**MAGNOLIA** ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Magnolia Families,

We are excited to share that for the 2025–26 school year, all sixth-grade students at Magnolia Elementary will have the opportunity to attend science camp at no cost to families. This opportunity is fully funded by the Upland Unified School District through supplemental and concentration grant dollars designated for educational enrichment under our Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

What This Means for You:

- Science camp admission and transportation will be covered by the district, up to $395 per student.
- Each school has selected a camp that meets its community's needs and will continue to offer the same engaging outdoor learning experience.
- No fundraising or parent payments will be required for this year's science camp.
- Unsolicited donations are welcome, but not expected.

We know this announcement may come as a surprise to some, especially as families are used to contributing toward camp costs. We know you may have questions on how the district can afford this while at the same time we are working to stabilize our budget due to declining enrollment.

Here's how to make sense of it:

- The funding for science camp comes from grant dollars which are restricted for use on student supports and educational programs that improve learning outcomes, especially for underserved students.
- These funds cannot be used for general district operations or to offset staffing costs, which is why they remain available for camp even in a time of broader fiscal constraint.
- This decision reflects the district's commitment to equity and enrichment, ensuring that all students benefit from meaningful, shared experiences, regardless of a family's financial situation.

Sixth Grade teachers will be sending out more detailed information about the logistics of the sixth grade camp experience for our school in the near future. Below are the dates and location of camp for Magnolia students:

Date: February 17, 2026 - Feb. 20, 2026
Location: High Trails Outdoor Science School - Angelus Oaks, CA

If you have any immediate questions or would like to know more, please feel free to reach out to our office at 909-949-7750.

Thank you for your continued support and trust. We are proud to offer our students a memorable, educational experience as part of their sixth-grade journey.

Warmly, Katie Deniz

Principal, Magnolia