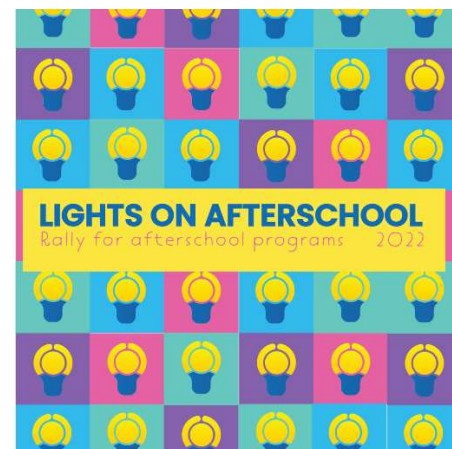


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This month was very busy in the best way possible. This month is always special because it allows us time to pause and ponder all the blessings in life to be grateful for. Our team here at PLN is most definitely grateful for every single one of our students and their families. We are happy to work tirelessly to offer support, opportunities, and enriching events to our PLN students and community. With pride, here are some of our highlights from November 2022.

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Lead Teacher  
Charter Elementary School



## Upcoming Events

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## Girl Scouts Troops Fundraise for a Fieldtrip



On November 18, Girl Scouts of Para Los Niños Afterschool Program hosted their first fundraising event of the school year. Students from 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade came together to sell conchas and hot chocolate during our afterschool movie night.

With the support of their afterschool teachers, our students planned out the menu items, prices, and advertisement needed to make their fundraising event a success. Girl Scout students are raising money for their 2022-2023 school year culmination field trip. By hosting

events like this, students learn about the work that goes into earning money, budgeting, and all the logistics that go into making an event happen. This whole experience was a great learning opportunity that allowed students to see their ideas come to fruition.

Cecilia Hernandez – 4th  
Marylee Navarro (CES) – 6th  
Guadalupe Rodriguez (CES) – 12th  
Hazel Ayala (CMS) – 29th



## Our Students at Gratts Primary Center Learn about Noah's Ark

Our students at GPC went on their first fieldtrip of the year. Thirty five students from TK – Kinder visited the Skirball Cultural Center in Westwood. For some of the students, it was their very first fieldtrip in their life, let alone aboard a school bus and visit an exhibit. Prior to the fieldtrip, students learned about the story of the Noah's Ark and its history and meaning. The fieldtrip provided an opportunity to engage in activities based on Noah's Ark history. The students were split into three groups where each group participated in an activity based on the story. The students were able to conduct a storm, help construct the Ark, and welcome the beautiful rainbow with a celebration with music. Since 2017, the afterschool program has visited the Skirball Cultural Center with generous scholarships for admission and transportation. We look forward to the partnership with the Skirball Cultural Center.



## Our Middle School Students visit the Getty Villa and the Iconic Pier



In the month of November people think of fall leaves and turkey. In the afterschool program, we think of the Fall Enrichment Program! Throughout the first three days of our thanksgiving break, the after school program provides an enrichment opportunity for our students where they are able to participate in hands-on activities covering a variety of topics. This year we had a total of 62 students at the middle school who participated. Students were able to practice their creative

writing, typing skills, learn about geography, and participate in team building activities and much more. On the third day of our enrichment program, students were excited to be able to go on a duo location field trip to the Getty Villa and the Santa Monica Pier. At the Getty Villa students viewed different art pieces and took pictures of the beautiful scenery. At the Santa Monica Pier, students were able to get on the rides and play plenty of arcade games. Their competitive sides definitely radiated and so did their smiles. We are looking forward to the next "special" programming during the week of Spring Break.

## Our Students at the Elementary School Celebrate with a Fall Festival

Fall Enrichment Camp took place from November 21-23, 2022. Our students engaged in a variety of activities, from making scarecrows to building a ferris wheel out of Popsicle sticks. Our Fall Enrichment program also took students to Long Beach's Aquarium of the Pacific on Tuesday, 11,22,2022. For some students, it was their very first field trip. Suffice to say that it was a special day for everyone. After touring the aquarium, students and teachers walked to the lighthouse nearby and watched the boats on the bay. The trip consisted of many great memories for all students. Our program also had a visit from Raspados Don Manuel's truck, where students and our team enjoyed a treat. Lastly, on Wednesday, we ended Fall Enrichment Camp with a Fall Festival, where students played a variety of games for small prizes.





## Thanksgiving Week brings Three Days of Engaging Activities

The afterschool program at our three sites offered three days of programming during the thanksgiving week. Students at



Gratts engaged in various activities on different themes that included Farm and Ocean Animals, Space and Arts & Crafts. The program was from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. that included breakfast, lunch and snack. The goal of the three days was to not only engage our students with learning opportunities but to provide our parents an opportunity to care for their children while they are at work.

## There's a New Group at our Middle School, A Boys Group



During the month of November the afterschool program at the middle school had the opportunity to celebrate Day of the Dead and did so by putting together an altar by the front entrance of the school. The altar was displayed for a total of a week starting on November 1st and ending on November 4th which incorporated photos of people who have passed. Parents of students in the program also graciously donated some items that were used to display on the altar like battery operated candles and decorative sugar skulls. With the help of Mr. Eddi Ortiz, we were also able to start with our boys group led by one of our 8th grade after school teachers, Mr. Ochoa. Through this group, Mr. Ochoa and Mr. Ortiz gathered a group of about 10 students to coordinate the after school altar that would be set up at the Placita Olvera on Olvera street. Students prepared for this day by meeting prior to debrief on what that day will look like and to work on some decorations that would be part of that display. Students took pride in their set up and were able to continue recruiting students to be part of the boys group. We are proud of our students and thankful for Mr. Ochoa and Mr. Ortiz for supporting them in this work. They will continue to meet every Friday for about an hour to plan for upcoming events and projects.

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