



GOOD NEWS UPDATE

October 5, 2016

Estrella Vista STEM Academy

Education Master's Putting Opportunity within Everyone's Reach. Estrella Vista STEM Academy would like to congratulate **Sean Cappello**, 3rd grade teacher, for being nominated and selected by his peers as the September Teacher of the Month. Mr. Cappello is dedicated to promoting the highest success academically, socially and emotionally for all students he serves. He does this by being involved in extra-curricular clubs such as the Girls Running Club, volunteering as a teacher leader and mentor on the Make Your Day School Cadre. Mr. Cappello also spending endless hours before and after school tutoring students in academics, volunteering to support after school supervision until the last student gets on the bus, supporting teachers on his team with research and best practices for instruction and mentoring numerous students throughout the campus. These are just a few of the ways he demonstrates his leadership and commitment to every child and staff member on the Estrella Vista campus. Mr. Cappello is a true exemplar in living the Littleton Elementary School District values of trust, respect, integrity, collaboration and dedication and shows it day in and day out. Way to go Mr. Cappello for playing such an integral role as an Estrella Vista Hawk. We are so proud of your accomplishment!

Developing Partnerships with Parents & Kids at Hope. This month **Estrella Vista Hawk PTSA** collaborated with our Before and After School Club Coordinator, **Anthony Haduch**, and provided free health snacks for parents and students who came to Estrella Vista's Fall Club Night. As Estrella Vista staff strive to support health and well-being of our students, PTSA jumped right in to model this with their donation of snacks. In addition, the PTSA will be providing a much needed and healthy dinner for the Hawk Staff on Thursday, October 6th for a late night of Parent/Teacher Conferences. Thank you **Estrella Vista PTSA** for your consistent dedication.

School Leadership Team Facilitates an Engaging IGP Professional Development! On Wednesday, October 5th the **Estrella Vista Leadership Team** members will facilitate professional development on IGPs to small groups of teachers. The professional development will start off by evaluating practices currently happening as a STEM school by viewing and analyzing a snapshot of something occurring in their classrooms over the past week. This snapshot will provide insight for each teacher on what they see and where they want to go in supporting high academic achievement through their practice goals and reflection. The team was led first by Principal, **Richard Ramos**, in two previous leadership team meetings to guide members of the team to facilitate using the trainer of trainers' model. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to setting our teachers up for success and small wins with their IGPs this school year **Danielle Stone** ~ Kindergarten teacher, **Anthony Haduch** ~ 4th grade teacher, **Michelle Gerrick** ~ 6th grade teacher, **Michael Laureano** ~ 6th grade teacher and Principal Intern, **Rebecca Boltjes** ~ 8th grade ELA teacher, **Antony Brophy** ~ P.E. teacher, **Jennifer Brees** ~ SAC, **Susan Rumann** ~ SAC, **Rebecca Lopez** ~ Dean of Students, **Katherine Hoornstra** ~ Assistant Principal and **Richard Ramos** ~ Principal! We look forward to what teacher and leadership goals will bring for high student achievement!

EVES Clubs Begin After an Amazing Turnout at September's Kids at Hope Hobbies & Recreation Club Night! Thank you to **Anthony Haduch** ~ 4th grade teacher and Before and After School Site Coordinator and all teachers for your hard work and dedication to supporting our students in the destination of Hobbies & Recreation at our Fall Club Night! There was a great deal of celebration at this event and it is because of Mr. Haduch and our Club



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Sponsors and the momentum everyone has generated for after school programming within our community that made this event successful! As a result of the event, Estrella Vista STEM Academy will be providing after school opportunities to approximately 150 students within our school! This is something to truly celebrate. Thank you to the following teachers who planned a booth to recruit for their Fall Semester Club:

Stacy Batiste & Susan Cox: Garden Club

Michael Laureano: MESA/STEM Club

Rachel Vliek & Alyssa Pakes: Junior STEM Club

Alyssa Nelson, Daisy Sandoval & Rebekah Smith: Junior Pom Squad

Susan Rumann: Math Competitive Team

Nicole Clark: Math Challenge Club

Julia Greenwald: Yearbook

John Frilando & Rachel Vliek: STEM Community & Service Club

Susan Rumann, Ashley Chapman, Brittany Levandoski, Lori Bowden & Ms. *Jessica Gensel*: Tutoring

Michelle Pitters, Ashley Chapman & Rebekah Smith: Girls Running Club

Michelle Pitters: Student Council

Stephan Batchelder & Jamie Peltier: Mentoring Club

We would also like to thank *Laura Montano* for creating all of the signs for the event and *Rosie Fleeman* for hosting an arts and crafts station during the event!

EVES Junior Pom Squad Clinic a Success! Way to go *Alyssa Nelson* ~ 2nd grade teacher and Junior Pom coach, *Daisy Sandoval* and *Rebekah Smith* ~ 3rd grade teachers and Junior Pom coaches for hosting Estrella Vista's first event with our Kindergarten through 3rd grade Junior Pom girls! Thank you to Ms. Nelson who was able to collaborate and partner up with Tolleson Union High School Cheer coach to host a clinic on Saturday, October 1st at Estrella Vista. Two cheerleaders from TUHS came in to work with our students and the clinic focused on teaching our girls basic cheers, group stunts, music and dance. We look forward to our Junior Pom Squad performing at the Tolleson Union High School Homecoming Football game on Friday, October 7th at the Halftime Show!

Littleton Elementary School

Kids at Hope Night a Huge Success! Littleton held the first Kids at Hope night of the 2016/2017 school year on Friday, September 23rd. The turnout was amazing, with a large number of parents and students in attendance. Students enjoyed music, arts and crafts, a photo booth, face painting, music, and snacks. Middle school students faced off against staff members in multiple basketball games as well. These nights are a great opportunity for all of Littleton's aces to come together and celebrate our students' success. These nights also provide treasure hunters with the opportunity to observe talents and skills of our students that we might not typically see. Everyone in attendance is looking forward to future opportunities to come together and celebrate.

7th and 8th Grade Students Well on Their Way to Washington D.C. Students have begun the fundraising process for their trip to Washington D.C. with the help of the *Littleton PTA*. Students and teachers held a car wash in the



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Littleton Elementary School parking lot on Saturday, September 24th from 11:00 to 2:00, and raised over \$350! The PTA is planning similar fundraising events in the future and are excited to help send our students on an unforgettable trip.

Amazing Turnout for Peter Piper Night. Littleton PTA organized and held the first Peter Piper Pizza night on Thursday, September 29th. It was a great night for all. Teachers and students enjoyed food, games, and great company, and even managed to raise some money for the PTA in the process. There was an amazing teacher turnout at the event, and the students loved the opportunity to spend quality time with their teachers outside of the classroom setting. This was another great night that strengthened the community of Littleton Elementary School. Our students are lucky to have such dedicated and involved teachers and parents. They are the aces that make a difference in the lives of our students!