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## HUMAN SERVICES ACADEMY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2013



### Getting Ready for College

All of the Human Service Academy sophomores and juniors took the PSAT on Wednesday, October 16th in preparation for their college entrance exams in the spring. Workbooks were available in the Career Center for practice samples.

Ms. Martinez and Mr. Tonello took the seniors to the computer lab twice in October to begin the application process for the California State Universities. Seniors needed to gather their personal information starting with their social security numbers. Parents had to locate their 2013 Tax forms to see if students qualified for the Free Fee Waiver. They printed the application and their counselor looked them over prior to submission. Students received a letter that identified dates for submitting transcripts and college entrance exam scores.

In November, they updated their Personal Statements and started the applications for those that want to attend a University of California. The deadline is November 18th since they have the last week of November off.



### LOS ANGELES ZOO

The sophomores boarded a bus to the L.A. Zoo on Tuesday, October 22nd. Students started the day by completing a scavenger hunt for their Biology class. Then they began taking notes on the factual information given on each of the animals related to their size, foods eaten, and habitat. The noises that they made really intrigued the kids. Several had never been to this big of a zoo so it was an exciting day for them. Several stopped by the gift shop to purchase coloring books for their next project. On the way back on the bus, everyone began writing their children's books.



### TRUNK OR TREAT

Human Services Academy students volunteered to assist at Vista Cove Care Center with the twenty trunk games. Children from nearby homes participated in the fun activities. The preschoolers demonstrated basic skills by throwing the frog into the witch's brew, walking the plank, and ring tossing. Some of the children found it a challenge to pop the balloons while others looked diligently for items in the container of rice with spiders!



# COMMUNITY FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHTS TRAINING



On Tuesday October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 PM, 33 HSA students along with other community members, received training from the Discovery Center of Thousand Oaks on how to host a Family Science Night for elementary students in the community. The students first had a snack, listened to a presentation by Dr. Steve Yoshinaga, the director of the Discovery Center, and then set up lab stations. They were able to experiment with several of the 25 different stations like Oobleck, Roto-copter, Optical Illusions, or Bubble Bowl. The goal was not only to learn enough about the different activities so that the students can assist the little kids and their families, but also to learn how to ask questions that facilitate critical



thinking. Afterwards, the students were trained on how to crate up the displays and equipment. All the Science Nights will be from 6:30-8:00 PM, but will be hosted at different locations on different dates:

- \* Dec 5<sup>th</sup> at Glen City Elementary School,
- \* January 16<sup>th</sup> at Blanchard Elementary School, and
- \* February 13<sup>th</sup> at Barbara Webster Elementary School.



# SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION SERVICES PROVIDERS FAIR



The Supplemental Educational Services Providers Fair was hosted by the Office of Educational Services on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at Santa Paula High School Cafeteria. SES provide academic tutoring services focused on English Language Arts, Mathematics, and other core subject areas. SES is a requirement for schools in Program Improvement Year 2; the providers must have a demonstrated record of effectiveness in increasing student academic proficiency and approved by the California Department of Education to tutor students beyond the school day. The event included parents and students from the entire K-12 unified district. Ms. Cruz, parent of Josefina, is shown on the top right. Johnny Amaro, shown on the right, was in Ms. Gregory's classes and graduated in 2006.



# HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL



Thirty H.S.A. students dressed in costume and met Steven De Fratus at the SP Community Center around 5:30 on Halloween in preparation for this yearly event. At six o'clock the youngsters began racing through the door with visions of gathering as much candy as possible. Many of the juniors worked alongside their frosh links to run the booths that involved knocking over orange bowling pins or tossing bean bags into the pumpkin, . The children loved the fishing booth, it had a pole with a magnet, if they got a caught a pumpkin, they got a

piece of candy. There was a special room for the preschool activities. Each 3-5 year old got to decorate their Halloween basket to hold candy.

