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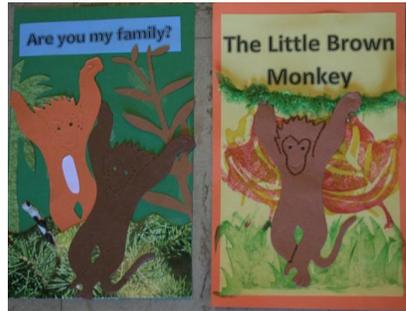
AVIATION CAREER DAY

On Friday, October 30th, Osvaldo Ambriz and Larry Renteria participated in a full day of activities at Camarillo Airport. Lindsay Bell, Ventura County 99's, gave the Welcome announcement on the main stage. Students checked in for 'Make Garbage Fly' which is a competition and were able to do practice runs. There were break-out presentations on three different stages. Congresswoman Julia Brownley and Superintendent of Schools, Stanley Mantooth, did the welcoming address. The 'Make Garbage Fly' competition challenged their creativity but was fun to see the outcomes.

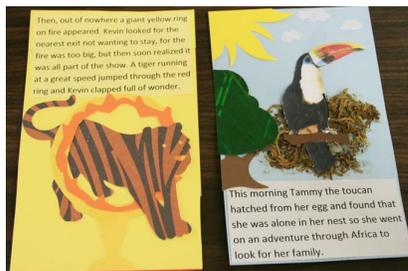


CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Ms. Cynthia Hernandez began preparing the sophomores for the integrated project. They went to the computer lab three times to write up their stories and then rewrite them. Ms. Gregory taught them how to format the pages. They learned to use the die cut machines, paper cutters, and a laminator. Creativity was maximized when they stayed three nights and one Saturday to complete the books. Students remembered how fun using stampers could be especially when they were all zoo animals. Unique additions included yarn, paper flowers, stick on embellishments.



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Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Ventura County

Sixty-three Health and Human Services students have been diligent about meeting their obligations to the ASPIRE after school program. After the training in August, they began volunteering at four elementary schools in town. Most have decided on Wednesdays since all teachers are in collaboration in the afternoons and not available.

All "Bigs" have been matched up with at least one "Little." The high school students attempt to meet with them for two hours per week. They begin by tutoring them in academic subjects. Conversations help to build a bond between them. Everyone enjoys the time to play educational board games or go outside to exercise.



Several of our Academy students were recognized after school in the SPSH cafeteria at an event with pizza and Jazmin Gallegos presented certificates of recognition.

We currently have sixty-five H.S.A. students that have provided over 800 hours in the months of September and October.

Special Event @ Blanchard Elementary School

Mrs. Janice Fournier invited several of the Health and Human Services students to assist with a Special Event held at Blanchard Elementary School. The purpose was to allow special needs students to interact with peers on site. The high school students assisted with arts and crafts projects. It was an exciting first-time endeavor that proved to be very successful. The elementary students had fun making the items while the SPHS students developed communication and organizational skills. Opportunities such as this, help to form character traits that will be important as they choose a career pathway. Certificates were presented.



Rick Salinas Motivational Assembly

On Monday, November 9th, nineteen of the Health and Human Services Academy students went to the auditorium to hear Rick Salinas speak about moving out of the barrios in San Francisco. He was in the 1988 Culture Clash show that attempted to breakdown cultural barriers through satire, comedy, and drama. It touched on important questions about Latinos. The audience laughed at political stuff, historical adaptations, and often times offensive look at yourself. His journey is inspired by young minds.

Over the fall break, thirty-six H.S.A. students boarded a bus to the Los Angeles Theater Center. They went backstage to see the props, lighting, and everything involved in getting the play produced. 57 Chevy was about decisions and experiences that effect our lives as we grow up. After the play, the actor and writer met with the students to take pictures.



Men in Nursing



Christopher Magana, met his Medical Terminology teacher last summer to attend the 2015 Men in Nursing Conference that was held in Anaheim. The keynote speaker was Dr. Brent MacWilliams from the University of Wisconsin. The purpose was to foster networks for the high school students by engaging them in various specialties related to pathways in nursing. He was involved in discussions regarding gender equity and diversity involving nurses. The professionals were from a variety of work environments. Interacting with adults in the health field was the most exciting part of the day. The Emergency Nurse they accompany the EMT and have more skills in assisting patients before arriving at the hospitals. The Psychiatric Nurse maintains safety for all the inmates in state facilities. Christopher felt that learning about the various options within the nursing field was inspirational.