

E. HALE CURRAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

November 2015

Principal's Message

As part of our STEM focus, we have been exploring science through inquiry based learning. Inquiry promotes students to pose questions, make decisions, design plans and experiments, discuss, collaborate, communicate results and provide justified answers and explanations. The teacher's role changes within inquiry based learning. Teachers are not considered as knowledge providers, but as motivators and facilitators of students' learning.

Parents can support their children's interest in science inquiry at home. Neil deGrasse Tyson, astrophysicist and cosmologist, states that kids are naturally curious and interested in science, parents need to set up experiences that lead to exploration. Exploring natural habitats such as wooded areas, meadows, or beaches provides opportunities for discovery. Keeping science journals in which children can sketch and describe what they observed and reflect upon their observations or ask questions promotes inquiry. Dr. Tyson also suggests getting your child a pair of binoculars - literally and figuratively, binoculars allow children to see their world.

Join us on Wednesday, Nov. 18th from 5:00 – 7:00 for our Family Science Night.

-Mrs. Roden
EHC Principal

Important Dates

November:

9th: NO EARLY OUT

10th-5th Grade Field Trip to
The Field Of Honor

11th -No School
Veterans Day

18th-Family Science Night

23rd-27th-
Thanksgiving Break



December/January:

8th: Band/Strings Concert
7:00pm, MPR

Dec. 21st—Jan. 11th-
Winter Break

Jan. 12th: Students Return





COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Military Family Appreciation Month



Military Family Appreciation Month was established in 1993 by the Armed Services YMCA. The U.S. Government has recognized the occasion every year since. Throughout the month of November, community leaders and businesses are teaming up to recognize families through a variety of activities and events to express their appreciation and thanks to our military families. We are so grateful for our Explorer service members and families for their selflessness and willingness to serve our country honor and courage. As a Marine Corps family for 17 years, I understand first hand the challenges that military families face. Our Rain counselors are available and dedicated to supporting our military students who may be facing difficulties related to military life, deployment, and relocation.

"Our nation owes each day of security and freedom that we enjoy to the members of our Armed Forces and their families. Behind our brave service men and women, there are family members and loved ones who share in their sacrifice and provide unending support." ~President Obama, 2014

School counseling in the classroom...

In October, students in grades K, 1 and 2 received a Second Step lesson about listening with attention and following directions. Third graders focused on the Boystown Skills: Being Prepared for Class and Self-Talk (Ignoring Distractions). Students learned how creating effective plans and blocking out distractions can help them to be better learners. Fourth grade students focused on the Boystown Skills of Having Conversations and Disagreeing Appropriately. They also discussed the idea of empathy and the importance of trying to understand how others are feeling. These skills assist students in demonstrating respect for their teacher and their peers and improve the education experience itself. Finally, all fifth grade students received a two-part bullying prevention lesson. Students learned about the different types of bullying and what they could do if they are being bullied or see bullying happen!

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No act of kindness
no matter how small
is ever wasted.

~ Aesop



NOVEMBER COUNSELING HIGHLIGHTS

Nov 13– Word Kindness Day

Do a Random Act of Kindness

Nov 16– International Tolerance Day

Nov 19– National Parent Involvement Day



A Note from the Library:

Our first incentive for our Reading Counts Program was a huge success!!!

We had 174 students reach the 25 point goal. Students that reached the 25 point by October 23rd will be participating in a pizza lunch on November 6th. Our next incentive is scheduled for December 18th. Students also receive individual award tokens as they reach each 10 point level.

If you have any questions on this program, please let me know.

Great job Cougars!!!!

Mrs. Russell



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STEM Symposium



We are very excited, here at E. Hale Curran, to participate in the annual STEM Symposium. A few of our teachers attended last year's symposium, bringing back a multitude of ideas they used with their classes. This year not only are 10 teachers attending we have four of our staff members presenting on our first year as a STEM elementary school. If you would like to view our presentation you can find it on our website under STEM. You may also follow this link. We are excited to share this experience with you.

<http://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/domain/3250>



Cookie Dough Fundraiser:

Cookie Dough orders will be available after school on Thursday, November 5th.

- The Top Selling Class: Congratulations Mrs. Butterworth's class, you have earned an extra recess!

- The Top Seller: We had a tie!

Congratulations to Robert Hughes and Abigail Hughes! They have each earned the top prize: A "*Front of the Line Lunch Pass*", good for the rest of the school year.

Square 1 Art:

It's not too late to place an order ONLINE ONLY until Nov. 13th.
Orders will arrive before Winter Break.

Yearbook Needs Your Photos:

Do you have any great photos of Field Trips, Classroom Activities, or Red Ribbon Week Festivities?

Email your photos with a short description to EHC.Yearbook@gmail.com.

We would love to add your photos to the yearbook.

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