FEB 22ND - FEB 25TH

EL MONTE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Friday Focus

It was a short but productive week at El Monte! Tuesday we jumped into classrooms to observe students in ELD practicing for ELPAC. Students practiced testing procedures and had plenty of opportunities to read, write, speak, and listen. In PLCs, this week teams worked together to check in on their SMART goals created for this quarter. Shoutout to 7th Grade ELA/Social Studies who celebrated their students' success on their most recent common formative assessment.

All students in 6th through 8th jumped into argumentative writing this week. It's definitely exciting to see students start to develop their own arguments and have deep conversations over their personal stances. El Monte students are not only preparing for high school but college and their future careers. I know we have a few future lawyers and judges in the making!

Thank you again, Ms. Orosco and Women's Alliance for setting up games during 1st Lunch! I love seeing students gathered around yard games laughing and enjoying a little friendly competition. Shoutout to our students with 2nd lunch who continue to keep the campus looking clean! They earned an extra five minutes of lunch and music. DJ Drizzy Dre (aka Mr. Garcia) played some great hits.

Mrs. Sunsie Turnacder

Upcoming Events

Monday 2/28
- ELPAC Testing Listening

Tuesday 3/1
- ELPAC Testing -Reading
- Choir & Band Concert

Wednesday 3/2
- ELPAC Testing - Reading
- Whole Staff Meeting
- Upward Bound Math & Science

Thursday 3/4
- ELPAC Testing - Writing
- Parenting Partners

Friday 3/5
- ELPAC Testing - Writing

College & Career

This week's college highlights the University of California, Irvine (UC Irvine) which is a popular university located in southern California. UC Irvine is ranked #9 among the top public schools and #2 in Top Performers on Social Mobility.

The top majors at UC Irvine are:

1. Public Health
2. Business/Managerial Economics
3. Biology,
4. Economics
5. Social Psychology

As for admissions, UC Irvine is a popular destination that has a low acceptance percentage, admitting 30% of its applicants. For more information about UC Irvine, please visit the Counseling Center (Room 5).

Counseling Center Notes

Last week the SEL team completed the first round of CAST groups. Students have gained knowledge on many topics around Self Awareness, Anger Management, Setting and Monitoring Goals, Steps to School Smarts. The CAST Celebration was a success and we hope students will be able to take the strategies learned and continue to apply them as a examplararyLOBO. The counseling Center will be forming the second round of groups students have been identified based off the mini DESSA assessments.

Rural Education for Americans Project

On Wednesday's REAP monthly meeting, students listened to information regarding careers in Agriculture. The goal continues to be to offer opportunities for students to be exposed to information that will help forge the way to higher education and into a global economy. This week REAP students also wore their REAP t-shirts which serve to promote the REAP program and contribute to our college and career culture at El Monte Middle School. A HUGE thanks to our REAP advisors Ms. Quezada and Ms. Rojas as well as our School Counseling Intern Ms. Marroquin for your hard work and dedication to all of our REAP students. This week we had a 91% attendance participation rate. #classof2026 and #classof2027