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Elementary Students Participate in School-Wide Elections in Honor of Voting Day

Students in several Encinitas Union School District schools participate in mock elections, voting on action items specific to their schools, to promote expanded understanding of democratic process.

ENCINITAS – Encinitas Union School District students at Flora Vista, Capri, Mission Estancia, La Costa Heights, El Camino Creek and Paul Ecke Central are getting a hands-on voting day experience by participating in mock elections this week. The event is accompanied by class discussions and activities that promote a deeper understanding of elections and the democratic process in conjunction with the national election day.

Every student from kindergarten to sixth grade will have the opportunity to cast their vote on a variety of topics at their school such as their next spirit day theme, yearbook art covers, jogathon prize options, and more. In order to give students a realistic voting experience, voting booths are set up in the library and multipurpose room where students fill out their digital or paper ballots. Several schools utilize PTA members and school staff to serve as poll workers, while Flora Vista students take shifts running the polls, in addition to their voting. Poll worker responsibilities include assisting students as needed, helping with the flow of voters and passing out “I Voted” stickers upon completion.

We invite you to attend the student election events tomorrow, Tuesday, November 5th at Flora Vista Elementary - 1690 Wandering Rd, Encinitas, CA 92024. You are welcome to stop by anytime between 9:15 am and 1:30 pm. Please reach out to the contact listed above if interested in attending.

Students at Flora Vista will be voting on action items including: new paint colors for the school library, the yearbook cover, a new lunch item for the December school lunch menu (for the entire district) and which book, out of five, that they think should be awarded with the California Young Reader Medal - California’s long standing student-choice award program for children’s literature. In addition to voting, students have the opportunity to listen to Dr. Georgia Kernell, a political science professor and researcher at UCLA, present about the U.S. government system, the election process and the importance of voting.

“I’m excited for our students to practice and learn about civic engagement now, in order to support their journey towards becoming empowered citizens and informed voters as adults,” said Flora Vista principal, Arlene Oyagi. “We’ve chosen ballot items that will allow students to experience the voting process and its impacts in a very tangible way!”

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Encinitas Union School District’s (EUSD) vision is to ignite the limitless potential of all learners. EUSD works to cultivate values of joy, belonging, integrity, service and innovation for its approximately 4,300 students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. EUSD serves the city of Encinitas and the Rancho La Costa area of South Carlsbad in North San Diego County. All nine EUSD schools have been recognized as California Distinguished Schools and serve a diverse and varied community.