



El Monte Middle School

Home of the Mighty LOBOS!

BRINGING OUT THE BEST

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Upcoming Events

2/18/19	President's Day NO SCHOOL
2/20/19	Basketball Game at Home vs Hardwick-Kings River
2/21/19	Parenting Partners 5:30pm-6:30pm
2/22/19	Valentine's Dance 3pm-4pm



Principal's Note

It has been a rainy, but productive week at El Monte Middle School. Teachers and students have continued to press forward in our team goal-student success. One way that our team of educators has taken this task on is by working diligently during our weekly PLC time. Learning logs continue to be an integral part of our plan for student learning. Thank you coaches and teachers for continuing to prioritize this time by using student data to drive our instruction. Our LOBOS are surely benefitting from this.

This week, I had the opportunity to attend a Gear Up Conference with Mrs. Lisa Castillo and our UC Merced partners. At this conference, the team learned a great deal about how we can best serve

the 7th grade cohort that this grant will be focused on. With our emphasis on alignment and sustainability, we are making strides to better prepare our students for OHS!

On Thursday night, our parent student advocates hosted another well-attended Parenting Partners Academy. 20 parents participated in this workshop, which was entitled "Creating Confident Kids". We serve an awesome group of parents and their participation in these workshops proves that!

Finally, the COJUSD family celebrated the groundbreaking of the new Sports Complex. We are excited for El Monte, OHS, and the Cutler-Orosi community for all the opportunities this facility will provide our students.

-Marlena

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COLLEGE and Career

On Thursday, students from our Intro to Agriculture class were able to attend the world famous Ag Expo in Tulare. Students were able to collect a ton of info on careers in the agricultural field, along with learning about new technology that farmers use. In addition, students were given the chance to talk with college reps about opportunities that are available at the collegiate level. A huge thank you goes out to Mrs. Pennebaker, Mr. Fesperman, and Mrs. Rodriguez for taking our ag students on this important learning experience.

-Mario



Coaches' Collective

This week has been all about the teaching cycle for math. The 6th grade math PLC focused on the planning and implementation stages after reviewing a common assessment. We worked to provide additional learning opportunities that focused on areas of great need as well as vocabulary scaffolds to allow for better reading comprehension in math. By targeting areas of need with strategic grouping of students we are able to address common misconceptions while also proving extension

teachers and students for our upcoming assessment.

Mr. Wendell has worked diligently in his coaching cycle to increase student comprehension and confidence in 7th grade math and his success this week was evident. Our SPED students are often intimidated by tests and will shut down when asked to show what they know which then leaves an impression that student did not learn. This belief was proven wrong in Mr. Wendell's class this week. He administered the Expressions and Equations IAB to his students and the results are to be celebrated. 4 of the 9 students scored ABOVE the standard, 4 NEAR the standard and only 1 below! This is

Ongoing Assessment
Gathering information to determine what the child can do and what the child is ready to learn
•Data Collection
•Data Analysis



Implementation
Providing meaningful, experiential activities that support individual and group goals guided by supportive interaction and relationships.

Planning & Curriculum Goals
Deciding what should be done to promote development and what we want children to learn.
•Needs Identification & Prioritization
•Planning (Strategy/Indicators)



opportunities for students above the standard during our KMP (ketchup, mustard, pickles) day. We are already seeing progress towards mastery and we look forward to celebrating the work of both

HUGE! The students were confident and prepared with only auditory directions and reminders to use their testing tools as supports. Shout out to Mark and all his hard work.

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-Lindsay