



MAMMOTHS UNDER THE STARS NEWSLETTER

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ABOUT US

We are 3rd and 4th Grade students who joined the Newsletter & Photography Club. We learned so much about interviewing and taking pictures. Skylar said, "We made up the questions before interviewing the teachers and students." Jaylene shared that "something we love about our club is that we can be happy about each other and we can count on each other." Mr. Katz and Ms. McPhee say that "we can't wait to continue creating a newsletter during the 24-25 school year. We are so proud of the lessons the students learned and the results of the first ever Mammoth Under the Stars Newsletter!"



Admin and the Club

WHO IS OUR PRINCIPAL FOR SUMMER ACADEMY?

When Mr. Pierre was asked to take on the role of Principal for Summer Academy, he was absolutely excited! He had just completed his 2nd Master's degree in the Urban Leadership Program at UNLV. He told us that he felt "terrific and fantastic" for this opportunity. He not only loves being a teacher, but this way he gets to "see the school from a different point of view". He was studying to be a doctor before his life direction changed. Ms. Cox encouraged him to get his Masters in Education. "She became my Mentor for that program," he said. Mr. Pierre shared, "This (being the principal) has been a very rewarding experience".



S'MORE S'NEW S'LEADERSHIP

Mr. Pierre recruited Ms. Cox to be a part of the Summer Academy Leadership Team. He told the Newsletter/Photography Club, "When I was told that I could have whoever I wanted on my Leadership Team, the first person I thought of was Ms. Cox". She said, "I would love to help as long as he was the one who responded to emails and I got to be the one setting up the fun stuff." She loves teaching "because it's not boring." Ms. Cox shared with us that "I let kids be kids".

Ms. Cox is both thrilled and scared for her new learning adventure. She said that Woolley Elementary School Principal Ms. Anna Cool-MacRae told her, "Sometimes you have to go to grow". Ms. Cox is going to be a Learning Strategist at a different elementary school in the fall. Jaylene said, "We will miss her being in our Woolley Family." "We'll miss seeing her smiling face around the school," said Stephanie. We wish Ms. Cox good luck on her new adventure!



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BAKING CLUB

Ms. Linsey and Ms. Sanchez were the Lead Bakers of Summer Academy. Students replied that they liked baking and making new things. Their favorites were the cheesecake and sugar cookies. Something that students told us was that they learned that measuring the stuff was important.



Ms. Bristow, Ms. Payne
and the Newspaper/Photography Club

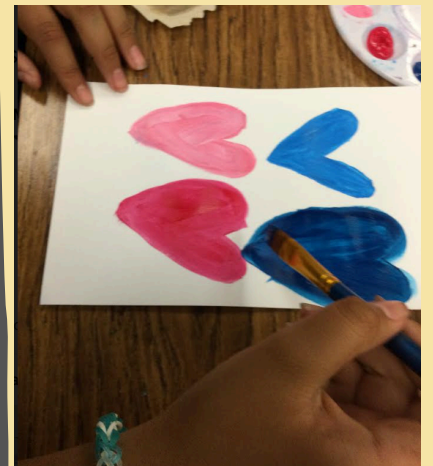
THROUGH THE WINDOW "PAYNE"

Ms. Payne was also one of our Summer Academy Leadership Team members. When asked how she liked it, she told us, "It feels great to change from a teacher to a specialist and now to an administrator." She shared that teaching is "a great passion for me, I love it!" Ms. Payne loves planning activities and seeing students make tie-dye shirts and singing camp fire songs. She loves building connections with students. Ms. Payne has taught since 2016; dance at the beginning and then education currently. She has two previous Master's degrees and is currently working on her third, which is the same one that Mr. Pierre and Ms. Cox just received. Her view of Leadership is more about service. "How can I serve you?" and "How can I be of service to make things easier for you?", were two things she said to us many times. She feels that when she is in charge, she is a servant to the people. She added that she didn't mean servant in a bad way but because she is helping more than one person at a time and with more of what they wanted. Ms. Payne also shared that she will be getting a doctorate degree "because the steps to where I see myself going in the future start right now." She is bringing "the best planning to this leadership position so kids can have fun."

ARTS & CRAFTS CLUB

Mrs. Bartolini and Mrs. Vallodolid were the A&C Crafticians.

Denise, Edgar, and Jenasis shared three of their favorite activities from Arts and Crafts Club. They liked to draw. They had fun learning about painting. One other very important thing they learned was to focus on what they were doing.





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GARDEN CLUB

Ms. Faby and Ms. Cozo were our Garden Gnomes.

Students told us that they enjoyed planting and tasting vegetables that they grew! Penelope and Fabian said that, "We had fun pouring water on plants and sweeping the dirt". The students also liked learning how to make compost and how to use it.



Penelope doing her favorite thing

"SEL"ECTING "S-E-L"

Ms. Bristow is joining the Specialist Team as the Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Teacher. She is so excited to have the chance to teach students how to understand and process their feelings. She has been a teacher for four years; she said that "it doesn't sound like that much but it feels a lot". She taught 2nd grade for two years, 4th grade for one year, and is now moving to SEL. She heard of an opportunity to become the SEL Specials Teacher and thought "If I could get that position, I would be SO grateful!" She shared that "I will miss teaching my own class but is excited to teach every student." The reason why Ms. Bristow is thrilled to teach SEL is because "I have lots of feelings and I want others to learn how to express theirs."



Mr. Martinez and Ms. Cronk and the Club

DRAMA/MUSIC CLUB

The students working with Mr. Martinez and Ms. Cronk like this club because the puppets were fun to make and perform with. The story of Peter & the Wolf is awesome to do. One student said, "Playing the instruments is fun and noisy!". Students enjoyed learning how to act on a stage. One student exclaimed, "I can use my imagination to create characters!".





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Lyvvi Kirby
Mini Mammoths



Hayley Tripoli
Mini Mammoths



Lyana Dominguez
Mini Mammoths



Mila Dominguez
Mini Mammoths



Jude Cronk
Mini Mammoths



Thomas Woods
Mini Mammoths

These Mini Mammoths joined our school during the 2023-2024 school year.

Mrs. Linares

INTRODUCING OUR "WOOLLEY" NEW TEACHER

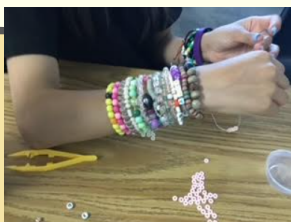
Mrs. Linares joined us for Summer Academy and is joining Woolley Teachers beginning in the 2024-2025 school year in Third Grade. She has been a teacher 20 and a half years. She was last at Fredrick Watson School and has worked at many schools in different roles. She has a Master's Degree from the same program as Mr. Pierre. Her greatest accomplishment that she shared is "being a mom and a great wife to my husband and kids." Mrs. Linares shared that "I am very excited to bring my strategies, love, and experience to Woolley". She is very happy to join our school.



BRACELETS CLUB

Students in the Bracelets Club who were interviewed told us that they enjoyed being creative. Look at that bird!

Students said that they learned about designing their own bracelets. Students were proud of seeing and wearing their bracelets at the end. Stephanie from 1st grade exclaimed "I made 5 bracelets and I'm going to make 1,000 more!"



LEGOS CLUB

The students in the Legos Club liked having fun and being creative. One student told us that he looked forward to continuing to build-on from the previous day or start building new ideas every day. Mrs. Linares said that she liked seeing the students collaborating together.

