

El Monte Middle School



Principal's Corner

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Busy busy week at the Middle School this week. We had two home basketball games, PIQE, UC Merced working with our 8th grade students, and our Character Counts Limo Lunch for students.

We worked with our teachers this week on the 10-2 rule or chunk and chew. Staff members were reminded to use the 10 minutes teacher input and 2 minutes of students digesting what the teacher just

taught the students. We worked with staff on using silent support cards with the think pair share. Staff members agreed that this would be an easy activity to implement IMMEDIATELY so that students could “chew” on the content that was just taught to them. I am excited to walk classrooms next week and see this great strategy being implemented.

TO THE WORLD,
YOU MAY BE JUST A
TEACHER
BUT TO YOUR
STUDENTS YOU ARE A
STAR



LOBO Athletic Update

The LOBOS ended their league schedule with as we hosted Corcoran and Citrus. The girl's team ended finishing with a win by defeating Citrus on Wednesday. The teams will finish up their season next week as they travel

to Sequoia Union. The Girls Varsity qualified for the SAL tournament which will take place next Saturday on February 24, 2018. Please come out and support our athletes. Go LOBOS!!!!!!



College and Career Corner

A college or a university is a place where you can go after you graduate from high school to **learn about particular subjects you are interested in.**

Subjects you may want to study include **business, nursing, computer systems, biotechnology, politics, graphics and many more.** You can study any topic that interests you!

Why do you go to college?

College offers the opportunity to explore many different interests and ideas, to meet a variety of people, and to learn about yourself. You go to college to earn a degree (like an associate's, bachelor's or master's degree). The degree demonstrates that you have obtained the knowledge and

skills required for many careers. A college degree can help you earn more money, opportunities and jobs.



Character Counts Limo Lunch

Congratulations to Ms. Mendoza, Miss Stefanich, Mrs. Pennebaker and our three LOBO of the month students: Heidi Martinez Chavez, Carlos Chavez, and Javier Banda! They got to ride in a limo to Foster's Freeze today for exhibiting pillars of Responsibility and Citizenship. Way to GO!



Middle School Science Bowl

Mrs. Poloka writes "I am a super proud teacher! These kids are the only middle schoolers from Tulare and Kern county that participated in the Science Bowl. They had to go all the way to Fresno to compete. They took 5th place and that was an incredible feat for them." Thank you to Mrs. Poloka for coaching these students and getting them ready for this competition.



ELPAC University

Approximately 60 students spend half of their Saturday last weekend preparing for the ELPAC test coming up. Students were eager to practice and show their teachers what they could do. Thanks to Mrs. Goosev for creating the lessons and Mrs. Valencia for coordinating who was attending. Also thank you to Mr. Rodriguez for helping Mrs. Dungan supervise this event. Big shoutout to the following teachers for giving up their

Saturday as well: Mrs. Troncozo, Mr. Trevino, Miss M. Gonzalez, Miss B. Gonzalez, and Mrs. Villa. I am certain that this Saturday session has helped our students be ready for this big assessment coming up. We will have a final ELPAC University session on February 24 and will start ELPAC testing on February 26th.



ELPAC

Calendar of Events

2/17 - Saturday School 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

2/19- President's Day - NO SCHOOL

2/21 - Coaches Meeting @ 3:15 p.m.

2/22 - PIQE @ 6:00 p.m.

AVID Site Team @ 3:00 p.m.

2/23 - Binder Check

2/24 - SAL Basketball Tournament 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

ELPAC University 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

