



BRINGING OUT THE BEST

# El Monte Middle School

Home of the Mighty LOBOS!

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## Upcoming Events

2/11/19	Lincoln's Birthday NO SCHOOL
2/12/19- 2/15/19	AVID Candy Gram Sale
2/12/19	9th Grade Pre-Registration (OHS Career Center) 4:00pm -7:30pm
2/13/19	9th Grade Pre-Registration (OHS Career Center) 4:00pm -7:30pm Basketball Game vs Citrus-Orange Cove
2/14/19	Parenting Partners 5:30pm-6:30pm

Partners Academy. 17 parents participated in this event, which was entitled "Positive Parent-Success Starts at Home". Thank you to Mrs. Marisol Rodriguez and Mr. Jose Del Rio for giving our parents these types of learning opportunities.

*-Marlena*

## Principal's Note

It has been another engaging week of teaching and learning at El Monte Middle School! Students and staff have continued to press on towards reaching the goal of student success. One way that teachers have taken on this initiative is by becoming more familiar with technology. On Tuesday, Mr. Adam Juarez trained our teachers on the ins and outs of Google resources at our monthly extended professional learning. It was great to see educators working collaboratively in a fun and engaging way.

In addition, ELPAC testing is in full swing at El Monte! Our English learners are giving it their best on this extremely important assessment. Remember teachers, **listening, speaking, reading,**

**and writing** should be incorporated in all of our lessons. This will help ensure that *all* students are being equipped with the skills necessary to compete in college and beyond.

On Tuesday night, we hosted a packed room of parents who got a chance to hear about the great opportunities available to our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students through the **GEAR UP** program. Thank you to Mrs. Lisa Castillo and UC Merced for reaching out to our families and providing this amazing learning opportunity.



To wrap the week up, our awesome parent student advocates hosted Workshop 1 of El Monte's Parenting

# #weareLOBOS!



Princeton University is a private institution that was founded in 1746. It has a total undergraduate enrollment of 5,394, its setting is suburban, and the campus size is 600 acres. It utilizes a semester-based academic calendar.

Princeton University's ranking in the 2019 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, 1.



**PRINCETON  
UNIVERSITY**

Its tuition and fees are \$47,140 (2018-19).

Princeton, among the oldest colleges in the U.S., is located in the quiet town of Princeton, New Jersey. Within the walls of its historic ivy-covered campus, Princeton offers a number of events, activities and organizations. The Princeton Tigers, members of the Ivy League, are well known for their consistently strong men's and women's lacrosse teams. Students live in one of six residential colleges that provide a residential community as well as dining services but have the option to join one of more than 10 eating clubs for their junior and senior years. The eating clubs serve as social and dining organizations for the students who join them. Princeton's unofficial motto, "Princeton in the Nation's Service and the Service of Humanity," speaks to the university's commitment to community service.

*-Mario*

## Coaches' Collective

Vocabulary, vocabulary, vocabulary. Some kids have plenty of it, some kids have the wrong kind, and some kids are very limited in their use of vocabulary. Since we have returned from break, Mr. Fraley and I have been focused on having students interact with the vocabulary terms that they are using in their waves unit.

All vocabulary was taught explicitly through the use of notes. These notes included definitions and pictures. While introducing new terms Mr. Fraley followed the see it, hear it, say it pattern. He showed them the word in the Powerpoint, he said the word, the class repeated the word. Some students picked up on the words and their meanings right away but we noticed a disconnect with the ELs as well as other students.

An interactive activity was developed where students created waves with string and labeled the parts of the wave. Once completed with that assignment, they were given different types of paper and a flashlight and were asked to show how the light waves traveled when placed in front of the papers. Students were then asked to draw diagrams in their notebooks including light arrows for each of the following words absorption, transmission or reflection. Students were highly engaged and motivated to be doing something more than taking notes and academic discourse was

extremely high for this activity. Mr. Fraley was pleased to announce that the students had the highest formative assessment scores that he has had yet this year!

On another note, I recently gave a formative assessment on Phase Change that should have been relatively easy. What came as a surprise was the number of students that misused increased or decreased temperature and higher and lower. For example, *the temperature decreased to turn the liquid into gas*. Such a simple red flag, that could have been avoided with a little thought from me. So next year, I need to remember to include a thermometer and the terminology that can and should be used with a temperature.

So just a few thoughts on vocabulary this week. Think about red flags, teach it, and let students interact with it. Happy Friday!

*-Mindy*

## Sports News!

Our varsity girls' basketball team continues to compete for a playoff spot. They beat Kingsburg this week, but came up short against Sutter-Fowler. The girls improved to 5-4 on the season. The next few games will be huge!

Our varsity boys continue to compete and get better! The boys dropped 2 games this week. The boys are excited about competing in this weekend's Monson-Sultana Tournament. They will look to pick up a few wins.

*-Mr. Del Rio*