

El Monte Middle School



Principal's Corner

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What a busy, busy week with CAASPP testing. We finished English Testing and are well on our way to finishing our math test. 8th graders still are gearing up for their Science Cast test.

Counselors and advocates are working closely with students everyday to ensure that they are ready to promote to the next grade. Students are coming into the counseling center DAILY and checking on their

status. Students are VOLUNTARILY staying for after school tutorial with the advocates daily as well.

We also celebrated staff appreciation week and nurse appreciation. Staff were treated daily to yummy treats in the staff room. I hope that everyone was able to partake of all the food this week. The staff who work in a school setting are extremely important and I hope that everyone felt that way. Thank you to

Julia and Josie who helped me set up each treat every day. Special shout out to Julia and Advocate Lupita for helping slice apples. Staff truly loved all of their yummy treats!

With only a few weeks of school left, I would like to remind all of us to finish strong so we can all cross the finish line together. Students are counting on us to provide structure until the



LOBO Athletic Update

The 2017-2018 Lobo sports season came to a close this week. The baseball and softball teams traveled to Caruthers on Monday and gave it their all. Both teams fell a little short, but

both coaches saw a big improvement in their play since the beginning of the season.

Good job LOBOS!



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University of California Santa Barbara

University of California—Santa Barbara is a public institution that was founded in 1909. It has a total undergraduate enrollment of 21,574, its setting is suburban, and the campus size is 989 acres. It utilizes a quarter-based academic calendar. University of California—Santa Barbara's ranking in the 2018 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, 37. Its in-state tuition and fees are \$14,409 (2017-18); out-of-state tuition and fees are \$42,423 (2017-18).

Located 100 miles up the coast from Los Angeles, the University of California—Santa Barbara sits atop cliffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Students can get involved in any of the more than 400 clubs and organizations on campus, including a Greek community that comprises about 10 percent of undergraduate students. UCSB provides housing to about 30 percent of students in eight residence halls and several university apartment complexes. The UC Santa Barbara Gauchos compete primarily in the NCAA Division I Big West Conference and are known for their successful women's basketball and men's soccer teams. Non-varsity students can join a club team such as cycling, surfing, rugby or ski and snowboard.

UCSB encompasses five schools and colleges, the largest of which is the College of Letters and Science, serving undergraduate and graduate students. Graduate programs at UCSB include the highly ranked [College of Engineering](#). The [Gevirtz Graduate School of Education](#) and Donald Bren School of

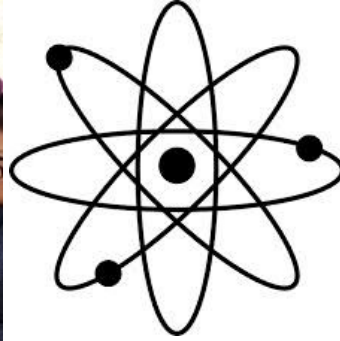
Environmental Science and Management are other notable graduate schools at UCSB. Undergraduate students can apply for admissions into the College of Creative Studies, which emphasizes focused studies in one of eight disciplines: art, biology, chemistry and biochemistry, computer science, literature, mathematics, music composition or physics. Musician Jack Johnson and actor Michael Douglas both graduated from UCSB.

The mission of UCSB is defined in the context of the unique stature of the University of California and the place of the Santa Barbara campus within this system. Our responsibilities include provision of high-quality education to undergraduate and graduate students, innovation through the advancement of fundamental and applied research programs, creative activities and scholarship, and provision of service to the state as well as the nation and world that we share. In each of these three areas, our mission is to fulfill these responsibilities with the highest possible level of excellence in a manner that emphasizes the special abilities associated with our campus through its faculty, students, facilities, and geo-



Physics Day

STEM students had their end of the year trip this Wednesday at Porterville fairgrounds. This event was hosted by Tulare County Office of Education. They got to partake in various activities such as towers, egg drop, rocket building, speaker design, etc. After designing and building their various physics designs our students were treated to fair rides. Our students had a blast! Thank you to Mrs. Poloka for providing our students with the opportunity to attend this fun event.



Retirements from El Monte Middle School

We have two teachers retiring from El Monte this year. We would like to congratulate them on many years of service to Cutler-Orosi Unified School District. Al began working in this district in 1997 subbing and eventually obtaining a teaching job. Ellen began

teaching for COJUSD in 1992 where she started at Yettum and ended her career at El Monte Middle School. They are so excited to retire and are moving to the



El Monte Employee's of the School Year

Congratulations to the following employees for being recognized as El Monte's Employee of the Year. Congrats to Classified Employee of the Year: JoJo Puentes; Teacher of the Year: Angelica Lopez; and Administrator of the Year: Sunsie Haro. All three of these individuals work extremely hard to build rapport with students as well as making El Monte Middle School an awesome place to be! Often times you will see JoJo racing by in her golf cart multitasking for anyone who beckons her. You will

find Miss Lopez being innovative with her 6th grade PE students and curriculum. If you don't see her out on the black-top, you will see her working with our future leaders in her leadership class. She has added a ton of school spirit to this campus since her arrival. You will also see Ms. Haro multitasking and racing around campus. She may be racing to a meeting, dealing with disci-

pline, helping cover classrooms, and a ton of other duties that pop up! All three of these individuals are truly deserving of these awards! Please congratulate them when you see them.



Calendar of Events

- May 14 - May 18 - Math CAASPP Make Up Testing
- May 16 - REAP Recruitment Night @ 4:00 p.m.
- May 16 - Music Department Spring Speculator @ OHS Gym
- May 18 - Children's Art Exhibit @ Family Education Center
- May 18 - Cutler-Orosi Lions Club 69th Annual Community Awards Night @ 5:30 p.m. at the Memorial Hall
- May 21 - 6th Grade Rise Above Project
- May 21 - 22 - 8th Grade Science CAST Testing

