

## El Monte Middle Friday Focus

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### ***Lead, Believe, Succeed!***

**CAASPP Testing** – We are excited to announce that we are officially wrapping up the state testing season here at El Monte Middle School. Students have been working diligently to demonstrate their mastery of state standards in ELA, math, and science for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Thank you teachers and staff for all of the hard work that was put in throughout the year all in the name of student success. We are eagerly anticipating official state results that we believe will show that here at El Monte we *Lead, Believe, and Succeed* in all areas- especially academics.



**Rise Above Project (RAP)**– All of our 6th grade students participated in the Rise Above Project on 5/22/18. Students reported that they learned a great deal regarding Human Trafficking and Drug and Substance Abuse Prevention. We had a total of 7 student leaders, who along with their parents, agreed to participate in the event rotation. During this time, students were provided with a great learning opportunity on how to keep safe and support peers or family struggling with addiction.

**Spring Choir Concert** – On Thursday night, our choir singers shined brightly as they gave an extraordinary performance at our annual Spring Choir Concert. From solos, to group performances, our mighty LOBOS demonstrated their musical range through strong vocal performances. It was evident that our choir teacher, Mr. Atkins, ensured that our students brought their A game! Thank you to all who attended, and thank you Mr. Atkins for the hard work you have put in throughout the school year.



UC Merced opened Sept. 5, 2005, as the newest campus in the University of California system and the first American research university of the 21st century. UC Merced is a place where nature touches every part of the campus. It's an extremely green place that is, by design, transforming the region economically, academically and environmentally. It's a place where students at all levels have opportunities to stretch themselves intellectually and experientially, in close concert with faculty members who are stars and rising stars in their fields.

### **Our Students**

As of Fall 2017, UC Merced has nearly 8,000 undergraduate and graduate students making up the Bobcat community.

### **Majors & Minors**

UC Merced offers 23 majors, 25 minors, and 14 graduate programs and emphases taught by more than 400 full-time faculty members, visiting professors and lecturers, who come to

Merced from some of the world's top-ranked universities. The list will continue to grow as the campus reaches 10,000 students in the coming years.

### **Affordability and Aide**

There are numerous forms of aid out there. The UC's Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan covers system wide fees for California residents whose families earns less than \$80,000 a year and qualify for financial aid. Additionally, Blue and Gold students may qualify for even more gift aid to help reduce the cost of attending.

But even when families are above that income threshold, their students still stand a good chance of getting some type of financial assistance at UC Merced, which is committed to making a research-based college education within financial reach of all qualified students.

The key to affording UC Merced is knowing the options available. The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships and the University of California websites are rich resources of information for students and their families.



**Alejandro Chavez Memorial Ceremony-** On Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, a memorial event was held in memory of Alejandro Chavez. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students joined us in paying our respects to his mother and other family members. A bench and plaque were presented to students and family members, where the memory of a noble and enthusiastic young boy will forever be held. A special thanks to all students and teachers who took part in this act of kindness. On behalf of all students, school, and district personnel, we send our deepest condolences to his family.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- 5/29 Field Trip to Six Flags 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- 5/30 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Academic Awards
- 5/31 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Fresno State  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Academic Awards
- 6/1 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Academic Awards
- 6/4 CAASPP Celebration

