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THE OUTLOOK

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WELCOME to the second edition of this school year's newsletter, with a roundup of news and happenings at New Horizon School Westside.

As we wrap up this school year, we take a look back at what our students were up to for the past few months. They were engrossed in learning and strengthening their knowledge through various fun learning activities. On campus, they demonstrated their knowledge by



participating in the Spelling Bee, Arabic Day and the Quran Competition. and strengthened their cultural awareness through International Day, All elementary students took part in a school-wide research program for the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). They researched solutions to the problem of water deficits and drought, visited Tree People to learn about better ways to help the environment, and ended the program with an Earth Day project where they created mini greenhouse plants. Throughout this all, our Art program became the eARTh program, with a focus on sustainability, green resources and much more through art.

Beyond campus, our Fifth Graders spent a few days on Catalina Island and had an amazing outdoor science experience, while Fourth Graders flew off to Sacramento to explore our state's capital.

Preschoolers commemorated the 100th day of school with a variety of 100 day activities, spent a day at Pretend City where they learned about communities, and invited their Moms to a fabulous Mother's Day Brunch. Last but not least, everybody spent a fun, sun-filled day at the park on Sports Day, and we all competed in the program events prepared by our YMCA coaches.

To learn more about our programs and upcoming events please visit our website at www.newhorizonwestside.com

STUDENT OF THE MONTH LUNCHEON

We are so proud of our students who received Student of the Month certificates throughout the year. These students were invited to a luncheon party with Mrs. Dalal Antabli Head of School. The highlight was digging into a giant cookie at the end of the meal.



MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Our preschoolers invited all their mothers to school for a sumptuous Mother's Day Brunch buffet. They entertained them with songs they had learned, and ended the event by presenting them with cards and gifts they created for the occasion.



NEW HORIZON WESTSIDE STUDENTS CELEBRATE ARABIC DAY

Our Annual Arabic Day event was a resounding success this year. Students from every grade got the chance to get on the stage and share what they have learned during the year with the audience.



The program included a variety of skits and songs in the Arabic language. Students delighted the audience with their knowledge, performance skills and humor.



Arabic Day events celebrate the culmination of the year's curriculum, and showcases the vocabulary and speaking skills that the students practice throughout the year. The goal of the Arabic Language program is to teach students how to read in the language of the Quran.



RELIGIOUS STUDIES CORNER TREE OF GOOD DEEDS



One of the goals of Religious Studies instruction is the focus on character development and the application of Islamic values in our daily lives. This year, our students were encouraged to demonstrate their understanding of this goal by carrying out deeds in their daily lives at school that reflect the values they learn about. When a teacher notices a student doing this, they give the student a leaf stating what they did and the value it represents. The tree in our Prayer Hall bears testament to the success of this program.



When our students were asked to explore ways to solve the global problem of drought that was facing many nations today, they learned about ways they can address this issue through their faith. Students learned how to carry out the steps of "Tayammum", the cleansing before prayer where there is no water available, and they also learned the steps to the prayer asking for rainfall. They decided to carry out this prayer one morning early before they went into their classrooms.

INTERNATIONAL DAY CELEBRATING DIVERSITY



The annual International Day at New Horizon School Westside provides our students with the opportunity to learn about other countries and explore their cultures. Each grade chooses a country, and they learn about the different culture, people and foods. Students then share their learning experiences with other students by presenting a sampler of the country of their choice.



PRESCHOOL P R E T E N D C I T Y



Preschool students were very busy indeed, learning through play! They tackle one theme every month, and sort through the vocabulary and stories relating to that theme. Once they concluded their theme on Community, they took off to Pretend City, where they spent a day exploring the various community stations and centers in a city, like the fire station, market and restaurant to name a few.



ON CAMPUS

Storytime is always one of the favorite times of the day for them, and Ms. Rose always has a captive audience. Our preschoolers are constantly moving and enjoying a variety of learning activities throughout the day.



CATALINA ISLAND

Our seniors, the Fifth Graders, participated in a host of events and activities this semester. They spent three-days on Catalina Island exploring marine life



and bonding around the campfire. They also performed alongside Fifth Graders from all over the Los Angeles area at the Blue Ribbon Dance Festival outside the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.



On Earth Day, they led a school-wide activity where each student created their own greenhouse by planting a baby palm tree in a bottle.



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Second Grade decided to combine science, music, and art in their latest project: Shoebox Guitars! They all had fun at the end of the project trying out new tensions of strings to get the sound they wanted, and working together to make “bands” and play songs together! At the end, they understood that science, art and music can all work together!



Kindergarteners experimented with soil and created their own compost recipe.



First Grade studied the States of Matter in Science, and they began exploring and inquiring about the three states of matter. Every week, they have been doing experiments to see how matter works, where it is, and what it is created for. One of their favorites was an inquiry-based lesson on bubbles.



Fourth Graders took a trip to Sacramento where they explored its famous sights, visited the Capitol, and panned for gold.



Third Graders learned about the fifty states and each student picked a state and created a visual to present to the class. Students created floats, posters, brochures and dioramas.

ART PROGRAM 2014: design eARTh

This year, Art went green as students explored art with a twist. Kindergarteners were inspired by artists Mark Rothko, Piet Mondrian, Jackson Pollock and Keith Herring, and created a portfolio using various green mediums: chalk, acrylics and colored pencils. They also painted poppy flowers, made a floral collage, and were introduced to Georgia O'Keefe.



First through Fourth Grade students learned about succulents, They painted terra cotta pots, started a cactus garden, and designed a special Earth Day exhibition with the neighborhood nursery, Yamaguchi. They also made sonography prints in the sun, created a David Hockney drawing and photography collage, and prepared toucan drawings in colored pencils which they displayed at a joint Art show at Cavalry Christian School.



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Fifth Graders designed I-pod eco amps for cell phones, and created a typography collage using a recycled box, used magazines and books. They ended the year with a field trip to LACMA, MOCA, the Annenberg, Getty and Disney Concert Hall.



Overall, students had a great time exploring artists, art mediums, and places. They impressed us all with their year-long project: design eARTh: healing the planet through creativity!



MUSIC



We love to give our students an opportunity to express themselves through Music. Weekly music classes are an integral part of our students' instruction at New Horizon Westside. Students are introduced to the theory of music, and learn about different musical instruments.



SPELLING BEE

Three of our students won trophies at the Inter-school Spelling Bee event this year. Participants from 15 different schools competed in the event.



ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR

Every student in our upper elementary classes participated this year's Annual Science Fair. Each chose a topic to investigate, and conducted an experiment using the scientific method to test the hypothesis they formed on the subject. Students presented their projects to a panel of judges, and top students from every grade level received trophies for their winning projects. All the students got the chance to see the Science Fair projects on display at the Prayer Hall and learn from their findings.



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