



El Monte Middle School

Home of the Mighty LOBOS!

BRINGING OUT THE BEST

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Principal's Note

Well-deserved Spring Break is here! It was a very busy week at El Monte. Mrs. Tumacder kicked things off on Monday by celebrating 2018 CAASPP advanced students with a trip to Magic Mountain.



busy every day and couldn't have done it without teachers and support staff helping by staying late to participate in these events. It truly takes teamwork to make the dream work! I realize this week was very exhausting so please take the week to get some rest and rejuvenate as we return with a week before CAASPP testing begins. Please enjoy family and friends because we often spend many hours working above and beyond and miss memorable moments with those we love. Have a great Spring Break!

-Marlena



The week continued with our Awards Ceremony on Tuesday night and Parent at-risk of not promoting meetings on Wednesday night. 8th grade students continue to sell raffle tickets for their 8th grade trip, and all 7th graders took the PSAT on Friday! We were very

Upcoming Events

4/15/19 - 4/22/19	Spring Break NO SCHOOL
4/23/19	Track Meet at Mineral King
4/24/19	Baseball Softball Game At Home vs. John Muir
4/26/19	Track Meet at Tulare County Qualifier 7th & 8th Grade Baile 5pm - 6pm



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We are maximizing every opportunity to expose our student to College and Career experiences. Today, for the last day before Spring Break, our 8th grade student had the opportunity to hear from Fresno State Student Ambassadors about the opportunities available for them at Fresno State. Additionally, our student received information to better prepare for High School and start at OHS with a plan. Our presentation took place during PE period, while our 7th grade class completed their PSAT!

-Mario



Coaches' Collective

Are they listening?

How many times have you given directions to students and 1 minute later someone raises their hand and says - "What am I supposed to do?"

When you give students a handout with written directions do you: Read the directions to students and explain what they need to do or have students read the directions and explain to you what they need to do?

I wanted to touch on listening in today's Coaches Collective, because listening is one of our biggest opportunities at El Monte. Ten percent of our students at El Monte have mastered speaking and listening standards, while 90 percent of our students are below, near or close to achieving grade level standards.

There isn't a quick fix for our listening opportunity, as we know listening comprehension strategies take practice, but there are things we can do in our classrooms to support students in the listening process. Take a look at these proven tips and try them out after break!

7 Tips for Better Listening

1. Tell students WHAT to listen for before you talk or present audio.
2. Provide students with visual instructions with oral!
3. Give clear expectations of how to listen.
4. Provide immediate, meaningful, appropriate follow-up accountability activities.
5. Be brief!

6. Model good listening to your students.
7. Don't repeat what you say!

Have a great spring break!

-Larissa



Shout out to Mrs. Villa, Ms. Sanchez, Mrs. Troncozo, and Mr. Arellano who helped chaperone 40 students who earned a 4 on the ELA & Math CAASPP test. Huge thank you for all their help in making the trip a memorable experience for our students.

I would also like to thank Ms. Lopez, Mr. Wendell, Mrs. Troncozo, Mrs. Pena, Ms. Alvarado, Mrs. Villa, Mrs. Luikart, Mrs. Goosev, Mrs. Orosco, Mrs. Barton, Ms. Sanchez, and Mrs. Pennebaker for making our Academic Awards successful. We had 172 students recognized for their academic achievement.

-Sunsie

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