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El Tejon Students

Experience History in Washington, D.C.



Students from El Tejon School embarked on a trip of a lifetime to Washington, D.C., from June 15th to June 21st. After a year of fundraising, the group explored iconic landmarks, including the U.S. Capitol Building, the White House, and the Lincoln Memorial. They also visited historic sites like George Washington's Mount Vernon and the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History, National Air and Space Museum, and National Museum of African American History and Culture.

The trip brought history lessons to life, according to Mr. Jansen, El Tejon History teacher. "Seeing these sites in person gave our students a deeper appreciation for the stories and sacrifices that shaped our country." Participating students earned course credit for U.S. History through dual enrollment.

The journey was made possible by community events, bake sales, and donations from local businesses and supporters. Students like Daniel Hernandez praised the experience, saying, "It was a lot of hard work, but seeing the Lincoln Memorial and standing in the Capitol made it all worth it." The trip will undoubtedly remain a lasting memory and powerful educational experience for all.

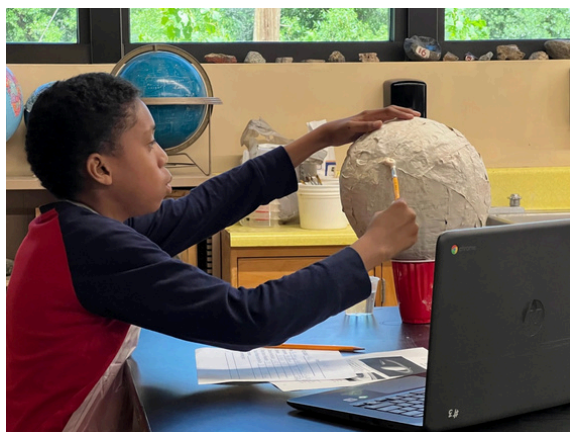
Frazier Mountain High School Greenhouse Spurs Growth in Agriculture and Community Engagement

Written by: Mike Vogenthaler

Frazier Mountain High School is proud to announce the revitalization of its greenhouse, launching a major expansion of its Agriculture program supported by the Golden State Pathways Program grant. The upgraded facility will serve as the foundation for two developing Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways: Plant & Soil Science and Ornamental Horticulture. These pathways reflect a broader vision to improve alignment with El Tejon School's robust agricultural offerings and to create a seamless, vertically aligned K-12 agriculture program. Students will benefit from a hands-on curriculum focused on climate resilience, sustainable practices, and advanced water technologies, preparing them for in-demand careers in California's agriculture and natural resources industries.

The greenhouse will also offer enhanced learning opportunities across FMHS science courses and serve as a hub for community engagement. As plans progress, the site may host student-led farmers markets, farm-to-table events, and educational showcases—connecting classroom learning with local families, growers, and conservation partners. With partnerships already in place with organizations like Hungry Valley SVRA, the U.S. Forest Service, Bloom Fresh, and Fruitworks, the program is building strong industry connections while addressing regional workforce needs in agriculture and horticulture. This marks a new chapter for FMHS—where students grow knowledge, sustainability, and community from the ground up.





EL Tejon Unified Expands Summer Learning with K–12 Programs Focused on

Written By: Corey Hansen

This summer, El Tejon Unified School District once again proved that learning doesn't stop when the school year ends. From June 9 to July 3, students across grades K–12 participated in a robust and inspiring Expanded Learning Program that combined academic support, college preparation, and hands-on enrichment in an inclusive and engaging format.

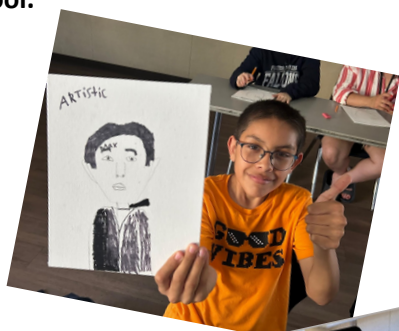
One of the standout features of this year's program was the volleyball camp led by professional coaches from the Bakersfield Volleyball Club, giving student-athletes from all grade levels the opportunity to sharpen their skills with high-level instruction. The camp was both instructional and empowering, promoting teamwork, discipline, and athletic development.

Meanwhile, students explored real-world applications of academic subjects through Culinary Arts, Hands-on Math Tasks, Welding, and Laboratory-based Science Activities. Future scientists and engineers dove into experiments, while young chefs explored recipe development and food safety. The district's Future Farmers of America (FFA) programming gave students access to animal care training and plant science lessons through community gardening, reinforcing the value of sustainability and agricultural literacy.

College and career readiness remained a cornerstone of the district's mission. High school students benefited from the USC College Preparatory Program, specifically through the Expository Reading and Writing Course (ERWC). This initiative strengthened critical thinking, academic writing, and college-level reading skills—key components for students preparing for higher education.

Rounding out the summer offerings were engaging programs in the performing arts, sports, and band, ensuring students had opportunities to explore their creativity and express themselves. Whether through music, athletics, or theater, students of all ages found avenues to connect with peers, build confidence, and stay active during the summer months.

El Tejon Unified's summer initiative is a reflection of its strong commitment to student development beyond the classroom, giving all children access to high-quality, meaningful learning experiences that prepare them for the future—academically, socially, and emotionally. These programs will continue in the after school programs within the district for the 2025-2026 school.



El Tejon School Honored for Exemplary Community School Work at Empower Summit Recognized for Modeling the Four Pillars of Community Schools

Written by: Corey Hansen

FRESNO, CA – June 12, 2025 – El Tejon School has been recognized for its outstanding commitment to the community school model and was officially honored at the 2025 California Community Schools Empower Summit. The Central Valley Regional Technical Assistance Center (CV-RTAC) presented the award in recognition of El Tejon’s leadership in implementing the four pillars of community schools: integrated student supports, expanded learning time and opportunities, family and community engagement, and collaborative leadership and practices. The award acknowledges El Tejon’s willingness to open its doors and host visitors from across the region, providing a firsthand look at the meaningful work being done on campus. Through campus tours and open dialogue, El Tejon has shared innovative practices, systems of support, and the importance of strong partnerships, inspiring other schools to take steps toward a more inclusive and supportive educational model.

“Sharing Bright Spots is vital to the community schools movement,” said a CV-RTAC representative. “El Tejon’s openness and dedication show others what is possible when we prioritize the whole child and the whole community.” El Tejon continues to serve as a model of how deep collaboration and student-centered practices can transform school culture and outcomes.

ETUSD is proud to announce that moving into the 2025-26 school year, El Tejon Middle School will continue to grow their Community School while FMHS will enhance their Community School model. Both schools partner with The Family Resource Center, Salvation Army, Kern Regional Transit, Meals on Wheels, One Sight Vision, Chamber of Commerce, Clinica Sierra Vista, Dr. Ryan Raymond, Frazier Mountain Community Church, Kern Library, Black Bear Diner, Dr. Porazik, Balanced Fitness Plus, and In Home Supportive Services to bring needed resources to families of the district as well as the community as a whole.





**FRAZIER PARK ELEMENTARY
COMPLETES FIRST I-READY DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT
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Frazier Park Elementary has completed its first i-Ready diagnostic assessment, providing a baseline to inform instruction and drive student growth. The adaptive assessment measures student performance in reading and mathematics, identifying strengths and areas for growth. With this data, teachers can tailor instruction to meet individual student needs, creating targeted lesson plans and providing small group support. Every Wednesday, teachers dedicate the day to intervention, addressing areas of need and providing extension activities.

The assessment also helps identify students who may benefit from the G.A.I.N.S. program, which provides additional support and resources. "We're ready to strengthen skills and empower students to reach their full potential," said Mrs. Hon, Reading Intervention Specialist. By leveraging i-Ready insights, Frazier Park Elementary is committed to providing a supportive learning environment that fosters academic excellence and growth for all students.

Message from Superintendent Sara Haflich



As we begin this new academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the importance of academic excellence in our schools. At El Tejon Unified School District, we believe that every student deserves success to a world-class education that prepares them for success in college, careers, and beyond. Our dedicated teachers, staff, and administrators work tirelessly to provide engaging and challenging learning experiences that foster critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills. From STEM programs to arts and humanities, our schools offer a rich and diverse curriculum that caters to the unique interests and strengths of each student.

As we strive for academic excellence, we recognize that it is a collective effort. We encourage parents, guardians, and the community to partner with us in supporting our students' academic journeys. Whether through volunteering in the classroom, attending parent-teacher conferences, or simply asking your child about their day, every effort counts.

This year, we will continue to focus on innovative strategies to enhance student learning, including personalized instruction, project-based learning, and technology integration. We will also prioritize professional development for our educators to ensure they have the tools and resources needed to support student success. As we embark on this new academic year, I am excited to see the impact of our collective efforts on the growth and achievement of our students. Together, let's empower minds, shape futures, and inspire a love of learning that will last a lifetime.