



HLPUSD Community Schools 2025-26



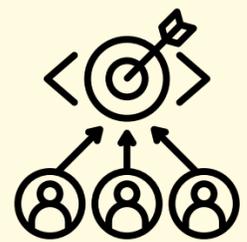
***Growing Stronger Together:
The Evolution of Community Schools***

AGENDA

- 1. Our Purpose:** Centering Community, Equity, & Opportunity
- 2. Progress & Milestones:** Celebrating Growth & Groundwork
- 3. Community Schools in Action:** Impact That Matters
- 4. Looking Ahead:** Expanding Possibilities, Deepening Partnerships

Our Purpose: Centering Community, Equity, & Opportunity

Vision



Our Community Schools are dedicated to creating spaces where all students and their families feel supported and empowered. We strive to address and remove barriers to school success through strong classroom-community connections. Our commitment to continuous improvement ensures that every student and family has the opportunity to thrive.

Commitment

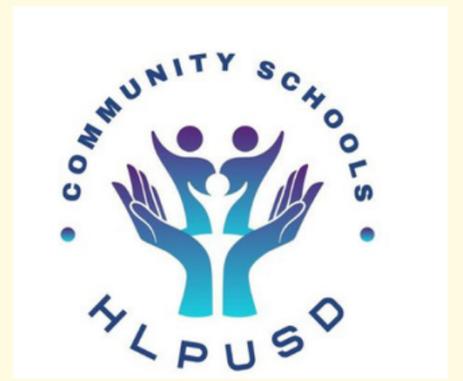
We're committed to building stronger school communities where everyone—students, families, and staff—feels empowered and can flourish.



Our goal is to create a fair and equitable system that supports everyone, including families of children with special needs, by ensuring they are welcomed, valued, and actively included in shaping our shared future.



Progress & Milestones: Celebrating Growth & Groundwork for 17 Community Schools



HLPUSD Community Schools

- Baldwin Academy
- California Elementary
- Fairgrove Academy
- Grandview College Prep Academy
- Kewis Elementary
- La Puente High School
- Lassalette School
- Nelson Elementary
- Palm Elementary
- Sierra Vista Middle School
- Sparks Elementary
- Sparks Middle School
- Valinda Academy
- Valley Alternative High School
- Winglane Elementary
- Workman Elementary
- Workman High School

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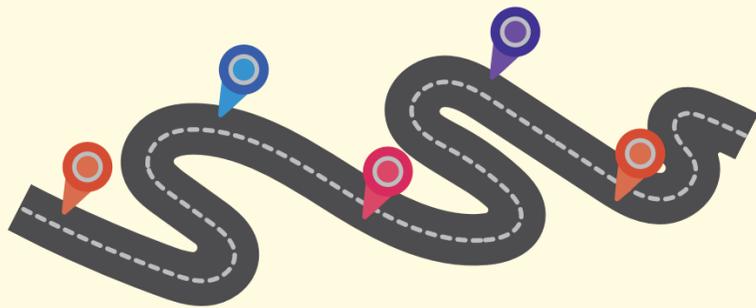
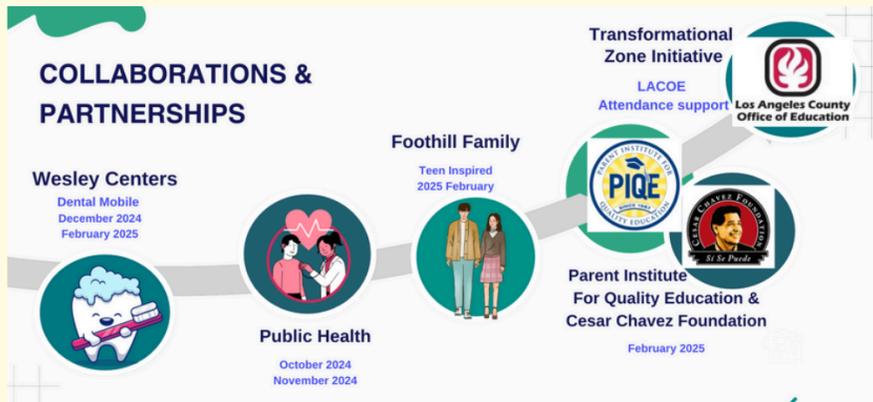
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COMMUNITY SCHOOLS HLPUSD

A community school is a public school that serves Pre-K through 12th grade and has community partnerships that support improved academic outcomes, whole-child engagement, and family development.

-California Department of Education

- **Championed a Shared Vision:** United stakeholders around a powerful Community School vision that reflects our collective hopes and goals.
- **Co-Created a Meaningful Identity:** Helped design a logo that symbolizes our mission and values, giving our work a recognizable and inspiring face.
- **Expanded Student Support:** Increased access to vital resources for students, aligning with HLPUSD's Action Plan to ensure equity and opportunity for all.
- **Strengthened Community Bonds:** Deepened partnerships with families and community organizations, building a stronger, more connected support system for our schools.



Baldwin Academy Community School



COMMUNITY SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Last month, we held our first Community School Advisory Council meeting, and we are excited to announce that we successfully selected our Advisory Council members. The purpose of the Community School Advisory Council is to review the needs of our students, families, school staff, and community. Together, we will assess our existing inventory of partners, programs, and services within the school while identifying and reaching out to new partners to support unmet needs and close any gaps. We look forward to continuing this important work during our next meeting is on February 13, 2025. Thank you to everyone who has shown interest and commitment to making our community stronger!



Making a Difference: Father Figures and Their Impact

On January 24, 2024, we proudly hosted our first Making a Difference: Father Figures and Their Impact event. This special evening was dedicated to the incredible father figures in our community, celebrating the vital role they play in the lives of our students.

The event featured two inspiring speakers who shared heartfelt stories about their experiences as fathers and the profound influence their own fathers had on their lives. Their words resonated deeply with attendees, highlighting the importance of love, guidance, and support in shaping the next generation.

We are incredibly grateful to our Booster Club for helping to host this meaningful event and for providing a delicious dinner for our father figures.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making this night a success! We look forward to continuing to celebrate and support the amazing caregivers in our Baldwin Academy community.

Stay tuned for more upcoming events—we can't wait to continue building connections and making a difference together!



Cultivating Meaningful Family Engagement



California Elementary Community School



CALIFORNIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"Our school is the gateway to excellence, where every student thrives and dreams become reality."

Upcoming Parent Workshops
Próximos talleres para padres

CALIFORNIA ES 2025

FEB. 24	UNDERSTANDING NEURODEVELOPMENT DISORDERS Comprender los trastornos del desarrollo
MARCH 17	UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY AND BUILDING RESILIENCY Comprender la ansiedad y construcción de la resiliencia
MARCH 25	TAKING CONTROL OF YOUR FINANCES (VIA ZOOM) Tomando Control de Sus Finanzas
APRIL 14	IMMIGRATION, MENTAL HEALTH AND RESILIENCY Inmigración, salud mental y resiliencia
APRIL 15	UNDERSTANDING CREDIT & CREDIT SCORE (VIA ZOOM) Entendimiento de Crédito y las Puntuaciones de Crédito
MAY 12	CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND RESILIENCY Prevención y resiliencia del abuso infantil

Location: Cafeteria | Time: 8:30AM - 10:00AM

Workshops only in Spanish / Talleres solo en español

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN
EVERY DAY COUNTS

We will be rewarding each student that has great attendance with only 1 absence throughout each month. Sign up for school each day!

Campaign Dates	Rewards
January 15 - 31, 2025	Extra Recess & Snack
February 3 - 28, 2025	Movie & Snack
March 3 - 31, 2025	Pizza Party
April 3 - 30, 2025	Fun in the Sun!

SAVE THE DATE
RESERVE LA FECHA
COME & JOIN US FOR OUR
VEN Y ÚNETE A NOSOTROS EN NUESTRO

2025 KIDCHELLA
THURSDAY MARCH 27, 2025
1:30PM - 4:00PM

FREE ENTRY

We will be having 10 raffles. \$10 contribution. \$20 contribution group. \$50 contribution grand prize. All contributions go to the school. All prizes are guaranteed.

Tendremos 10 sorteos. \$10 contribución. \$20 contribución grupo. \$50 contribución premio mayor. Todas las contribuciones van a la escuela. Todos los premios son garantizados.











APRIL LUNCH ACTIVITIES

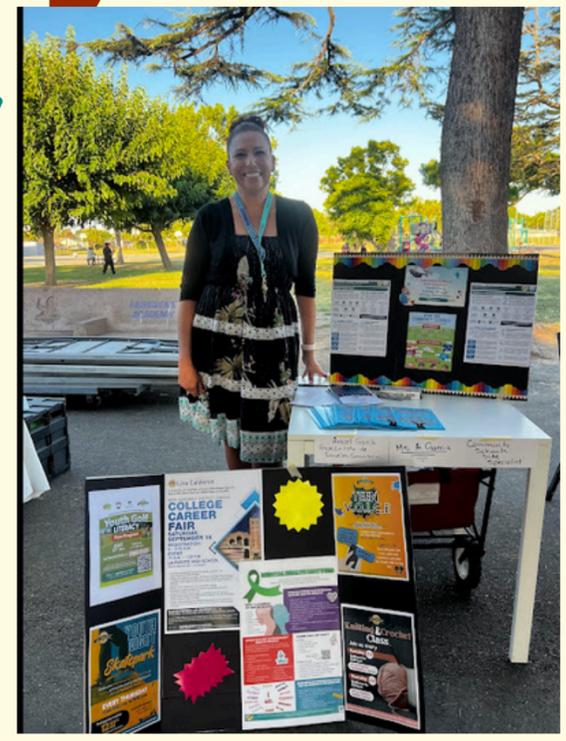
APRIL 2, 2025 Autism Awareness Puzzle Activity Mrs. G	APRIL 3, 2025 Egg-pressions of Kindness Mrs. Arriola, Ms. Mealy	APRIL 8, 2025 Egg-pressions of Kindness Mrs. Arriola, Ms. Mealy	APRIL 13, 2025 Sensory Egg Ms. Mealy	APRIL 15, 2025 Earth Day Project Mrs. Arriola, Ms. Mealy	APRIL 22, 2025 Egg-pressions of Kindness Mrs. Arriola, Ms. Mealy
APRIL 16, 2025 Egg-pressions of Kindness Mrs. G	APRIL 23, 2025 Earth Day Project Mrs. Arriola, Ms. Mealy	APRIL 28, 2025 Egg-pressions of Kindness Mrs. Arriola, Ms. Mealy	APRIL 29, 2025 Egg-pressions of Kindness Mrs. Arriola, Ms. Mealy		



**From Participation to Passion:
Deepening Student & Family
Connection to Learning**

Fairgrove Academy Community School

Listening Deeply, Teaching Responsively



**FAIRGROVE
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS
FIRE DISASTER
DONATION DRIVE
JAN. 13-17**

Fairgrove Falcons and families, let's unite to help our neighbors affected by the devastating fires. Donations will be given to local fire victim shelters.

Here's what you can donate:

- Unused clothes, shoes, and blankets
- Personal hygiene items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, etc.
- Baby supplies: diapers, formula, clothing

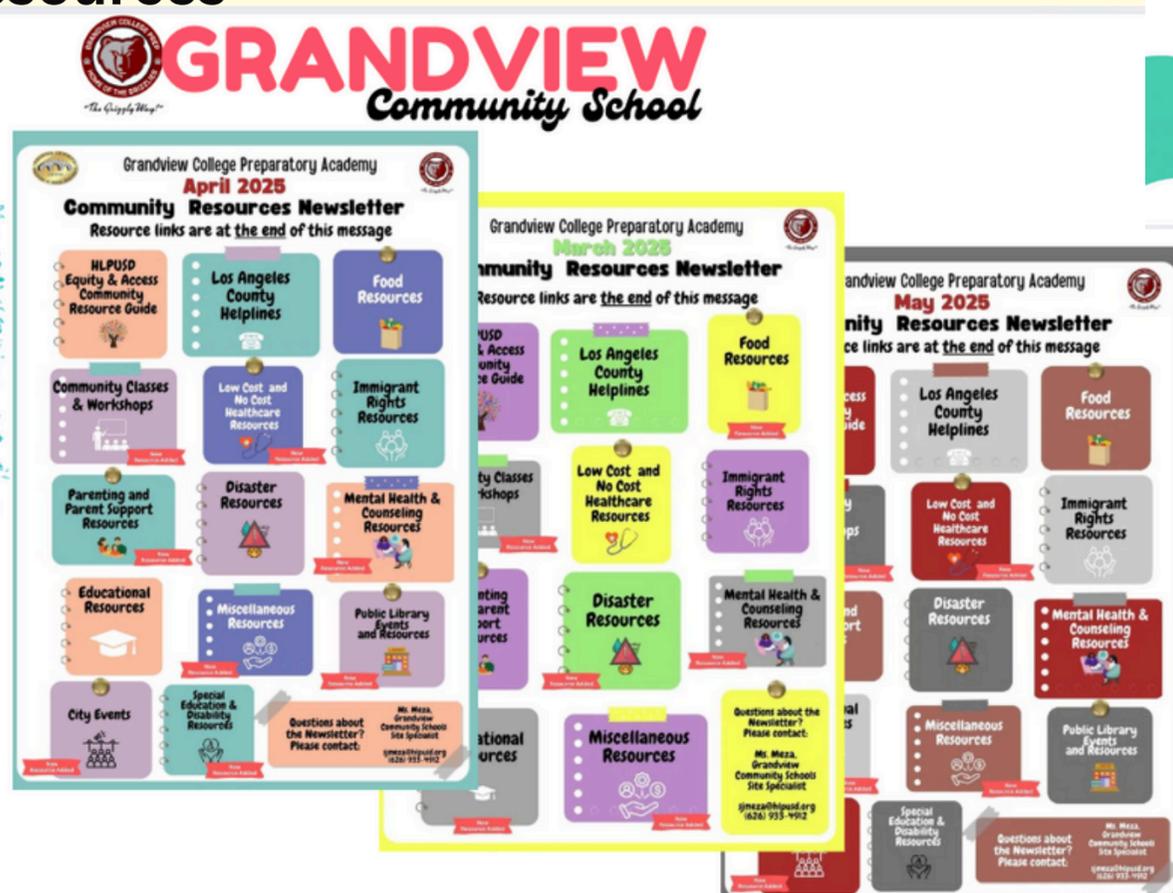
Please drop off your donations at the front of the school's office, at the Falcon's Nest (room 17) or in participating teacher classrooms. Contact Ms. A. Garcia for more info at argar

**Community School Student
Advisory Council**



Grandview Community School

Strengthening Our Foundation, Elevating Our Impact Through Community Resources



Kwis Elementary Community School

KWIS ELEMENTARY
Community School Newsletter

kwis
family
community night



EVENTS LAST
MONTH

after school
yoga
in room k1



attendance
matters

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EVENTS THIS MONTH

Wednesday, February 5, 12, 26 - Yoga at 2:30-3:00pm in Room K1

Monday, February 24, March 3, 10 - Parent Workshops at 8:15-9:00am in Room Portable C

Thursday, February 27 - Kwis Family Community Night: Celebrating Black History Month with a Learning Literacy Night at 6:00-7:30pm
Everyone welcome!

KWIS HIGHLIGHTS



Culturally Connected, Academically Empowered

PARENT WORKSHOPS



Kwis Family
Community Night
Black History Month



GARDEN WITH YOUR GRANDPARENT



Lassalette Community School



Crow and Glow Party

To celebrate our students' hard work and progress on their MAP scores, we hosted a Grow and Glow Party! Any student who showed growth in math or language arts got to join the fun at a glow-in-the-dark dance party filled with music, lights, and excitement. We are so proud of our students for their dedication to learning and improvement. Keep up the great work—let's keep growing and glowing!

Wesley Dental

Our 2nd and 3rd grade students had a special visit from Wesley Dental, who taught them all about the importance of oral health! During the assembly, students learned how to take care of their teeth with proper brushing, flossing, and healthy habits. As a bonus, each student received a lunchbox filled with a toothbrush, floss, and toothpaste to help them keep their smiles bright. 🦷👏🌟

Upcoming events & Important dates

- Lucky Ducky - Students who show improvement in their AR get a rubber ducky
- March 3-7 Reach Across America
- March 3-7 Parent Conference Week
- March 5 CS Advisory Meeting
- March 14 Community Movie Night



Increasing Student Attendance

Attendance

Mrs. Oh's class had the best attendance 2/3 - 2/7

Wow! 3rd TIME

OMG!

ATTENDANCE NUMBERS FOR FEB 11

95%

We are committed to building strong attendance habits for student success! Our attendance campaign is going strong as we continue to encourage students to be at school every day. Each week, we celebrate the class with the best attendance by hosting a short dance party and providing a special treat as a reward for their dedication.

Lassalette School **BONUS**

Free Parent Workshop

Helping children resolve conflicts

PARENTS WHO ATTEND WILL EARN A POPSICLE PARTY FOR THEIR CHILD

LASSALETTE CAFETERIA
WED | 3/19 | 8:30 AM

What parents will learn:

- Practical tips to help children manage disagreements
- How to express emotions in a positive way
- Strategies to build stronger relationships

**Together We Rise:
Growing Family Engagement from 5 to 44 at Parent Workshops!**



Nelson Community School



COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Opportunity. Equity. Families.

Nelson Knight News

January 2025

Anything But a Backpack!
January 17, 2025

Upcoming Events

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETING DATES

- SEPTEMBER 16, 2024
- OCTOBER 17, 2024
- JANUARY 21, 2025
- MARCH 19, 2025
- APRIL 16 AND 17, 2025

2-3PM IN THE NELSON CAFETERIA

ELAC MEETINGS 2024-2025

ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISCUSSES THE NEEDS OF EL STUDENTS

- WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18, 2024
- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025
- THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025
- THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025

8:00 AM IN THE NELSON CAFETERIA

ALL ARE WELCOME

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

800-555-5555

Fostering Belonging and Responsibility Through Positive Behavior Supports Intervention



Investing in Empowerment: Community Site Specialist John Cabrera Secured **\$1,000** to Strengthen Our Parent Resource Center!



Increasing Attendance by Celebrating Students

La Puente High Community School



Palm Elementary Community School



Palm Elementary Community School Resource (PECSR) Room

PALM COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

"OHANA MEANS FAMILY"

FEBRUARY 2025

WINTER NEWS

We hope everyone had a restful break and our Palm Panthers got some much-needed relaxation. As we start the new year and new semester, let's reflect on our successes and identify areas for growth. It's a perfect time for a fresh start and setting personal or academic goals. What's one thing you'd like to improve in 2025?



FEBRUARY EVENTS

- Feb. 8 : Cancer Walk
Where: Palm Elementary
Time: 11 AM - 1 PM
- Feb. 10 - NO SCHOOL - Lincoln's B-Day
- Feb. 14 - Valentines Day
- Feb. 14 - Fairy Tale Ball
Where: Palm ES
Time: 5 PM - 8 PM
- Feb. 17- NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day

CANCER WALK

The 3rd Annual Cancer Walk was a heartwarming event filled with community spirit and support. Attendees enjoyed a variety of activities, including face painting, rock painting, and bracelet making. The Community Schools booth generously provided free winter clothes and food, while the Public Health booth offered essential vaccinations, including flu and COVID shots.

The PTO kept everyone well-fed with delicious food, snacks, and beverages, and the free Kona Ice was a hit among participants. Palm Panther Student Leaders played a crucial role, running booths, handing out sashes, and delivering inspiring speeches. Additionally, the event featured a sock donation drive, helping those in need stay warm this winter.

Special Thanks and Appreciations:
A huge thank you to all the vendors, volunteers, and participants who made this event possible. Your dedication and hard work truly shone through. A special shoutout to the Palm Panther Student Leaders for their enthusiasm and leadership - you made a significant impact! Thank you to everyone who donated socks and supported our community. Your kindness and generosity are deeply appreciated. Together, we are making a positive difference!

MARCH EVENTS

- Mar 1 - Paw Academy
- Mar 3-7 - Read Across America

PECSR

PALM ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY SCHOOL RESOURCE ROOM

- Hours: Mon - Friday 8:30am - 2:30pm
- Make appointment with Mr. Kim
- Mr. Kim - Ckim@hlpusd.org

FAMILY RESOURCES

- St. John Vianney Food Pantry Must have I.D., proof of address/utility bill, proof of EBT, Disability or Unemployment. Debe tener identificación, prueba de dirección (factura de servicios públicos), prueba de EBT, Discapacidad o Desempleo
- Saturdays / Sábados: 8 - 10am 1345 Turnbull Canyon Road Hacienda



Enhanced Community Events with Partnership with Public Health Vaccination Clinic



Sparks El. Community School

A Spark of Support, A World of Possibilities: Your Parent Resource Hub at Sparks Elementary Community School



Strategic Parent Workshops: Community Safety with Hilda Solis's Office

Addressing Chronic Absenteeism with LACOE's Transformational Partners



Sparks Middle Community School



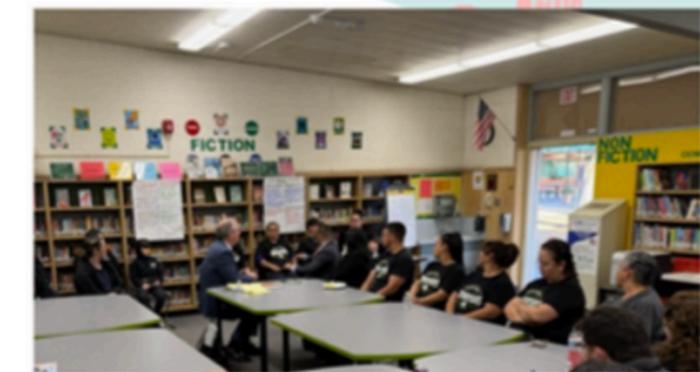
February 2025



April 2025

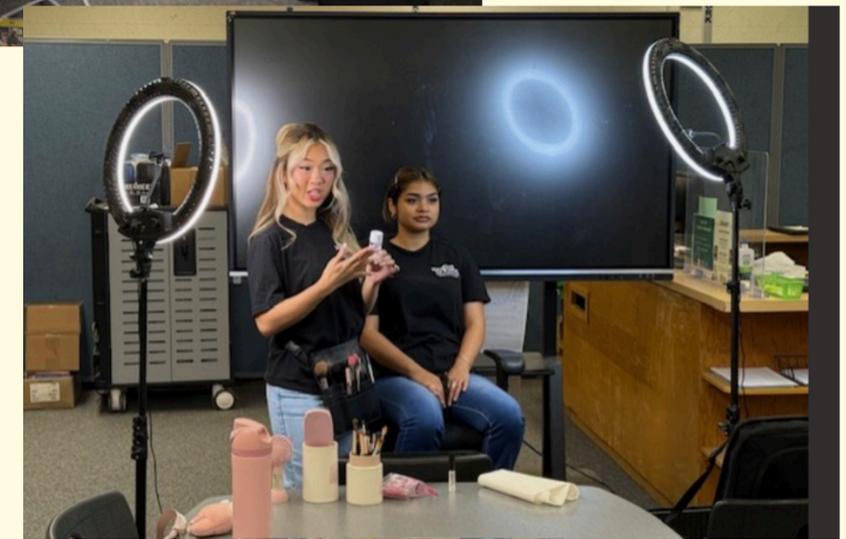


Kindness Week Fun



Schools To Watch Round Table with Sparks Middle Staff, Parents & Community Members

Mental Health & Wellness:
Expanded Access and Services
 We strengthened mental health support by hiring two interventionists, streamlining referrals, and securing two full-time Sycamore clinicians. Partnerships with Pacific Clinics and Foothill Services expanded group counseling and SEL lessons, ensuring more students received timely, holistic care.



Integrated Student Supports: Tier 2 & 3 Interventions
 Sparks Middle School Community School Specialist played a vital role in the MTSS team, delivering targeted support to McKinney-Vento and foster youth, chronically absent students, and English Language Learners. Through close collaboration with families and district partners, we ensured students received the right interventions at the right time.

Community Partnerships & Student Incentives
 New partnerships with the Dodgers, Angels, Walmart, and Superior brought in vital resources and recognition programs. These collaborations fueled student motivation through incentives tied to academic growth, attendance, and positive behavior.



AAUW Math Science Conference Whittier College



Community School Advisory Council Meeting



Sierra Vista Community School

**Nurturing Growth,
One Positive Action
at a Time: Extended
Student Engagement
at the Pali Institute**



**From Collaboration to
Cultivation:
Partnerships That
Planted the Seeds of
Change**



**Building
Community
with
Students &
Parents**



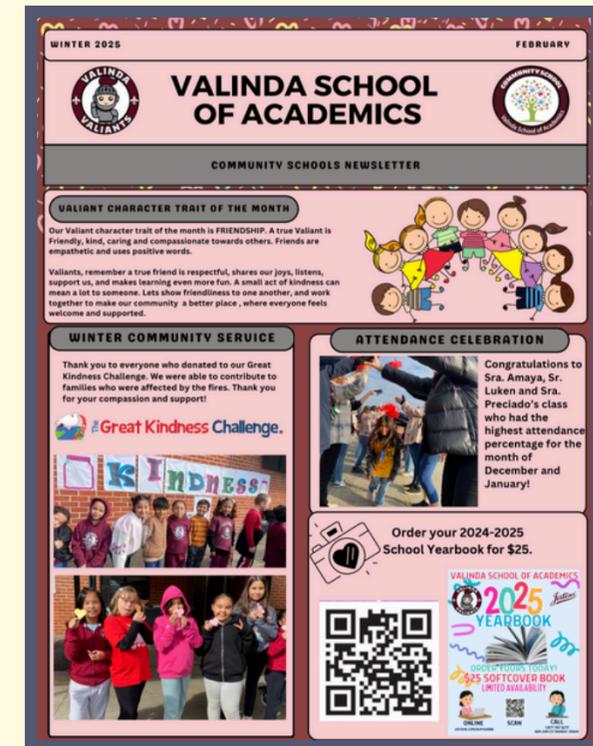
Valinda School of Academics Community School

Empowering Families & Educators
Through Meaningful Partnerships

We're proud to strengthen parent-school connections with **FREE** workshops from the **Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE)**—designed to empower families with tools for student success.

In addition, thanks to the generous support of the **César Chávez Foundation**, **TK teachers** are receiving professional development opportunities that promote equity, cultural responsiveness, and inclusive practices in the classroom.

Together, we're building a thriving school community where families and educators grow side by side.



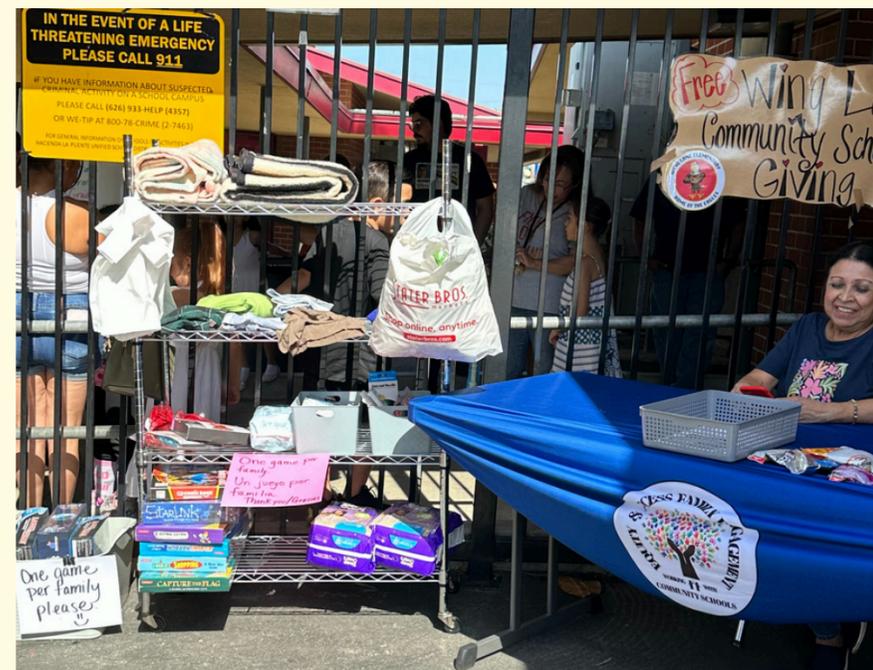
Wing Lane Elementary Community School



Creating Learning Experiences Outside the Classroom that Captivate and Inspire



Wing Lane has a Hub of Hope and Help: Supporting Families Every Step of the Way



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Workman Elementary Community School

Workman Elementary is Celebrating Every Day of Learning —New and Exciting Attendance Incentives Are Inspiring Students to Show Up, Shine, and Succeed!



WOHS is strengthening Connections, Expanding Impact: Deepening Community Outreach with Feeder Schools and Growing Transformative Partnerships.

Workman High School Community School



MSW INTERNS

STEPHANIE REYES
CSULB
MSW Degree
PPSC-CWAS Credential
Tuesdays & Thursdays

LLUVIA CERVANTES
Azusa Pacific University
MSW Degree
Mondays & Wednesdays

INGRID FLORES
CSUSB
MSW Degree
PPSC-CWAS Credential
Mondays

October 2024
WOHS visited Workman Quad schools during the month of October to increase WOHS visibility, strengthen and built community.

November 2024

- Workman Quad students and families were invited to attend Dia De Los Lobos.
- CS /LCAP Student Conference.
- WOHS collaborated with Hilda Solis, Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation, and Notary Club of Industry Hills to distribute Thanksgiving baskets to WOHS Lobos.
- WOHS hosted the HLPUSD CS Advisory Council.

December 2024

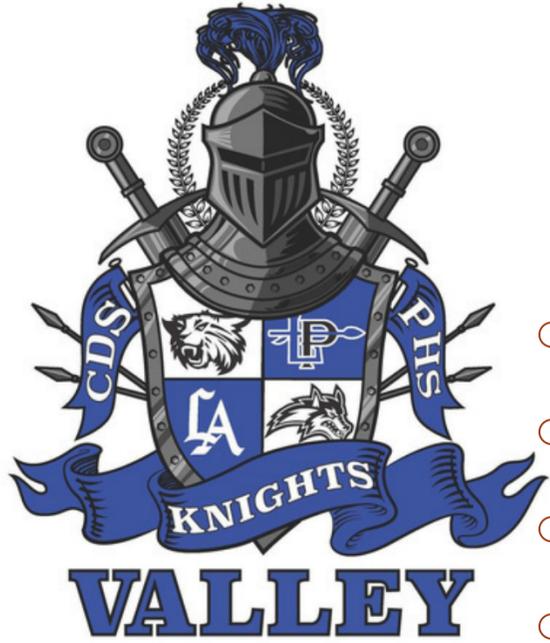
- WOHS hosted the HLPUSD Toys-for-Tots.
 - Distributed toys to approximately 800 families.
 - Collaborated with HLPUSD E &A and U.S. Marine Corps.
- Collaborated with Del Haven to identify Lobo families for Holiday gift distribution.

They are building stronger bridges with our feeder schools to support student success from the start. At the same time, expanding partnerships with social workers intern programs to provide holistic support and deepen our community impact.

Valley Alternative Community School



Valley Enhancing Student Engagement & Attendance



- Unity Day
- Suicide Prevention Week
- Fall Festival (K-12)
- Red Ribbon Week
- Weekly Attendance Treats
- Attendance Challenge
- Mock election



- RISE Program
- Lotteria Fridays
- SEL Teacher Group
- Community college visit
- FAFSA Workshop
- Model Continuation School



- Early Grads
- Academic interventionists
- Pi Day
- SoCal Trade Tour



Continuous Improvement

Whole Child, Whole Community

Commitment to Continuous Growth

Community Schools Site Specialists will continue to

- Conducted comprehensive assessments of school communities through a whole-child lens.
- Revisited and refined implementation plans to align with evolving needs.
- Identified key assets and gaps to support students and families better.
- Prioritized equity by addressing the unique needs of marginalized groups.
- Strengthened family supports to foster inclusive, thriving school environments.



Key Milestones on Our Path to Impact



- **Mental Health & Wellness Support:** Fostering emotional resilience and well-being through accessible, compassionate care.

- **Boosting Attendance:** Creating a welcoming, inclusive environment that encourages consistent student presence and participation.



- **Academic Support Systems:** Providing tutoring and other academic supports

- **Parent Workshops Tailored to Community Needs:** Partnering with families through responsive, relevant, and empowering learning experiences.



- **Increased Student Engagement Activities:** Inspiring curiosity and connection through vibrant, student-centered programs and events.



- **Restorative Practices:** Building a culture of accountability, empathy, and healing through dialogue and community-building.

- **Culturally Relevant Learning:** Celebrating diversity and identity by integrating students' cultural experiences into meaningful, affirming instruction.

*****2025–2026 Implementation Plans Now Available**

Each school's implementation plan is accessible on its own website and the HLPUSD Community Schools website, ensuring transparency, alignment, and a shared vision across our district.

Thank you!

Want to Learn More?

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