

ESC HIGHLIGHTS: APRIL 2012

Due to Spring Break, April was a short month; however, there were several ESC events in addition to the weekly ESC classes and lunchtime clubs.

ESC CHALLENGE WEEK

We raised approximately \$25,000 during Challenge Week: 21 families gave to DMSEF that week and our parking spot auction raised \$10,000. A big thank you to all our contributors!

Sadly this is not enough though. We are falling short on our fundraising for ESC teachers for next year, and we cannot ignore this. **About 40% of families at our school have not contributed to DMSEF.** We need, as an entire community, to address this problem.

We all want our children to receive a premier education, but we are not doing enough to make this happen. Our ESC program is part of what makes the schools in our district great. Volunteering and giving to other organizations are commendable, but do not provide salaries for ESC teachers. Our property taxes also do not provide enough to cover ESC. **DMSEF is the only organization that fundraises for the salaries for ESC teachers in our district.**

When you give to DMSEF, you are providing your child with the following for the school year:

- Weekly classes taught by credentialed teachers in **Science, Music, Art, Technology, and PE**
- Collaboration time for classroom teachers to plan lessons, analyze student work, and meet as a grade level to discuss student needs and school curriculum
- Grade-specific events (eg, musicals, plays, talent shows)
- School-wide events (eg, Art Show, Invention Fair, Jr Olympics)
- Lunchtime clubs: Zoology, Garden, Green, and Engineering clubs (Science); Band, Strings, and Chorus clubs (Music); Digital Video club (Technology); Art clubs (Art); sports clubs (PE); Math club, Future Problem Solvers; etc.

If you value a premier education for your child and want a top-ranking school district, please give to DMSEF (www.delmarkids.org). The deadline is **April 30th**. Please make the best choice for our children.

Below are the wonderful ESC teachers at Ocean Air who are teaching our children this year.



Science
Ms. Waters

Music
Ms. Beeson

Art
Ms. Luce

Technology
Mr. Gianola

PE
Mr. Davis

Drama/Math/FPS
Mrs. Leeder

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ART

Ocean Air Art Show

For the first time at Ocean Air, there was a school-wide Art Show. The event was held during Open House and was a big success. Every student had at least one piece of art on display. Our wonderful Art teacher, **Ms Luce**, organized the event.

Our MUR was transformed into a beautiful art gallery displaying watercolors, acrylics, ceramics, etc.



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Our 6th graders experimented with different mediums (clay, metal, and paint) to create place settings reflecting the styles of Art Masters (eg, Van Gogh, Jackson Pollock, Matisse, and Picasso), as students created their own masterpieces! This project was done in conjunction with a Prezi report that each student did about their artist in the computer lab. This is an example of what our ESC program has to offer, as it integrates hands-on experience with Art History and Technology.



Art Classes

The 4th graders have been studying Van Gogh's painting of his bedroom and drew their own with some crazy perspectives. They used bright oil pastels and did a watercolor resist over their drawings. Each bedroom tells a little about who lives in it!



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MUSIC

Open House Musical Performance

Our 4th Graders presented a two-part show at Open House organized by our gifted Music teacher, **Ms. Beeson**. First, about 100 students showed they learned to read the music staff notes B, A, G, and E while earning their belts for Recorder Karate with pieces like “Hot Cross Buns,” “Merrily We Roll Along,” and “Rain, Rain, Go Away.” They wrapped up that portion with a fun 60s style BA Superhero. Finally, they sang a medley of songs called “My Personal Code of Conduct,” “From the Inside Out,” and “Responsible,” which demonstrated the core positive themes of our Peacebuilder Program through energetic and engaging music styles.



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1st Grade Musical

The 1st graders will present “Sounds a Little Fishy” - their all-grade musical for parents on April 27th. Classroom teachers and Ms. Beeson collaborated to provide an extension of their Ocean Unit as students sing about starfish, octopus, and all sorts of sea life. In “Colors of the Sea,” they remind us that “even though we’re all different, each of us has something special there inside you.” Here are some of our performers practicing with Ms. Beeson.



4th Grade Musical

The 4th graders are preparing for their “Go West” show on May 30th. Each class will present their production that Wednesday morning. This program is another extension of their month-long unit on the Westward Expansion of the United States. Below, Mr. Bales’ class practices their “Wagon’s Ho” call.



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6th Grade Musical

The 6th graders are busy in the staging process for their “Dig-It” musical performances on June 4th or 5th. They are currently working on memorization, blocking, voice projection, costumes, and props. They especially love “jazz hands” in between memorizing scripts.



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TECHNOLOGY

Our 4th through 6th grade students have all been working with **Mr Gianola** on video projects over the last few weeks in the Ocean Air Technology Lab.

As a continuation of their classroom research, 6th graders wrote, filmed, and edited their own product commercials using various propaganda techniques. The finished commercials were shared with parents and students during Open House and have been featured on our school video magazine, Shark TV.

Our 5th graders are finishing up a slideshow video about colonial trades. Each student has selected a trade or job that was important to colonial life in the United States. They researched the trade, wrote a script, and compiled pictures that were downloaded into iMovie. Titles, music, and narration will complete these video reports

Our 4th graders are working on their own video report. Their topic is the California Gold Rush. Students are learning the basics of video editing as they compile pictures, music, and historical information to help tell the tale of some of the settlers who came to California to find their fortune.

UPCOMING ESC EVENTS

May

May 12: Science Field Day (4th – 6th grade)

May 22: Music Memory: Music Memory County-Wide “Music Bee” (5th grade)

May 30: Musical: Go West (Social Studies: California History) (4th grade; 4 shows)

K’NEX Competition through UCSD Seismic Outreach Project (6th grade)

Details on each event will be sent home closer to the event. For a full list of ESC events, don’t forget to visit our ESC page.