



Family Partnership Charter School

Bringing the Best Together For Student Success

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BUSD Student Artwork created under the guidance of art instructor - Tina Crozier



“Partnership”

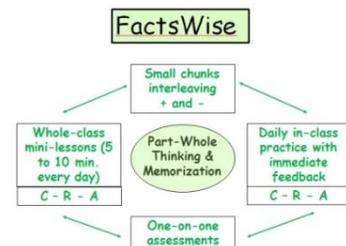
Our exceptional school was established upon a foundation exemplified by the principle of “Partnership”. A partnership is defined by two or more people working towards a shared goal. The core of our partnership is the connection that is created between people who are working together to fulfill the mission of our school – *“Provide a personalized and nurturing learning environment focused on inspiring lifelong learners.”* This collaborative approach to educating children is what distinguishes Family Partnership Charter School from the many educational options available to families.

The focus in an educational model founded on the philosophy of “partnership” is embedded in the concept of personalized learning. Personalized learning is intended to “address the distinct learning needs, interests, aspirations, or cultural backgrounds of individual children.” The personalized learning environment fosters the sharing of responsibilities between teacher, student and parent – all have their part to play and must work in partnership. While this approach within the confines of a traditional school presents many challenges, it is the method Family Partnership has embraced since the schools founding. Technology, while an important tool in the learning process, is not the primary component of a personalized learning experience. It can augment the process of investigation and discovery. It’s through engaging students in the process of learning by providing access to enriched learning environments, using hands-on experiences, meaningful curriculum along with informative assessments under the guidance and partnership of skilled teachers, who have mastered the art of teaching, and the support of parents, which results in realizing the vision of Family Partnership Charter School – *“creating innovators with skills to thrive in the 21st century.”*

Kathy Grbac – Interim Executive Director

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- Oct 19**
Great California Shakeout
Earthquake Drill
- Oct 20**
Cuesta Promise Day
End of LP 2
- Oct 24**
Governance Council Meeting
- Oct 30**
Cuesta College Night
- Oct 31**
AHC Transfer Day/College Night
- Nov 7**
AHC Career Exploration Night
- Nov 10**
Veteran’s Day Holiday
- Nov 20-24**
Thanksgiving Holiday



FPCS Elementary teachers are participating in “Factswise” – a professional development activity designed to “help students see patterns in numbers” and develop math fluency.



Student Spotlight – Jordan Sardeson

My name is Jordan Sardeson and I am an 8th grader at Family Partnership. I have attended Family Partnership since the middle of my 7th grade year. I decided to go to a charter school because I thought it was the best fit for me and I would enjoy it a lot. My favorite subject or thing to do in school is writing. I just joined the yearbook club and I enjoy taking photos of people and I enjoy photography. I play volleyball and love to run long distance. I maintain a pretty good grade average and try my hardest in school in everything. What I plan to become in the future is a photographer in New York City. I want to go to college or perhaps get a scholarship. I would want to attend UCSB or UCLA for my bachelor's degree. What I like to do on my free time is go outside and take pictures or do a couple of photoshoots with my friends. I love to travel a lot and explore different places around the world. The way I express myself is through journaling or writing. I love Family Partnership and love the system and teachers.



Santa Maria Montessori K-1 students enjoyed a "learning in the outdoors" day: the science of music, using measuring tools to calculate how far the plastic frog could jump, the academics of spelling your own name with letter beads, and the engineering of building.



Cuesta Promise Day

This annual event will be held on Friday, October 20 from 9:30-1:00 P.M. Promise day is an opportunity for local high school seniors to visit the Cuesta College campus and learn from Cuesta faculty and staff about the courses, academic programs and the Cuesta "Promise" The Cuesta Promise guarantees a fee-free full year of college to all 2017-18 local high school graduates. FPCS has arranged a fieldtrip to this activity – permission slips are available in the SLO learning center.

Cuesta College will also be hosting a College Night on Monday, October 30 from 5-8:45 P.M. Over 50 public and private college representatives from in and out of state will be available for questions. In addition, there are workshops every hour on college preparation. Please visit www.collegenightsslo.com for more information.

Montessori Model UN program

Once again, our FPCS students have an opportunity to participate in the Montessori Model United Nations program. This program involves classroom and home-study for upper elementary, and middle school students to learn about the operations of the United Nations and its role as the world's largest international peacekeeping and humanitarian organization. Students have the opportunity to visit the UN and New York City where they will participate in the process of role-playing as each student becomes a delegate of a selected nation. They write, present and debate issues affecting their nation and peoples of the world. Through this they develop an understanding of the needs of a people and the importance of accepting differences.



Staff Spotlight

Morro Bay Montessori, instructional assistant, **Sarah Bryant**, is a science specialist in her own right and has been working very hard to bring more science opportunities to our Morro Bay center. She was successful in getting a NOAA Ocean Guardian School grant for the 2016-2017 school year focusing on watershed-friendly and native-plant gardening. She has been coordinating with local and statewide agencies to bring the Trout-in-the-Classroom program to our school. She has also organized multiple sustainable-energy focused science kits that we now have on site for two months. They include lessons as well as all materials needed, including consumables.