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1 Future Chefs Competition



The annual Future Chefs Competition has returned to NCLUSD for the third year.

This year the competition had three phases, a written portion, site competition and district-wide finals. All students 4th-12th who wished to participate this year were required to submit a short writing sample describing why they love cooking. From there students were selected to advance to the site-level pizza competition. Hurd Barrington, Bonita, Hunt, Von Renner and Orestimba advanced two chefs to the final round, Yolo advanced three.

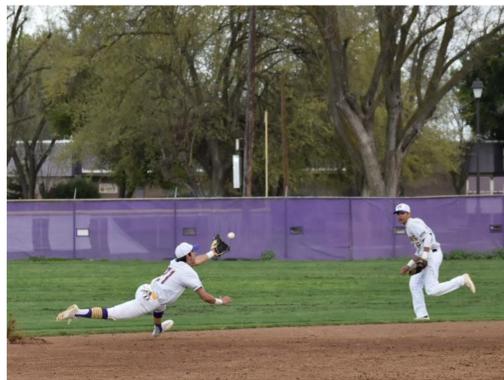
The finals were hosted at OHS, where students competed in a burger cook off! Overall four winners were chosen, an Elementary, Middle, High School and overall champion. All students who participated received certificates of recognition from Assemblyman Adam Gray. Winners: Overall- Mallory Solano (Barrington) Middle- Pedro Castillo (Yolo), Elementary- Jhordin Foster (Bonita), High School- Bryanna Moncada.

2 The Rivalry Continues

The rivalry continued between the Warriors and the Reds when the varsity softball and baseball teams faced off.

Warriors baseball saw the Reds twice in March and split the series, losing the home game 1-5 and winning the away game 13-9.

In the lone game between the Lady Warriors and Lady Reds, the Warriors won 17-5. This season the Lady Warriors have incorporated themes into home games, including First Responder Appreciation Night, NCLUSD Staff Appreciation Night and Armed Forces Appreciation Night. The night they played the GHS Reds was dedicated to late Newman Police Department Cpl. Ronil Singh. First Responders from Newman and Gustine were present to honor Cpl. Singh, players from both teams wore blue ribbons and a "Thin Blue Line" flag hung in center field. Instead of the OHS purple, the Lady Warriors wore special black jerseys that featured a memorial patch with black pants and white socks.



NCLUSD Mission: Through strong relationships, design, and orchestrate relevant and rigorous experiences that inspire and empower all learners.

3 Footsteps2Brilliance Reading Madness Tournament

To follow up on the success of the 8, 16 and 25 million word challenges NCLUSD took inspiration from the March Madness college basketball tournament and launched the first Footsteps2Brilliance Reading Madness Tournament.

All 43 TK-3 classes were entered into the 6 week long tournament and have been competing in weekly head to head classroom reading challenges. The tournament rules were as follows: each class began the tournament with a total of zero words, and competed in a week long, Thursday-Friday, reading face off with another class, at the end of each week the class with the most words read advanced on to the next round and the other class was eliminated, once a class advanced to another round they would begin the new week at zero and start again.



To reward students for advancing from one week to the next a variety of prizes were awarded. Classes who advanced to the Sweet 16's were given a \$25.00 Amazon Purchase Order, the Elite 8 were surprised with a churro party, the Final Four will be attending a Modesto Nuts game and be recognized in a special pregame ceremony and the two teams in the finals were given \$100 Amazon Purchase Orders. The Footsteps2Brilliance Reading Madness Champions were rewarded with a celebratory pizza party and Championship t-shirts! After all, what's a tournament without championship t-shirts?

After 5 weeks of competition the field was narrowed down from 43 classes to 2; Ms. Marroquin's 2nd Grade class from Von Renner and Ms. Van Dyke's 2nd Grade class from Hurd Barrington! The two went head to head for the sixth and final week of competition, totaling an incredible 5,227,830 words. Unfortunately there could be only one Footsteps2Brilliance Reading Madness Champion and that honor belongs to Ms. Marroquin's 2nd Grade Class! Congratulations Alex Haro, Anthony Gudiño, Pamela García, Andrés García, Sophia Navarro, Moel Gavino, Ali Contreras, Katie Hernandez, Dayanara Martínez, Rafael Vázquez Reyes, Oscar Carraño Heredia, Carlos Adán Romero, Ximena Astrid Jenkins, Ashley Díaz, Sergio González, Lillian Rodríguez, Sophia Gomes, Antasi Richardson, Yolanda Espinoza, Maricruz Sánchez-Barragán, Juan Benítez, Kiara Jackson, Nevaeh De la Cruz, Emma Medrano, Naomi Ledezma Millan and Pheonix Aries Carpenter!

With all the success students and staff had in the previous challenges there was no doubt that the number of words read would continue to climb, however no one imagined they would skyrocket they way they did. The tournament ran from March 1, 2019 to April 12, 2019, during that time students read a total of 34,499,525 words! While there can technically be only one tournament champion, the ultimate prize is literacy, and with over 70,000,000 words read this year every single student is a champion. Congratulations to all our students and staff who competed, stay tuned for the next challenge!



Quote of the Month

"Early childhood education is the key to the betterment of society."
-- Maria Montessori