

APRIL 2017

CALENDAR

April 3-7: Spring Break

April 10: PTA Meeting @ 6:15pm

April 21: Carnival

April 28: Collaboration Day; Restaurant Fundraiser at Chuck-E-Cheese

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Camino Notes

Camino Grove Elementary School Newsletter

Principal's Message: Mrs. Popovich

Hello Camino Grove Families,

It is amazing to think that we are already into the third trimester. So much is happening around campus. Right now we are in the midst of preparing for the Smarter Balanced Assessment. All 3rd-5th grade students will test during the weeks of May 1- May 19th. We request that you do not plan trips or appointments for your child during this time. It is very important that your child takes the test with his or her classmates. Please be sure your child is on time each day. Once the test has started students will not be admitted into the classroom until the test is completed. If late, they will be

required to make up the test at a later time.

I am very excited about PTA's Honorary Service Awards this year. I hope that you will come out and join us for this event. This year our lunch choir will be performing some favorites you're sure to recognize. This will be a wonderful night of music and a chance to celebrate individuals who volunteer at Camino Grove. This event will be held on May 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, located on the high school campus.

Speaking of recognition, every year a special award is given to AUSD staff who exemplify the traits of outstanding Arcadia Unified School District em-

ployees. This award is called Profiles in Excellence. This year two members of the Camino Grove staff received this award. Please help me congratulate Mrs. Chris Daniels and Mrs. Lorraine Kimura. We are very proud of these two extraordinary ladies!



Smoothies

Smoothies are currently sold at the middle schools and high school. Camino Grove is piloting a program to see the feasibility of selling them at the elementary schools. Because of this, frequent changes in the program are possible as the school addresses different issues that arise. Thank you for your patience in this. If you have any questions or concerns, please see the office.



Camino Grove's annual carnival is coming up on Friday, April 21. Parent volunteers are needed to help set up and run this fun and popular event. Keep an eye out for more info and the Sign-up Genius in the coming weeks.

Measure A

Measure A passed by a margin of 67 votes. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped with the "Yes on A" campaign. A special thanks to our PTA president, Audrey Her, for her exceptional dedication to the campaign.

PTA President's Message: Audrey Her

Dear Camino Grove families,

Time flies by as our kids grow each day. As you can see, my two-year term as PTA president is approaching its end. As I look back at the past twenty-one months, I cannot tell you how grateful I am for this opportunity to learn. I learned so much about being a volunteer leader, about myself, and about how this position affects my parenting.

To give you an example, I will share an interview that my daughter, Natalie, conducted with me for her Girl Scout homework.

-Natalie: "Tell me one thing that you challenged yourself in recently."

-Me: "Being a PTA president."

-Natalie: "What kind of stereotype did you break by taking that position?"

-Me: "Uh...the stereotype that you need to speak fluent English...that you need to know how to run a PTA meeting...that you need to know what you are

doing...that you need to be outgoing and not afraid of public speaking...etc."

-Natalie: "Uh...can I write that 'You don't need to be perfect to take on a challenge.' or 'You don't need to know everything before you take on a challenge?'"

-Me: "Yes, exactly!"

I was so happy that my little girl summarized the important lessons that I learned.

Believe it or not, a lot of PTA work is done by fumbling in the unknown. Yes, we have PTA bylaws and procedure books passed down from previous PTA officers. However, none of the current PTA officers learned them ahead of time. We are all amateurs and we learn as we go. By nature, imperfection can be easily found, but it is okay because there is no such thing as perfection. All we are doing is trying our very best to do good work for our children. I hope you find this message encouraging and empowering because

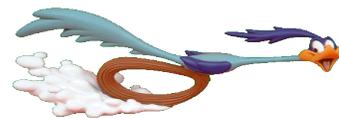
all it takes is your heart. With the passion to serve our children, everything else will follow.

Without a doubt, these two years will give me a lot to think back on when I retire. One thing I will never forget was the first PTA meeting that I ran. I was struggling so hard to find words for calling a motion from the floor. When I lifted my eyes from the agenda and saw the encouraging and yet amused smiles around the tables, I knew I would be fine. Actually, it has been better than "fine" because once I stopped caring about how clueless I looked or sounded, things just got more and more fun.

Would you like to join our PTA? We have a lot of amateur, not-know-it-all, but dedicated and fun-loving volunteer parents. You might be startled by our loud laughter but you will be fine. Pretty soon, you will be laughing with us too--I promise. If you would like to join our volunteer team, please email us at Camino.grove.pta@gmail.com.

All City Track & Field Meet

On March 15, students from Camino Grove participated in the All City Track and Field Meet at Arcadia High School. Events included the 4 x 100m relay, dashes (50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m), softball throw, long jump, and high jump. Camino Grove was well represented and students medaled in several events. Congrats to all the winners!

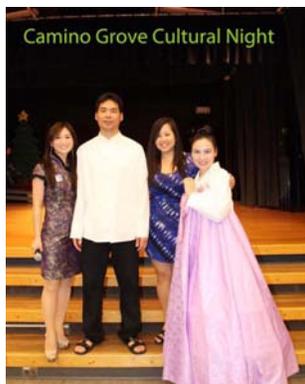


Jog-a-thon

On March 17, all Camino Grove students participated in the annual Jog-a-thon. Students and teachers enjoyed running laps around the field with their friends. Afterwards, everyone cooled off with popsicles. Thanks to the PTA for hosting such a fun fitness event and to all the parent volunteers that helped make this event possible.!

International Potluck and Cultural Night

On March 3, Camino Grove held its first ever International Potluck and Cultural Night. Several families turned out to enjoy a feast of various ethnic foods. Camino Grove students and parents performed dances and martial arts representative of various countries. Attendees had the opportunity to make Japanese origami and take home a cookbook featuring recipes from Camino Grove families. A special thanks to Helen Han-Liu and Emily Chu for organizing such a delicious and fun event!



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Recap

The Bully Game

Back in September, our students were treated to a wonderful assembly sponsored by our PTA. John Abrams, Magician, Actor and Emcee presented, "The Bully Game."

"The Bully Game" is a program that's truly a Game Show. The students were the contestants, the entire audience was involved and everyone learned valuable lessons about bully prevention.

Through magic, music and a bit of mayhem, the students learned...

-The difference between friendly Teasing and not-so-friendly Taunting

-How gossip works and why it's such a monster

-When's a good time to "Tell" and when it's simply "Tattling"

-How to be a good "Witness" (not just a bystander)

-How to keep their own self-respect even when things go badly, and...

-How we can all work together to prevent this problem!

Thank you Camino Grove PTA for bringing this very valuable program to us!!



HOOPITUP!!

On December 2nd, thanks to our Student Council, our students participated in a fantastic interactive assembly, "Hoopitup Worldwide." Every student was given their own hula hoop to use. Everyone was out on the playground and participated in various hooping activities.

Kelly Breaux, our presenter, has gone from World Champion Houston Rocket Cheerleader to movie and television choreographer to

International Fitness Presenter. For the last several years she has turned her focus and attention to motivate and inspire millions of children around the world. Now these kids get the opportunity to see what top fitness teachers, dance students and enthusiasts have been raving about.

After discovering the magical fitness effects of the hoop she has vowed to get as many human beings hooping for happiness and

peace around the globe. Kelly's mission is to bring together people of all ages, all levels of fitness, and all walks of life, to hoop, to dance, to dream as one...

Thank you again to Student Council for bringing this terrific assembly to Camino Grove!



Juggler Assembly

Early in February, our students were treated to a truly fun assembly which was sponsored by our PTA. David Cousin, Juggler, is the holder of 5 world records in juggling.

He has opened for John Mellen-camp in concert in front of 17,000 people, performed with the Philadelphia Orchestra, for the Philadelphia Flyers, the Los Angeles Dodgers and many more.

Especially impressive was his ability to provide both an educational and entertaining show that held the attention of all grade levels the entire time! A delight to watch, David's show brought amazement and laughter to everyone and left them with a sense of wonder.

Thank you to our PTA for bringing this terrific assembly to our school.



The Environmental Defenders Rock the Planet

The Environmental Defenders Rock the Planet — You Can Change the World Tour is a 30-minute, high-energy assembly program that is FREE to all elementary schools in L.A. County. Our Camino Grove students were treated to this exciting, music-driven show which leads students in grades TK-5 to identify environmental problems and possible solutions kids can do themselves to reduce pollution.

Performed by two professional children's theater actors and their animated friends the Environmental Defenders, this fully contained assembly uses music, call-and-response, audience participation, and repetition to effectively communicate environmental concepts including:

-The Four R's (Reduce, Reuse,

Recycle, and Rethink

-Storm water Pollution Prevention

-Household Hazardous Waste

-Water Conservation

Sponsored by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, the Environmental Defenders program has been educating elementary school children since 1996. The current version of the show, the Environmental Defenders Rock the Planet — You Can Change the World Tour, launched in April 2014 featuring all-new animation and updated versions of its popular songs.

A favorite of teachers and students alike, the Environmental Defenders assembly is proven to

inspire kids to take action and do more to protect the environment.

Thank you, Environmental Defenders for visiting Camino Grove!!





Camino Has Character Award

Each year one or two students from each classroom in grades TK – 5 are chosen every two months or so for the Camino has Character Award. The recipients receive these awards by demonstrating one of the Six Pillars of Character (Trustworthiness, Caring, Fairness, Respect, Citizenship, & Responsibility).

SIX PILLARS OF CHARACTER

Trustworthiness

Caring

Fairness

Respect

Citizenship

Responsibility

October

TK & Kindergarten

Brooklyn Tsai – Trustworthiness
Nadeline Tan – Fairness
Stephanie Lam – Responsibility
Blake Hoo – Caring
Ethan Chen – Respect
Amelia Vargo – Responsibility
Nyah Rodin – Caring
Sinjin Caudle – Respect
Isaac Chen – Caring
Simran Islam – Respect
Martin Mamajek – Fairness
Jonah Salas – Fairness

1st Grade

Shao-Qun Wu – Responsibility
Katie Haddad – Caring
Sarah Chan – Responsibility
Adam Nahouli – Respect
Kaelynn Ng – Respect
Matthew Po – Citizenship
Brian Wang – Citizenship

2nd Grade

Nia Garcia – Caring
Ryan Kim – Trustworthiness
Christopher Tsai – Responsibility
Frances Tseng – Caring
Guinness Wedhoff – Fairness
Gio Haddad – Caring

3rd Grade

Ian Chan – Responsibility
Kristin Chuang – Trustworthiness
Jake Lo – Respect
Brian Adams – Responsibility
Sarah Trang – Respect
Jaileen Fregoso – Caring
Tejas Patel – Respect
Valerie Vuong – Responsibility
Zayne Bannoura – Caring

4th Grade

Orion Jennings – Fairness
Alexis Chang – Responsibility
Mark Cheng – Trustworthiness
Angela Tan – Citizenship
Olivia Ip – Responsibility
Eric Ramirez – Responsibility
Ryan Del Vallemartinez – Respect
Brandon Vuong – Respect
Saf Shanun – Respect
Steven Shi – Caring
Ariel Lew – Citizenship

5th Grade

Spencer Wong – Responsibility
Naomi Stillitano – Citizenship
Manny Martinez – Fairness
Channing Huang – Responsibility
Victoria Kenworthy – Responsibility
Timothy Truong – Respect

January

TK & Kindergarten

Osiris Morales – Responsibility
 Princeton Phat – Fairness
 Elijah Sanchez – Responsibility
 Flynn DeLong – Fairness
 Riley Roden – Responsibility
 Ishaq Shalabi – Trustworthiness
 Damian Miron – Caring
 Blake Hoo – Respect

1st Grade

Patrick Lo – Caring
 Chloe Cun – Responsibility
 Jackson Thorn – Caring
 Evan Steve Michel – Caring
 Aya Shalabi – Caring
 Sophia Arif Khan – Caring
 Jayden Zhang – Respect

2nd Grade

Ethan Xi – Fairness
 Sofia Chen – Citizenship
 Elizabeth Chou – Caring
 Corbin Escobedo – Trustworthiness
 Jordan Aguilar – Citizenship
 Kathy He – Respect

3rd Grade

Ian Soriano – Responsibility
 Marcus Kwon – Responsibility
 Christina Chen – Respect
 Amir Chuwdry – Responsibility
 Zachary Lam – Respect
 Emily Hui – Trustworthiness
 Rochelle Meanor – Fairness
 Jasmine Su – Respect
 Maya Fonseca – Responsibility
 Warren Luc – Citizenship

4th Grade

Dylan Mari – Fairness
 Rosey McCoy – Responsibility
 Jose Rayos – Citizenship
 Eliana Chen – Responsibility
 Sebastian Farrington – Citizenship
 Evelyn Tsoi – Caring
 Cameron Der – Responsibility
 Misty Ta – Caring
 Natalie Huang – Citizenship
 Tommy Chuu – Trustworthiness

5th Grade

Isaiah Lu – Respect
 Isabella Aspetia – Responsibility
 Sarah Poon – Trustworthiness
 Alan Koh – Respect
 Caleb Xu – Caring
 Katelyn Yu – Caring

Congratulations to everyone!! Keep up the good work!!

March

TK & Kindergarten

Lina Huang – Respect
 Winston Wang – Citizenship
 Cynthia Zhou – Citizenship
 Ava Garcia – Respect
 Wyatt McClure – Trustworthiness
 Leilah Rosalez – Trustworthiness
 Steven Tanujaya – Respect
 Jennifer Tseng – Citizenship
 Bianca Sanchez – Caring
 Cadence Espanto – Trustworthiness
 Felicity Ober – Caring

1st Grade

Jared Wang – Trustworthiness
 Matthew Craven – Citizenship
 Grace Tsui – Responsibility
 Adrienne Cheng – Responsibility
 Minami Yagi – Respect
 Skylar Chang – Respect
 Cindy Moe – Trustworthiness

2nd Grade

Joshua Han-Liu – Respect
 Carolina Santo – Citizenship
 Charlie Wan – Responsibility
 Valerie Hu – Citizenship
 Kaiya Caudle – Caring
 Kelly Zhang – Respect

3rd Grade

D'Artagnan Lund – Citizenship
 Theo Truong – Trustworthiness
 Evan Girard Sun – Responsibility
 Aidan Perania – Responsibility
 Emilia Gonzalez – Responsibility
 Mai Li – Caring
 Shama Singh – Respect
 Clayton Moore – Fairness
 Gursewak Singh – Caring

4th Grade

Rianna Marquez – Trustworthiness
 Calvin Si – Respect
 Drew Hargrave – Trustworthiness
 Jaden Cheng – Responsibility
 Emery Li – Responsibility
 Chris Tran – Responsibility
 William Chuu – Citizenship
 Emily Chien – Responsibility
 Amanda Lin – Responsibility
 Hassan Nahouli – Citizenship
 Kimberly Ng – Caring
 Kendrick Kuo – Citizenship

5th Grade

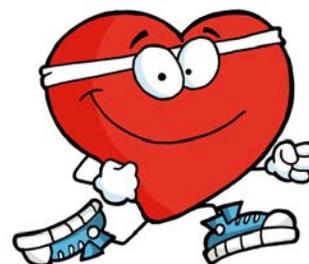
Joseph Wong – Trustworthiness
 Alisa Kang – Responsibility
 Caley Chan – Responsibility
 Matthew Ta – Responsibility
 Jasmine Zhang – Citizenship
 Oscar Zhao – Respect

Arcadia Child Health Council

DID YOU KNOW?

The Arcadia Child Health Council, a local, independent non-profit agency, was organized in 1937, during the Depression, to meet the health needs of Arcadia's children from limited income families. It continues to offer this help today, assisting with access to needed health care, on a round-the-clock basis, to children who live within or attend school in the Arcadia Unified School District. Treatments include

medical exams, surgery, dental, optical and pharmacy needs, counseling, lab work, hospitalization, and more. If you, or a family you know, would benefit from this service, please contact the Camino Grove health office.



2017-2018 PTA Executive Board

Announcing members of the 2017-2018 PTA Executive Board who were voted in at the March 2017 PTA meeting.

President	Pearl Cheung
Executive Vice-President	Helen Han-Liu
1st Vice-President: Programs	Jennifer Mark & Juno Kim
2nd Vice-President: Communications	Jelin Truong
3rd Vice-President: Room Representatives	Lauren Shalabi
4th Vice-President: Membership	Regina Shay & Jenni Yang
5th Vice-President: Ways and Means	Audrey Her
6th Vice-President: Legislation	Bertha Monterrey
Recording Secretary	Kimberly Jaimes
Treasurer	Michelle Wu
Financial Secretary	Wendy Chang
Auditor	Jen Vargo
Historian	Diane Soriano
Corresponding Secretary	Jennifer Shiuan