



**GOOD NEWS UPDATE**

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## **Estrella Vista STEM Academy**

Education Master's Putting Opportunity Within Everyone's Reach. We would like to congratulate **Mrs. Cynthia Landis**, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, for being nominated and selected by her peers as the October Teacher of the Month. **Mrs. Landis** has been a dedicated teacher at Estrella Vista for the past 4 years. She consistently goes above and beyond for her grade level team, her students, the school and her involvement in District Committees such as LEAP. She's always willing to lend a helping hand and collaborate with her peers in regards to student safety, well-being, academics and grade level achievement. In addition, **Mrs. Landis** has put a lot of time and effort in before and after school as well as during these past summer building relationships with our students outside of the classroom in her work with our Middle School Pom Squad. The hard work and dedication she has put in with the girls she has worked with is definitely recognized in their performances for Estrella Vista to rally up our Spirit during First Friday Assemblies as well as at various sporting events. Way to go **Mrs. Cynthia Landis** 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** had a great month of parent and student involvement. During the month of October, **PTSA members** voted on their winner for their annual T-shirt contest and recognized Jazmyne Mejia, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student for her T-Shirt design. Jazmyne's T-Shirt Quote encompassed her thoughts about what it's like to be at Estrella Vista with her quote "In this place, I Build My Future!" What a representation of how Kids at Hope has influenced our student's success and mindset. In addition, **PTSA** held their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fall Festival, which had an awesome turn out. They estimated that there were about 1,200 students, parents and community members in attendance at the event and raised just under \$3,000.00 to use towards teacher and student needs throughout the school year. Lastly, the Box Tops contest has continued to be a success for this parent group and for October they collected 1,001 Box Tops for Education. This brings their total for this calendar year so far to 7,500 and they still have two more months to go.

Outstanding Results From Estrella Vista's American Dream Academy Parent Participants. **More than 50 parents graduated from the American Dream Academy** on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. For eight weeks, our parents participated in weekly workshops learning about the path of education. At Estrella Vista STEM Academy, we partnered with **Arizona State University** to bring this all important curriculum to our campus. Parents actively engaged in learning about commitment, roles of school leaders, ways to read with their children, motivating students, and developing a plan of action. Parents were honored with certificates and enjoyed a banquet for their dedication to the **American Dream Academy** and Estrella Vista STEM Academy. Together, we have cleared the path for our children to find success in high school and enroll at **Arizona State University** in the very near future.

Estrella Vista Support's Our Community with the Socktober Community & Service Project. Thank you to **Mrs. Jennifer Brees**, Student Achievement Coach, for organizing EV's first Socktober Event! With the support of our students and staff, Estrella Vista collected over 690 pairs of socks in just two short weeks during the month of October! After collection, Mrs. Bree was able to deliver all of the socks to the Agua Fria Food and Clothing Bank on November 1<sup>st</sup>. We would like to specifically highlight the top classes at EV that collected the most socks during the Community and Service event. Thank you **Ms. Laura Montano** and her 1<sup>st</sup> grade class, **Ms. Rebekah Smith**



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and her 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class and **Mr. Bronson Goodsell** and his 7<sup>th</sup> grade class. We are so proud of everyone involved in this initiative and the huge difference you have made.

EVES Clubs Updates & Celebrations. We'd like to give a big shout out to the awesome kick off for **Lady Hawks on the Run!** The girls have formed their support groups, tie dyed team shirts and have had several opportunities for some intense exercising. The girls have been pushing themselves to reach small goals in a short amount of time and bring such positivity to the club each week. Lady Hawks will be planning an "**Ugly Sweater Run**" for all students, staff, families and community members before we part for winter break. Be on the look-out for that information coming soon and we hope that everyone can come out to support and participate. Thank you Lady Hawks coaches **Ms. Michelle Pitters, Ms. Rebekah Smith, Ms. Ashley Chapman, Ms. Rachel Vlieg, Ms. Margaret Sauer, Ms. Jordan Dixon,** and **Ms. Elizabeth Ricario** for all the support and volunteer time to help kick off our Lady Hawks running club!

Parents As Partners: EV Teachers Blew it Out of the Park with Parent/Teacher Contacts During Fall Conferences! Way to go **Estrella Vista staff** for our phenomenal results in our Fall P/T Conferences! Your dedication to building partnerships with our parents and ensuring parent involvement in each child's education is commendable!

Grade	# of Students	Face to Face	%	Telephone	%	Student Led	%	Total Students	Total %
K	95	90	94.7%	4	4.2%	90	94.7%	94	98.9%
1st	96	88	91.7%	5	5.2%	88	91.7%	93	96.9%
2nd	117	109	93.2%	3	2.6%	109	93.2%	112	95.7%
3rd	104	98	94.2%	0	0.0%	98	94.2%	98	94.2%
4th	119	102	85.7%	16	13.4%	102	85.7%	118	99.2%
5th	107	98	91.6%	0	0.0%	98	91.6%	98	91.6%
6th	110	92	83.6%	4	3.6%	92	83.6%	96	87.3%
7th	111	104	93.7%	7	6.3%	104	93.7%	111	100.0%
8th	112	79	70.5%	7	6.3%	79	70.5%	86	76.8%
Totals	971	860	88.6%	46	4.7%	860	88.6%	906	93.3%



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Saluting Our Veteran's in November's Frist Friday Assembly. Estrella Vista would like to thank two parents, **Mr. Jon Wilson** and **Mr. Fernando Monarrez**, for joining us for our November First Friday Assembly. These gentlemen are currently serving in our military and were recognized for their service to our country. They also presented student and teacher awards at the assembly this month. In addition, we would like to thank our student, **Sara Robles ~ 4<sup>th</sup> grader**, for showing her musical talent on the guitar and playing the National Anthem to start off our assembly! We are so proud of our student and community members and thank them for their participation in our celebration this month.

## **Littleton Elementary School**

Girls Basketball Plays in Second Straight Championship Game. The Littleton Elementary Girls' basketball team had another amazing season, winning their way through the playoffs and into the championship game. Littleton is proud of the effort and hard work that the students displayed throughout the course of the season. They worked together, played as a team, and demonstrated great sportsmanship during every contest. We are lucky to have such amazing role models for the rest of the students on our campus, and they should be very proud of their achievements. Unfortunately, the Firebirds were defeated in the championship game, but they are confident that they will be back next year, ready to improve on their amazing season. Go Firebirds!

Fun for All at Trunk or Treat! Littleton held its Trunk or Treat event on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:30. The evening began in the parking lot and school courtyard with Trunk or Treating, sack races, and other fun games and activities. The night wrapped up with a movie in the cafeteria. Parents, students, and teachers enjoyed another wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate this amazing time of year.