



## HUMAN SERVICES ACADEMY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2013



### CHILDRENS BOOKS

The sophomores spent three days in their English 10 class writing a story that had one simple requirement...it had to be based around animals.

This was followed up by seven days in their Child Development class creating the project.

-A **front cover** had a title and pictures.

-The **title page** was keyboarded and then ribbon, feathers, paper flowers, or stampers were used to make it attractive.

-The **dedication page** had a die cut that related to the person in the picture in addition to a statement about them.

-The **story** was rewritten after an English teacher gave them constructive feedback. This was printed onto colored copy paper and cut into segments that were glued onto pages of construction paper. Texture rubbing plates added depth to the backgrounds. They glued on silk flowers, leaves, and cotton balls for snow. Pictures were downloaded from the internet, sized, printed, and colored in with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.

-**About the Author** had a photo, die cut design, and a paragraph about themselves.

-The **back cover** had the title, picture, and a statement to entice the reader!



### AMERICA IN BLOOM

Mr. Flores, Agricultural Science teacher, contacted the Human Services Academy about volunteering for the Saturday, November 16th Santa Paula Bike Path event that started at 9:00 AM behind the Train Depot. Several adult volunteers guided the activities as students began showing up with gloves and shovels in hand. Participants ended up doing clean up along the bike path in town.

Around noon they began making their way back to the gazebo where they ate a pizza lunch. It was a win-win situation. 23 H.S. Academy students earned some volunteer hours while they helped Santa Paula look more attractive.



### NUTRITIOUS SNACKS

One of the favorite units in the Child Development and Care class is studying about nutrition. Everyone loves to eat but sometimes it is a challenge to introduce new, healthy food items to children. The 10th graders located a nutritious snack in a cookbook or online. Researching was the easy part but picking one that they could make was the challenge! Several students ended up substituting ingredients like strawberries instead of blueberries that are so messy and stain clothing. Presenting them in class was fun but eating them was even better.



# ELEMENTARY TEACHER AIDES

The Santa Paula High School Elementary Teacher Aides are getting a head start in the job market by preparing for a career in education. This exciting field combines academic subject knowledge along with leadership skills. The fifteen juniors leave campus three days per week to work alongside their professional mentors. They participate in work-based experiences related directly to their future occupations. First quarter they developed several student produced worksheets with keys that could be used in the classrooms. They wrote up their first academic lesson and presented it to the students at the elementary and middle schools. For their second project, the interns picked a craft, wrote up the lesson plan, and made a sample. Many of the projects were then displayed on a bulletin board. The interns learned to put up an appropriate boarder, staple the title, along with mounting projects or display items. While in the classrooms, the juniors learned to grade and record student assignments neat and accurately. Observing the various discipline techniques used by their mentors to maintain classroom control was a great learning experience. Most would say that patience was the key to staying cool, calm, and collected.

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