

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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The official EEF Newsletter will highlight Foundation grant recipients, upcoming and past events, and happenings around Escondido that affect the students of the city.

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BETTER WORLD WEEK AT CONWAY ACADEMY



Last year this was a one day event. This year it was a whole week event, culminating with lunch for parents and students. Hundreds of parents were in attendance on Friday May 2. Parents and students enjoyed their lunches on the field. Afterwards not a scrap of trash could be seen on the field, the students had fully embraced the idea of "A Better World" and showed their love for the environment.

Some of the topics the students spoke about were:

- 4th graders talked about the use of gray, blue, and green trash cans and where the refuse goes from there. They stressed the importance of putting the right kind of trash in the right kind of container!
- Another grade level took seeds around to homeowners so they can plant flowers and shrubs to enhance the environment.
- A group met with the forest rangers to work on the "tiny" forest that is growing on one corner of the campus. Last year when I attended, the plants were just getting started and there was a lot of space between them. This year they are all grown up! I was amazed at the difference one year could make!
- Students consider themselves "crew", not "passengers" on this voyage into the future.
- In the words of Nelson Mandela, "It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it."

MOBILE CREATIVE ART LAB AT QUANTUM ACADEMY



Amy Murphy's grant, titled "Mobile Creative Art Labs" has students coming up with some very innovative ideas! The lab has a Cricket machine that cuts out designs on paper. On the day of the visit there were three projects. One was a thank you card to EEF, another was a book on science terms for younger learners, and a book on learning sign language.

The books are felt fabric so when students use the books, they will take felt pieces out of the pocket to put on the felt page. One example shown is the girl with the ice cream cone. If the strawberry ice cream is shown, then students will take the proper hand signal to put with it. The science book is a felt fabric version of the paper book. Students can learn what an amoeba is, or a zygote. All very hands and a different way for students to learn!

LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON AT GLEN VIEW ELEMENTARY



LEADERSHIP LUNCHEONS is an activity at Glen View funded by the EEF. Glen View Counselor Melissa Everard has used the MakerSpace cart idea to create a time for students to work together on projects, learn leadership skills, and build self-confidence.



Carol Royer, EEF President visited Glen View to observe the Leadership Luncheon. She writes: "I arrived in time to see one group working on origami shapes and Jenga, while others were engrossed in their hobbies or interests. When it was time to clean up, everything went back on the cart, waiting for the next group to arrive. It was excellent talking to a young man whose baseball team is in the finals. He has a very clear picture of which teams need to be beat in order to win. He gave a demonstration speech to his group on how to swing a bat."

EUSD'S SMART FESTIVAL



EUSD holds the annual smART Festival at the California Center for the Arts in Escondido. Every school in the Escondido Union School District participated in the smART Festival on March 22. This year a digital guide helped attendees find the different pieces of artwork on display from each of the schools. All areas of the CCAE's art museum were used for 2D and 3D art. In addition there were musical and dance performances by students from across the district. (Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Shulok)

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