



# GOOD NEWS

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May 02, 2025

LEADERS IN LEARNING, CARING AND GROWING



## Renewable and Nonrenewable energy

Mr. Durbin's 4th grade EL students recently engaged in an exciting and dynamic cross-curricular lesson that sparked curiosity, deep thinking, and a passion for learning. Through their Wonders ELD curriculum, students explored the world of renewable and nonrenewable energy.



## Water Drive

Country Place has a great way to showcase their leadership for their community by partnering with St. Vincent de Paul for a water drive. Go Mustangs!

**CPLA SERVICE LEARNING**  
**THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**  
FEED. CLOTHE. HOUSE. HEAL.  
**WATER DRIVE**  
**APRIL 28- MAY 7**  
**7,125 BOTTLES** are given out daily to those experiencing homelessness in the summer months.  
**DONATION LOCATIONS** Bring your donations to the collection boxes in Country Place Leadership Academy front office.  
**MOST NEEDED ITEMS**  
Please help provide clean bottled or boxed water to those living unsheltered in the summer heat. One bottle could save a life.  
• Cases of bottled or boxed water (all sizes needed)  
• Clean reusable water bottles  
• Gallon water jugs



## A Fun Field Day at Estrella Vista

What an incredible day at Estrella Vista! Field Day was a huge success, filled with laughter, teamwork, and non-stop energy. Our scholars showed off their skills in everything from relay races to tug-of-war, water games to obstacle courses—and let's not forget the popsicle break that hit just right!



## Kindergarten Celebrates "I Day" With Ice Cream

Ms. Portillo's Kindergarten class, celebrated "I Day" for their ABC Countdown by making ice cream! The kids had so much fun mixing, shaking, and watching their ingredients turn into a sweet treat. It was the perfect way to celebrate the letter "I" and make some sweet memories along the way. We're loving every moment of our ABC Countdown!



## End of Year Adventures

Lakin's students are wrapping up the school year with some unforgettable field trips! 5th and 6th graders had a blast experiencing the vibrant culture and traditions of the Yellow Bird Indian Dancers at ASU Gammage. Meanwhile, today 1st grade took a walk on the wild side at the Wildlife World Zoo, getting up close with some amazing animals and soaking up the sunshine.





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## Skating for STEM

The amazing 2nd graders embarked on a fun-filled field trip to Great Skate! They had the opportunity to explore the fascinating world of STEM and discover the science behind how skates are made. Way to go Firebirds!



## Balloon & Water Bottle Volcano!

Today, the brilliant young experimenters dove into the world of science with a classic and explosive (but safe!) activity—our Balloon & Water Bottle Volcano! This experiment sparked curiosity, giggles, and lots of amazed little faces.



## Congrats to Our Sharks for Placing 2nd Place!

Our District Math Challenge champions competed against other school Districts! Quentin STEM Academy took second place in the 5th/6th grade category! We are so proud of all our students for their success in reaching this level!!



## Kid at Hope Service Learning Day

On Friday Puma Nation held its Kids at Hope Service Learning Day. Thank you to the all the people and organizations to help make it possible for our students to have this type of experience.



## Recognizing our Leaders

On Thursday, May 1, Ms. Samantha Armstrong was recognized as a Finalist at the School Connect awards, specifically in the category of Catalyst in Education. We are very proud of the work she has done at Estrella Vista by growing students learning through the partnerships she has fostered.

