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1st Grade Class Field Trip at Descanso Gardens – By Miss Justine Bote, 1st Grade HR Teacher



Our first graders visited Descanso Gardens on Thursday and became habitat detectives! Students were led in small groups by experienced educators to learn about the different habitats in Descanso Gardens.

During their tour, they listened to stories, explored nature, and were even able to build their own nest habitat! Students were able to relate what they had learned in class about habitats while also being able to use their five senses and critical thinking skills in nature. Our first graders had an absolutely wonderful time!



4th Graders' Visit to Los Angeles City Hall by Ms. Katharine Monahan Huntley, 4th Grade Faculty, Vice Principal for Elementary School, and Dean of Discipline



On Tuesday, February 19th, the 4th grade students were treated to a visit to Los Angeles City Hall! The tour was arranged in response to Sophie Long's formal business letter of request Girl Scout Troop tour of Mayor Eric Garcetti's office.



The Formal Business Letter of Request or Complaint is one of the 4th grade English Language Arts units, and fulfills the California State Common Core Standards of Conventions of Standard English and Production and Distribution of Writing. Additionally, the field trip addresses our Social Studies' topic of California Local Government.



We appreciate the Mayor’s office response to Sophie’s missive, (transcribed onto neon pink binder paper), and for recognizing the 4th grade citizens as effective and confident communicators! Thank you to the fabulous chaperones: Sienna & Juliana’s Abuela, Kaeden’s Lola, the Pretty Mamas and Papas of Megan, Dylan, Sophie, Isabella, Denmark, Eli, Sophia, Wil Ethan, Maia, and Andrew, not to mention the City Hall meet & greet with Isaiah Aguayo’s saunt--Ms. Alma Guerrero! Pix courtesy of Mr. Ongyiu!

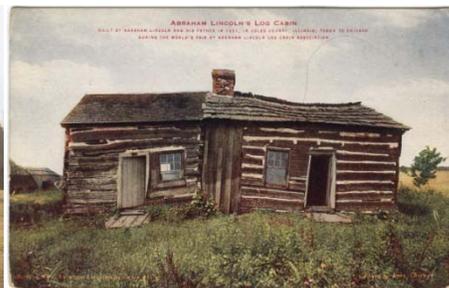
5th Graders and their fun classroom experiences! – By Mr. Clarence Clark, 5th Grade Faculty and STEP/MAP Coordinator

5th Graders got creative on Valentine’s Day, making traditional valentines for their parents — and other *special creations* (also “for them”).





5th Grade and Kindergarten do joint Lincoln log cabin activity.



Abraham Lincoln, 16th president of the United States, was the first president born west of the Appalachian Mountains. His birth in a log cabin at Sinking Springs Farm took place on February 12, 1809, when that part of Kentucky was still a rugged frontier. When Abraham was two and a half his father moved his young family ten miles away to a farm on Knob Creek. The story of Lincoln's journey from log cabin to the White House that began here has long been a powerful symbol of the unlimited possibilities of American life. For almost a century, tourists and historians have come here to seek out the origins of the man and his virtues—honesty, unpretentiousness, tolerance, hard work, a capacity to forgive, and a clear-sighted vision of right and wrong.





The small, simple cabin represents the simplicity of Lincoln's early years.

Though Presidents Day started out to honor George Washington's birthday, it now also serves as a tribute to Abraham Lincoln, born on February 12, 1809. As we celebrate the 210th anniversary of his birthday, Americans will no doubt think of the lasting image of Lincoln's birth: the one-room log cabin in which he was born. In fact, his humble birthplace has become one of the most iconic images in American history.

ALA - Academic League and Ambassadors 2019 Update

Our school representatives in the Catholic Math League finished their third set of Math competition nationwide. The fourth set of Mathfax tests will be this week. Here are the results as of Friday, 2/22/2019:

Pre-Algebra Division – 8th Grade ALA – **5th Place** out of 79 schools (1,226 students across the nation)
Math 6 Division - 6th Grade ALA – **13th Place** out of 85 schools (1,491 students across the nation)

Math 7 Division – 7th Grade ALA – **18th Place** out of 62 schools (1017 participating students across the nation)

IXL is for our ALA's daily practice and learning. IXL learning is an American educational technology learning package and program that provides analytical tools to track student and classroom performance and identify areas for academic improvement with each student. IXL daily practices have provided our team various certificates in completing and advancing the benchmarks and standards in Reading, Language, Math, Social Studies, and Science!

Thank you, Mrs. Ofie Ruta, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Isaac (assisting), and ALA students for all your hardwork!

Important Dates for Academic League and Ambassadors Culminating Activities

Monday, March 4th 8:30 a.m. GS Auditorium – Recognition Day

Thursday, March 7 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Educational Field Trip at California Adventure

More desired school activities and fellowship by our families and students

For more school changes and a blend of value-laden, and fun-filled activities, please join in the actual survey to see which ones we can do and calendar for the remaining months of this school year and for next academic year as well. Thank you!

- Father and Daughter Dance
- A Tuesday School Mass with Grandparents
- Dads and Donuts
- Mother and Son Tea Time
- A Physical Fitness & Field Day

For our prayerful meditation to begin the week

Faith and trust in God's unfailing love and mercy

The mighty works and signs which Jesus did demonstrate that the kingdom of God is present in him. These signs attest that the Father has sent him as the promised Messiah. They invite belief in Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of the world. The coming of God's kingdom means defeat of Satan's kingdom. Jesus' exorcisms anticipate his great victory over "the ruler of this world" (John 12:31). While Satan may act in the world out of hatred for God and his kingdom in Christ Jesus, and may cause grave injuries of a spiritual nature, and indirectly even of a physical nature, his power is nonetheless limited and permitted by divine providence (Romans 8:28). Jesus offers freedom from bondage to sin and Satan. There is no affliction he cannot deliver us from. Do you make full use of the protection and help he offers to those who seek him with faith and trust in his mercy?

"Lord Jesus, help my unbelief! Increase my faith and trust in your saving power. Give me confidence and perseverance, especially in prayer. And help me to bring your healing love and truth to those I meet".

HFGS Calendar:

<http://localendar.com/public/HFGS-Bulldogs>

HFCC Bulletin (pages 2 and 6 for Fr. Jim's message and our school ad)

<https://d2wldr9tsuui1b.cloudfront.net/20009/bulletins/20190224.pdf>

Thank you and God bless!

Dr. Fidela Suelto

Principal