NOVEMBER 15TH - 19TH

EL MONTE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Friday Focus

Thanksgiving time provides great opportunities to give thanks. This week at El Monte I am thankful for a lot! We had a great Spirit Week. Our most successful day this week was Anything But A Backpack. Students were so creative in the ways they carried around their school belongings!

On Tuesday Ms. Gonzalez and Mr. Munoz presented on CTE Pathways & Academy options for students. They had a great turnout with over 50 parents who joined. Thank you all of Room 5 for your ongoing commitment to ensuring our students have their academic and social-emotional needs met regularly.

On Thursday Ms. Cortez took Leadership students to a conference where students learned all about how to lead on campus and increase school spirit. Thank you for taking the trip and making sure students had a great experience! Ms. Mendoza and Mrs. Green took Speech & Debate students to a speech tournament where three of our students placed! We are so amazed at hour talented these kiddos are!

We finished out our week with a delicious taco lunch!! It was great to spend time with everyone before we all head home for the week. Thank you to all who joined and to Jesse for cooking!

A special thank you to Mr. George Valdez for coming over to El Monte for this week to help teach sixth grade! We really appreciated your support this week.

I hope you all have a great Thanksgiving Week off and are able to put your feet up to rest and relax.

Mrs. Turnacder

Upcoming Events

11/22/2021 - 11/26/2021
Thanksgiving Break!

Monday 11/29/2021
Welcome Back!

Tuesday, 11/30/2021
Soccer @ Caruthers

Wednesday, 12/01/2021
All Staff Meeting

Thursday, 12/02/2021
Soccer @ El monte vs. Kings River Hardwick

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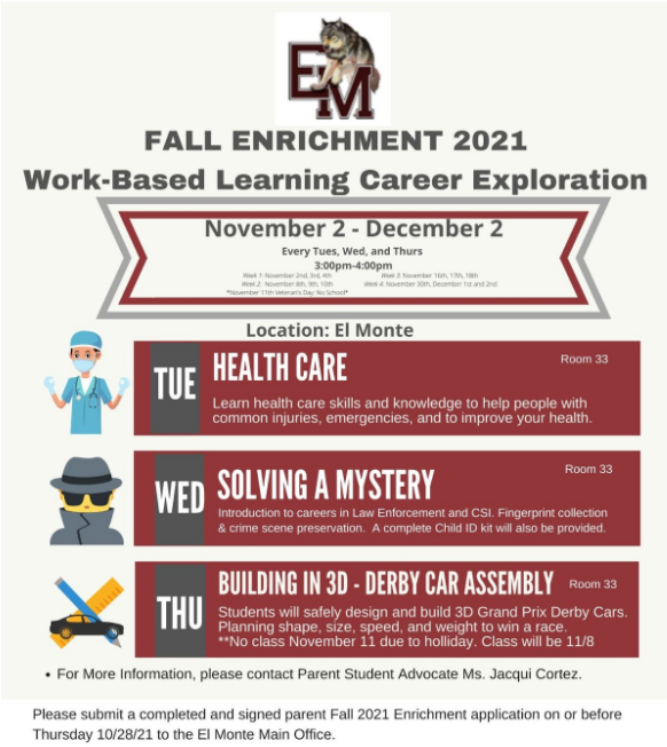
CTE Enrichment Classes

After-school CTE Enrichment classes were in full swing this week! Students participated in a class introduction where we practiced exploring careers, learning about how to budget a salary-paying job and what it takes to attain such careers. Collaborative conversations regarding the pursuit of higher education filled the room as students shared their aspirations for their future. Next week, students will be fully immersed in health care, building a derby car, and solving a crime scene mystery. Stay tuned for pictures of our students in action next week!

Ms. Cortez



Please submit a completed and signed parent Fall 2021 Enrichment application on or before Thursday 10/28/21 to the El Monte Main Office.

College & Career

This week's college highlight will be focused on the University of Southern California, mainly known as USC. USC is located in Los Angeles, California, considered arguably one of the most popular universities in the state and ranked 27 throughout the nation. Due to its popularity, USC's acceptance rate as of 2020 is 16% for applicants. The top 5 majors offered at USC include 1. Business Management 2. Social Sciences 3. Visual & Performing Arts 4. Communication & Journalism and 5. Engineering. USC is also well known for its graduate programs which can also be considered a university to attend for grad school. For more information about the University of Southern California, please visit the Counseling Center (Room 5).

Mr. Munoz

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Family-School-Community Partnerships

This week we had a total of 57 parents who attended our Parent Informational Meeting. The purpose of this presentation was to inform parents of the course elective offerings at El Monte Middle School and the alignment to the Pathway and Academy Elective Courses offered at Orosi High School. Other academic topics shared included the following: A-G requirements, how to calculate GPA, Post Secondary Educational Options, Financial Planning, AVID, CTE, and REAP Awareness, and information on DACA. Through continued partnerships, our goal is to equip our students and families with the skills, knowledge, and awareness to make informed educational decicions that support higher education.

REAP

El Monte REAP program continues to expand and support our initiatives to promote a campus of higher educational opportunities. Students continue to inquire resulting in new students being added weekly. Today our students met with their REAP advisors and our Counseling Intern, Ms. Marroquin. Students were exposed to slides that focused on how to set SMART Goals. A specific goal has a much greater chance of being accomplished than a general goal. Students learned to set a specific goal they must answer the six "W" questions:

*Who: Who is involved?
*What: What do I want to accomplish?
*Where: Identify a location.
*When: Establish a time frame.
*Which: Identify requirements and constraints.
*Why: Specific reasons, purpose or benefits of accomplishing the goal.

Ms. Gonzalez

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