

El Monte Middle School



Principal's Corner

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Teachers spent Tuesday afternoon reviewing Close reading and using metacognitive reading strategies in their classrooms. They spent time with their PLC's picking out pertinent articles that they could have students Close read. Staff discussed the importance of having students close read so that they are critically analyzing and digging deeper into the text. We reminded staff that close reading helps you become an ACTIVE reader. It keeps you FOCUSED. It helps you REMEMBER. It helps you UNDERSTAND what you are reading.

As administration walked thru classrooms this week, we saw several of you having the teachers participate in Close Reading in your classrooms. I encourage you to continue

working with students and require that they critically read and analyze text.

Next week we have some exciting events. We will have our first English Learner Parent/Student Dinner and Information Dinner in regards to ELPAC and their progress as an English Learner.

On Thursday, we will have our first Elective Expo for students and parents. We are excited to showcase all of our electives and the requirements. Staff have created presentations to share with the students as well as their parents. Thank you to all of the teachers who have prepared for this event. Also, thank you to Mrs. Castillo from Orosi High School

A Good Reader is someone who...



A Good Reader is someone like you!

LOBO Athletic Update

The Lobo's hosted a tough Hanford team on Wednesday. All the teams played hard but fell short except the varsity girls who improved their record to 3-0.

Next week the Lobo's are on the road traveling to Citrus on Monday, Riverdale on Wednesday and the boys travel to Woodlake on Thursday. Good luck to all the LOBO teams!



Leadership Northern Tulare County Visit

I would like to thank all of our visitors that came and saw the awesome activities happening in our classrooms. We had visitors from the private sector as well as the education sector visiting our campus. I would like to thank Mrs. Ibarra for preparing our teachers for this visit. I would also like to thank Mrs. Villa, Miss Gonzalez, and Miss Alvarado for allowing us to visit your classroom. Additional thanks goes to Mr. Trevino and Mrs. Cruz for joining us for the Questions and

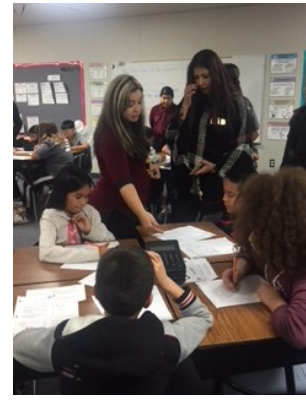
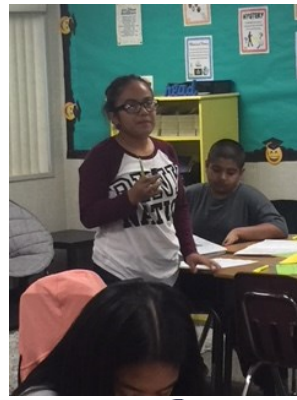
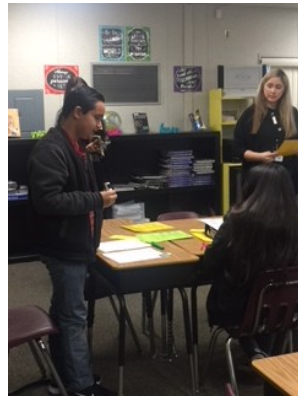
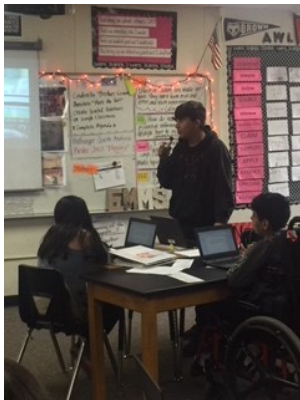
Answer session. During these classroom visits we saw Philosophical chairs, Close Reading, and students participating in guided notes and independent practice.

Many of our visitors asked our students specific questions and I was extremely proud of how our students were able to articulate their answers. Every student stood and delivered incredible answers. Even if they were nervous, they still an-

swered to the best of their ability.

Several compliments were given to our students and their ability to critically think and to clearly articulate that thinking.

Thank you to Mrs. Castillo for bringing these visitors to our site to showcase our middle school students.



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Calendar of Events

1/20 - Tri-County Job Fair (7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

1/22 - 1/26 - Scicon (Mr. Reyes & Mrs. Barton)

1/22 - Basketball Game @ Citrus Middle School

1/24 - New Teacher Luncheon (12:40 p.m. Dungan Office)

1/24 - Basketball Game @ Riverdale

1/24 - Coaches Meeting @ 3:00 p.m. (Dungan office)

1/24 - LTEL Parent Dinner/Conference 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

1/25 - Elective Expo

7:50 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. - Student Expo in the gym (6th/7th grade ONLY)

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Parent/Student Expo in the gym

1/26 - Binder Check during Advisory

1/26 - Final Voting for Character Counts due

1/27 - Saturday School 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

