



November 2017 Board Report

Total Charter Enrollment as of 11/2/17: **375 students**

San Diego Homeschool

Last year the Homeschool students voted for a new mascot, a pangolin. The students then created logos which were turned into designs for t-shirts. The designs are done and so the program lead is now looking at the budget in hopes of being able to print shirts for the students.

A Family Fun Night was held using Challenge Island, a cross-curricular enrichment program on the cutting edge of S.T.E.A.M and 21st Century learning. Students and their families worked in “tribes” to design a roller coaster that sends a ‘coaster’ (marble) flying to land on a target. It was a fun way for the students to learn brainstorming, building and working as a team.

The end of the month was the popular field trip to Bates Nut Farm where parents and siblings join the students as they explore and learn about farming.

Congratulations to two homeschool students who are members of the USA’s National Rythmic Gymnastics team. They competed at the Pan Am Games this month and won Gold!



San Marcos Blended High School

The Blended High School program had 6 graduates at the end of LP1. These are students who had just one class left to complete their high school diploma and put the effort in to get it done.

Many of the students are taking advantage of the tutoring hours where they can work with credentialed teachers in language arts, science, history and math. There are now reading groups and vocabulary building groups to help students even more with their language arts studies.

The Blended program has been working to add more choices for electives with a new Film Studies class starting this month. The students will watch different genres of films and then have group discussions about the film before completing a questionnaire about the film. This is a great way to engage students and encourage positive group discussions.

Willow Tree

Willow Tree hosted Dragon Day at a local farm. The second graders put on a play about fighting a dragon with the sixth graders playing the dragon. The parents worked hard creating the costumes and the play was a huge success. Each teacher then hosted a feat of courage and bravery activity that the students rotated through. It was a fun and educational experience for the students to share with their families.

The end of October saw the 6th graders heading off to 6th Grade Camp in Cuyamaca. Prior to leaving for camp, they completed their block on Rome and are now studying geology. They have been visiting parks, museums and going on hikes in order to locate different types of specimens. The writing and math incorporated into this block has really challenged some of the students and its great to see them step up.

The 5th grade has been studying the history and culture of India, 4th grade is in the middle of their block on zoology, 3rd grade is currently on local Native American cultures and structures, 1st and 2nd grades are working hard on their writing skills and will be presenting the fairy tales they have written as well as acting them out.