

November Newsletter 2022

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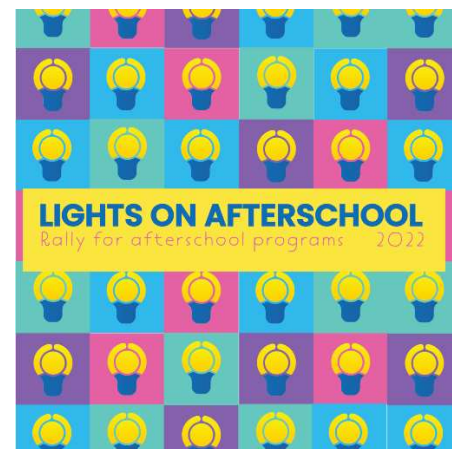
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Greetings! I am thrilled to give you all a small glimpse into all the wonderful things we, the after-school program, have been up to this past month. November has some of student's favorite events and this November was no different. I am proud to see the progress our students have made this past year, and with the holiday season hastily approaching, I am delighted to finish off 2022 with many wonderful memories.



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Upcoming Events

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Gabriela De La Cruz (CES) – 13th
Jorge Arroyo (CES) – 15th
Kahira Embry (CMS) – 17th
Britney Rincon (CMS) – 18th



Students at our Elementary School Learn about Music

Our afterschool program rolled out parallel programs this month,

starting with Young Musicians Foundation (YMF). YMF brings skilled music teachers to our school and offers our students music classes. Selected 4th and 5th graders are now learning how to play the Violin, Ukulele, and Guitar in our afterschool program. All TK, Kinder, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders are learning Music Fundamentals. Music Fundamentals works

with a variety of shakers and other small instruments, mainly focused on teaching students about finding the rhythm and other music basics that are useful before learning an instrument. YMF conducted a "Show and Tell" for our students to promote the music programs. For this school year some students are continuing to learn more about their instrument and for some it's brand new to them.



Our Students at Gratts Primary Center Welcome Fall Season with KidzFest

Our students at GPC welcome fall season with a KidzFest celebration. The staff created six stations where students were able to engage in a fun activity. The stations included a spooky eyeball race where students had to transfer eyeballs (ping pong balls) from one bucket to another using skeleton arms (utensils). Another station, monster match where students had to match Monster flash cards; they had a minute to find as many as possible. Feed me involved students feeding Frankenstein by rolling a nerf ball into the mouth of the Frankenstein cut-out. Mummy wrap, students were paired up and had to wrap their partner using toilet paper and the fastest to wrap, wins! Pin the eye on the zombie, students were blindfolded and were given an eye cut-out; students had to walk over to the "Zombie" and place the eye nearest to the correct spot wins! Finally, musical chairs – where students walked and danced around chairs; as the music stopped, students looked for a chair to sit on; last remaining student wins!



Parents and Former Students Celebrate 10 Years of Tradition



Para Los Niño's celebrated 10 years participating in the Hollywood Forever cemetery "Dia de los Muertos" event. Thanks to the coordination and leadership of Eddie Ortiz, our Parent Engagement Coordinator, PLN families, students, and staff created an incredible altar. This year's theme was celebrating Mayahuel, the Aztec goddess of maguey. Our families worked in PLN's Parent Center to make contributing pieces for the altar for several weeks prior to the event on 10/29/2022. We were very proud to show up to the cemetery at dawn to set up PLN's altar. After Covid restrictions and limitations began to lift up, we were happy to return to this traditional event project. We look forward to creating more opportunities for family engagement and community outreach.

Our Students at the Middle School Engage in Various Science Activities

The month of October was filled with a lot of activities and programs for our students here at the charter middle school. One of these programs is called Young Curators, and this time around the theme is Energy Factory! Thanks to our continued partnership with the California Science Center, we are able to provide a 10 week program where Mr. Mendoza's 7th grade students will learn and enhance their science skills through hands-on activities. Specifically, students will be able to learn about where energy comes from and where energy goes. Pictured here is an activity where students were able to make their very own ice cream! Students were excited to say the least, and were able to indulge afterwards. Other activities that they have participated in include engaging in active play such as basketball or soccer on the playground and learning about the science behind exerting energy. We are happy to have the California Science Center back on campus and look forward to continuing our partnership with them.



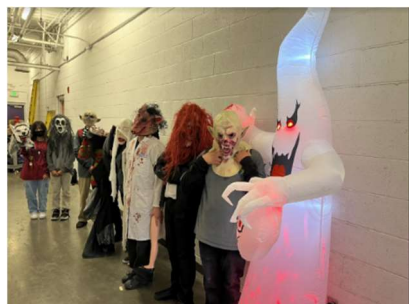
Interns at Gratts Receive Valuable Experience Working with our Students

The afterschool program at Gratts Primary Center has been busy with events and engaging our students with enriching activities.



This past month, the afterschool program welcome older youth who are interns through the Angeleno Corps program through our Youth Work Services department. Interns are oriented and introduced to what we do in the afterschool program. They are encouraged to lead activities, help with supper and provide one on one support for our students. In addition to our interns, this fall, the afterschool program would like to spot Mr. Rodriguez who has been an instrumental support for the afterschool program at Gratts. Mr. Rodriguez always makes himself available to support our program and works with students one-on-one as well as supports in covering classrooms. Lastly, our program concluded their weeks of club with a showcase, where students go on a gallery walk to each room and share with their classmates what they did during their club.

The Haunted Maze made a Return at the Middle School



Our annual Haunted Maze made a comeback at the charter middle school! Every year we like to practice having spooky events and activities in the after school program. As we further our journey back to "normalcy", we were thrilled to have our students (and staff) partake in putting together our haunted maze in the boys and girls locker rooms. To no surprise, our students were just as excited, and helped tremendously with prepping a lot of the bags that were used to cover up the entire maze. Ten, 8th grade students across our three 8th grade classes in the afterschool program were selected to participate as the "scares" and boy did they scare their peers. In total we were able to have about half of our entire student population enter through the maze! Huge shout out to our ten 8th grade students and our after school team for their time and dedication with putting all of this together.

Middle School Students Celebrate Dia de los Muertos at La Placita Olvera

Students from our middle school formed a new boys group. The purpose of the group is to bring boys together weekly and engage in topics and discussions around leadership development, character building, service learning, etiquette development and fieldtrips. This past month, our boys met and discussed the history and traditions of Dia de los Muertos. The students worked on artifacts and built an Altar that was available for the public to view at La Placita Olvera. We look forward meeting weekly and engaging on these important topics.



