

Escuela Las Morochas Panther Tracks

February 2018



Students of the Third Quarter
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Message from the Director

Dear Escuela Las Morochas Students, Parents and Families:

February is a special month of the year, not only it is the shortest month, but in this month we also celebrate several special days... Saint Valentine's or Friendship day, we also celebrated for the first time our anti-bullying day "Pink Day".

To comply with our safety regulations, and to be prepared for any emergency, this month we carried out our first Emergency Drill "Fire Drill" in which, following the alarm, the school population was orderly evacuated to our emergency assembly point in our soccer field. I am proud to say that from the moment the emergency bell rung to the moment everybody was at the assembly point, it took only two minutes!!!



This month one of our members is leaving the school, Mr Alfredo Oquendowho over the years occupied several posts including French, English and ESL teacher, librarian and upper school coordinator. He is leaving to further heights, we are losing a valuable member of our community.... we wish him all the best in his new endeavours.

I am pleased to announce that a new staff member has joined our team this month:
•French Teacher: Ms. Maria G. Arguello. Ms Arguello comes to us with lots of energy and enthusiasm to continue our commitment to improve our French learning experience, please let's welcome Ms Arguello to our School.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alirio JM Romero
ELM Director



Message from the Director

Estimados Estudiantes, representantes y familiares de la Escuela Las Morochas:

Febrero es un mes especial del año, no solo es el mes más corto, pero en este mes también celebramos varios días especiales ... Día de San Valentín o Amistad, también celebramos por primera vez nuestro día contra la intimidación y el acoso "Día Rosa".

Para cumplir con nuestras normas de seguridad y estar preparados para cualquier emergencia, este mes realizamos nuestro primer simulacro de incendio

"Simulacro de incendio" en el cual, siguiendo la alarma, la población escolar fue evacuada ordenadamente a nuestro punto de reunión de emergencia en nuestro campo de fútbol . Me enorgullece decir que desde el momento en que sonó la campana de emergencia hasta el momento en que todos estaban en el punto de reunión solo se tomaron 2 minutos.!!!



Este mes, uno de nuestros miembros mas antiguos se nos estará yendo de la escuela, el Sr. Alfredo Oquendo, quien a lo largo de los años ocupó varios puestos, entre ellos profesores de francés, inglés y ESL, bibliotecario y coordinador de secundario. Se está yendo a conquistar otras metas, estamos perdiendo un miembro valioso de nuestra comunidad ... le deseamos lo mejor en el logro de sus nuevos objetivos.

Me complace anunciar que un nuevo miembro del personal se ha unido a nuestro equipo este mes: Srta. María Gabriela Arguello. La Srta. Arguello viene a nosotros con mucha energía y entusiasmo para continuar con nuestro compromiso de mejorar nuestra experiencia de aprendizaje de francés. Démosle la bienvenida a nuestra escuela a la Srta. Arguello.

Atentamente,

Dr. Alirio JM Romero
Director de ELM



Students of the Quarter



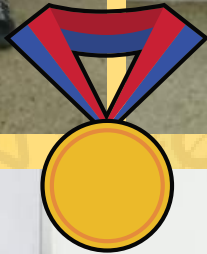
**Congratulations to all of the Quarter
3 Students! Great job on keeping up
with the RESPECT traits!**



**Middle School:
Sofia Carataidis**

**High School:
Paul Ramotar**

**ECE Division:
Amanda Villarreal**



**Lower School:
Carlotta Al Abdala
Valentina Fonseca
Clara Arzola
Isaac Chirinos
Amanda Vilchez**



Anti-Bullying Day February 23rd

We said NO to bullying with our Pink-Shirt Day!
Way to go ELM!



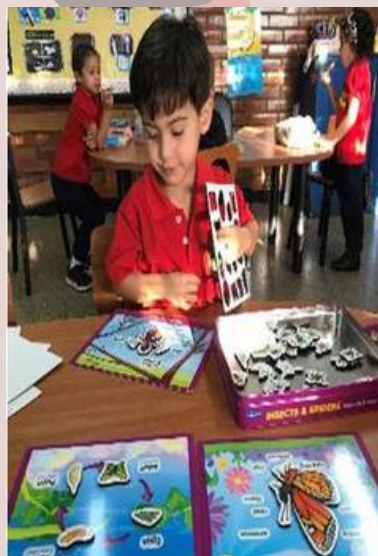
ECE 1 and 2 Frances Cable

February was an interesting month for ECE 1 & 2. There were many fun activities and new things to learn. The students were curious about Valentines and was eager to learn about its history. They enjoyed doing many valentines arts and crafts activities. I guess you could say that "Love Was in The Air" for the ECE program. They shared and created valentines for each other. It was a lot of fun.

In Language Arts students focused on listen to informational text stories. Artsiom, Balian and Iaroslav were so fascinated about stories about 'Bugs'. Bugs was a hot topic with the ECE 1 students. ECE 2 loved to write and draw about the information they gained from a story. Stavros is writing a lot of new words and Barbara is adding a lot of details to her drawing. Amanda is great at using her creativity and making up new stories.

We hope they continue with all the great effort. For ELM youngest students they sure do work hard. Both Ms. Soraya and myself are very happy with our students.

Love, Ms. Frances and Ms. Soraya



ECE 3

Stephanie Flores



February was an exciting month for ECE 3, we received a new student: Sergio. Frank and Obaida were really happy with their new classmate. They created different valentine crafts like bees, ladybugs, flowers and butterflies.

In language arts, they improved in their reading and writing skills. Obaida is really good in math and he really loves doing different math activities. Frank is really good at science and he loves talking about the different habitats and animals. Overall, February was a really good month for ECE 3.

1st Grade Lily Muñoz

In the Month of Love and Friendship the students had the opportunity to celebrate different special occasions in order to promote the value of RESPECT, being respected the way they are, and be safe whenever they find themselves. I have discussed with my students in our Good Morning Meeting that each one of us is special and unique in our very own way.



To that end, I as a Teacher and the school have promoted and developed special activities to celebrate and honor the days spent at school with activities such as 100 Days of School on February 09. The students counted and drew 100 things at home to show their parents how easily they can count up to 100 and more! Also, at school we read the book: The 100 th Day of School written by Angela Shelf Medearis, On Saint Valentine's Days February 14, they cut out valentines and wrote special messages to their valentines, E.R.A.S.E Bullying, celebrated on February 23, the students worked on a special at school-home project to discuss with their parents ways to stop Bullying anytime, and anywhere.



Last but not least, we discussed the importance of being safe at all times. Ms. Lily offered them a little workshop about safety rules and s safety procedure. I made sure they understood when emergency emerge at any unexpected time anyone of them can be the leader to guide other to a safety place and through exit routes, and the last one to leave the place while in school is the teacher, so two of us will be playing the role of to be the leader to keep everybody safe in our campus.

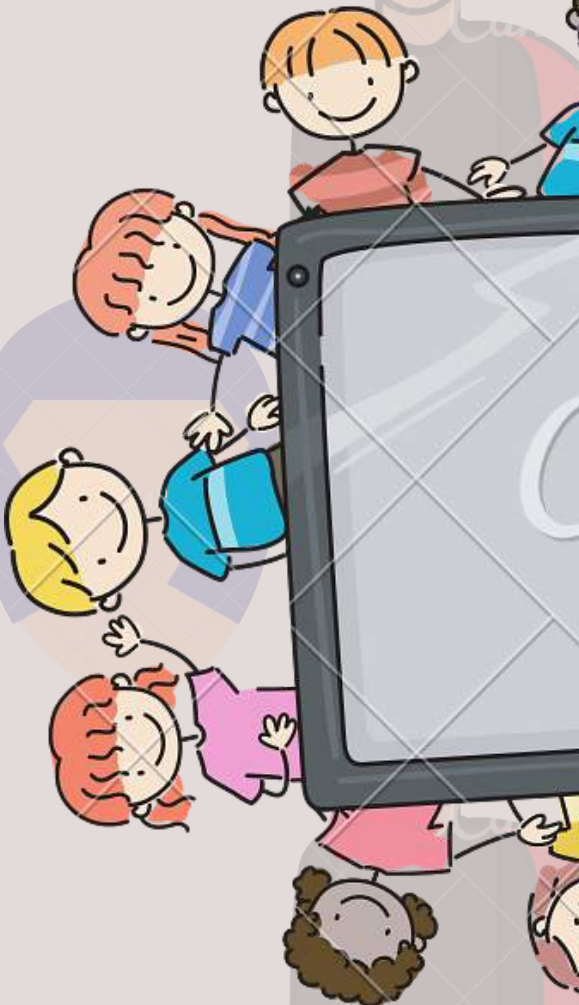


SPELLING BEE: The spelling bee sponsor would like to invite you to participate in our Third Annual ELM Spelling Bee Contest. Coming Up soon! On March 23rd.



2nd Grade Desired Fuentes

February was the month for History in second grade. Second graders were highly challenged with a meaningful research and personification on a particular hero from the past. They were overflowing with tons of enthusiasm and excitement while performing their “Heroes from the World” presentation.



3rd Grade Mayerlin Briceño



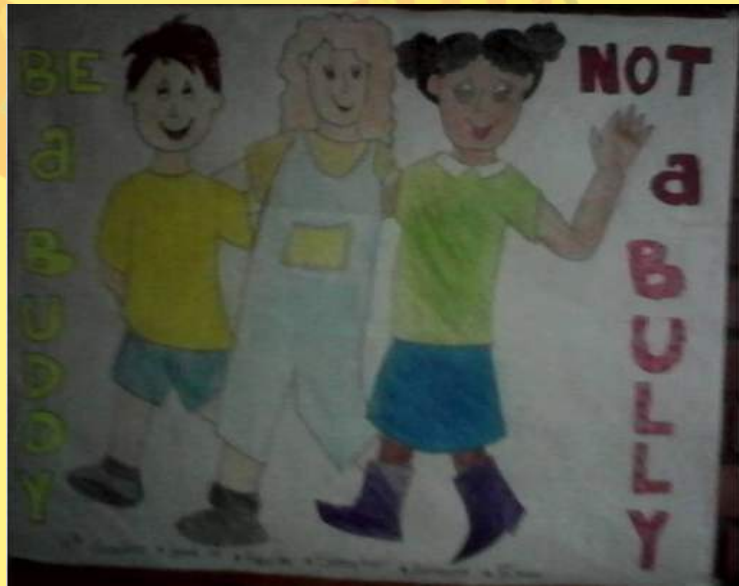
February has been a challenging month, lots of things to learn and a new world to discover. 3rd grade kids want to try new things, investigate and express how they feel. Everyday is a new adventure for us, and we want to share it with you, We are ready to learn and have fun!!!



4th Grade Jelimar Romney

This month we have made activities related to the 100 days of school, Valentine's day and the anti-bullying week, performing several activities in the classroom.

Working as a team, we created 2 posters about the anti-bullying day.



5th Grade Karen Gaddis

Homemade Chile was warmed up and eaten by the Grade 5 students. The Chile was a gourmet delight, and was enjoyed by all the students, especially Orlando.



Mrs. Gaddis's special Chile Pot. Yum Yum!



We celebrated Anti Bullying Day by wearing pink shirts, and learning ways to keep from being bullied. Also, students wrote short essays about types of bullies and being bullied.

Student Counselor Lilirox Hurtado

En el departamento de apoyo estudiantil se trabaja en conjunto con los maestros y representantes para un óptimo desarrollo del proceso enseñanza aprendizaje siendo primordial el trabajo en equipo se implementaron unas series de actividades con los niños y así ir fomentando en cada uno de ellos la importancia que tiene su aporte para llegar al objetivo deseado.



Art Miguel Rivero



En este mes, trabajamos con las Rayas y Líneas en la Naturaleza (Piel de animales y Textura en hojas, en la vida vegetal. También en Lower School, aplicamos el color en dibujos, resaltando áreas, para lograr un impacto visual. En 4to y 5to Grado Diseñamos afiches y franelas sobre "La intimidación y el Bullying".



Art Miguel Rivero

En 6to, 7mo y 8vo, el arte Mesopotámico, nos permitió indagar en la cultura de la antigüedad las alumnas Sofia Carataidis, Giulia Coletta.y Lourdes García, realizaron el proyecto de la "Puerta de Ihstar" está en proceso los proyectos asignados al resto de los estudiantes, sobre Palacios y Monumentos Mesopotámicos.

En High School, La Simbología del arte Paleocristiano, se mostro en dibujos y la técnica del Mosaico, en variados materiales, resaltando la textura del mosaico, y su significado religioso.



Music

Fernando Bermudez

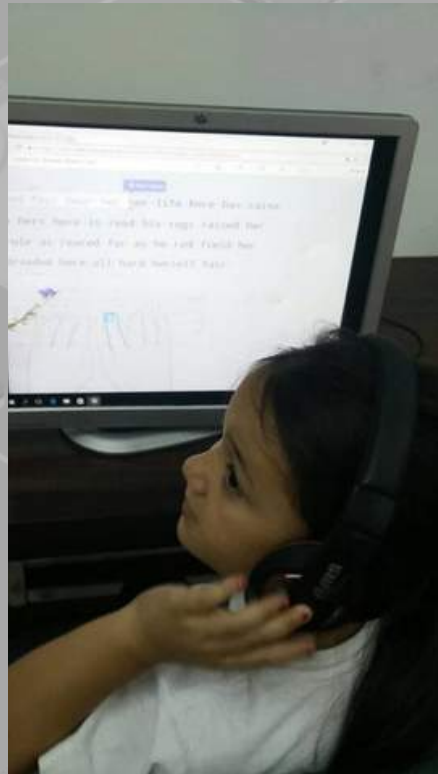
Aquí anexadas varias fotos donde se puede ver a los estudiantes de upper school que iniciaron este año recibiendo clases de música conociendo las figuras musicales, el valor de tiempo de cada una, y ejercicios de poliritmia donde queda mano hace unos tiempos diferentes. Los estudiantes de lower school realizando sus actividades, donde logramos repasar lo visto desde el inicio de clases lo que nos sirvió para refrescar y avanzar.



Informational Technology

Alejandro Florian

Lower School students in the IT class had a great time developing their typing skills and sharing results. 4th Graders also had a great time sharing all together last St. Valentine's day.

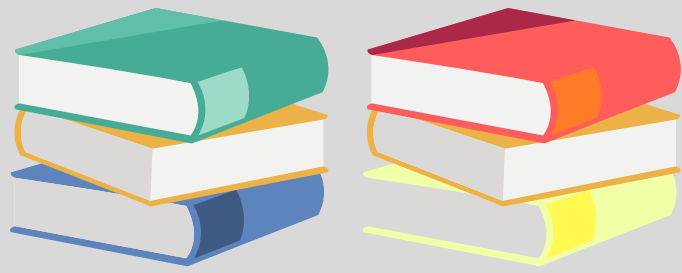


Physical Education

Alexandra Pereda

El deporte escolar se apoderó este mes de febrero en las clases de educación física, destacando el talento de los estudiantes al dominar las destrezas deportivas de la disciplina baloncesto, para otros, es la iniciación de nuevas y variadas experiencias en el ámbito educativo tanto en el plano motor, como cognitivo y social afectivo. Es importante seguir motivando a nuestros estudiantes a la práctica del ejercicio físico, sea de cualquier forma, ya que estimula el desarrollo y garantiza una buena calidad de vida.





Spanish Jesuhane Tovar



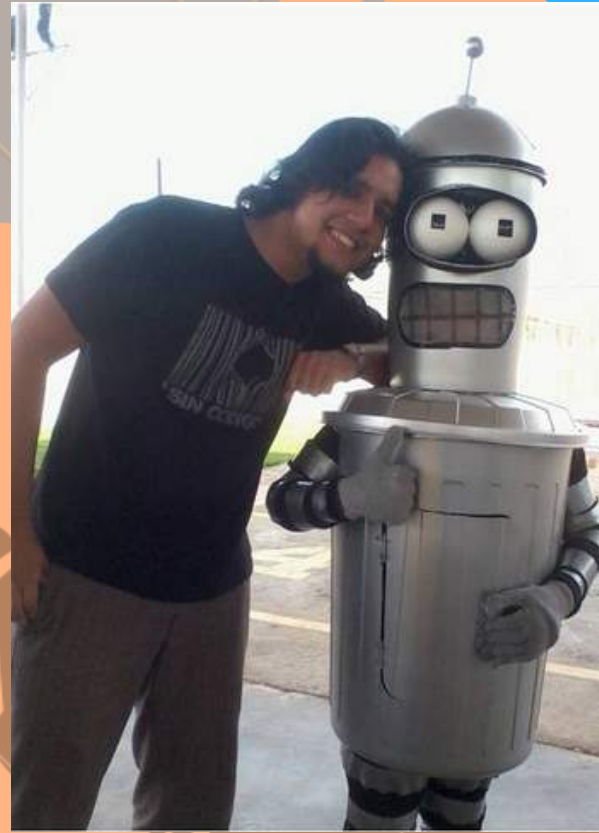
En el mes de febrero los estudiantes realizaron una cartelera alusiva al Día de la Amistad donde cada uno escribió una carta y la intercambiaron entre sus compañeros, fue una experiencia maravillosa y divertida. También es importante mencionar que los estudiantes de segundo grado están haciendo un excelente trabajo de lectura en grupos. Finalmente es muy importante resaltar que los chicos siempre en español trabajan sobre la importante de la gramática como por ejemplo: verbos, pronombres, sustantivos, adjetivos, adverbios, interjecciones, preposiciones, artículos, conjunciones, entre otros.



French Alfredo Oquendo

During this month we faced a lot of unexpected situations that affected the normal course of classes at ELM. Although, we accomplished goals and kept moving forward. In French, the kids have been working with tongue-twisters and content related to different topics of French culture and language.

I would like to take this space to say that this will be my last article published in the Panther Tracks of ELM. After more than 5 years dedicated to this school and its community, the time has arrived for me to leave and start all over in a new context, a “new planet or star” (if you read The Little Prince you will get me).



French Alfredo Oquendo

I will never forget all the experiences (good and bad, happy and angry, excited and sad) that I had while working at ELM. I will keep each one of the members of this community in a very special part of my heart and my memories. ELM has been a second home for me, and even though it is always hard to say good bye, sometimes those are just the right words to say. Luckily for me, it is not a “good bye” full of regrets, anger, or sadness; au contraire, it is full of hope, excitement, and positivity. Nevertheless, I cannot run away from that deep inexplicable feeling that embraces me each time I think about the closure of this cycle in my life.

Thanks for all ELM! Wherever I go, I am proud to say that I will always be a panther; I will always be Escuela Las Morochas.



English Bryan Medina

This month went really fast. February brought new opportunities for all the grades to continue expressing themselves through the books we are reading. I would like to use this chance to congratulate the students from 11th and 12th for their thoroughly analysis of the role of nurse Ratched from One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, compared to the women's status quo in the 1960's. Congratulations on your performance!

Besides, 7th graders did an amazing job on their quizzes and analysing the family dynamic in the book Tangerine.

Many 2nd and 3rd graders started taking ESL classes on Wednesdays and Thursdays. They are progressing really well.

To all grades, continue exceeding your own expectations by giving an extra mile.

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CUCKOO'S
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Math Naira Trolle

During the month of February students have been trying their best to give their best effort in school. Despite having obstacles such as water and electrical shortages, in addition to a long weekend the students and staff have worked very hard. The 6th graders have been working on adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators as well as working with elapsed time and box-and-whisker plots. The seventh graders are starting to work with solving equations for variable values. The eighth graders have been working on percentages and using the percent proportion, percent equation, and percent change formula to solve real life problems. The Algebra 1 class has been diligently entering Chapter 9 which is about functions and the Statistics and Probability class composed of Nelio, Veruska and Victoria Soto have been working with variance and its importance in Statistics. Students also



Social Studies Roger Brady

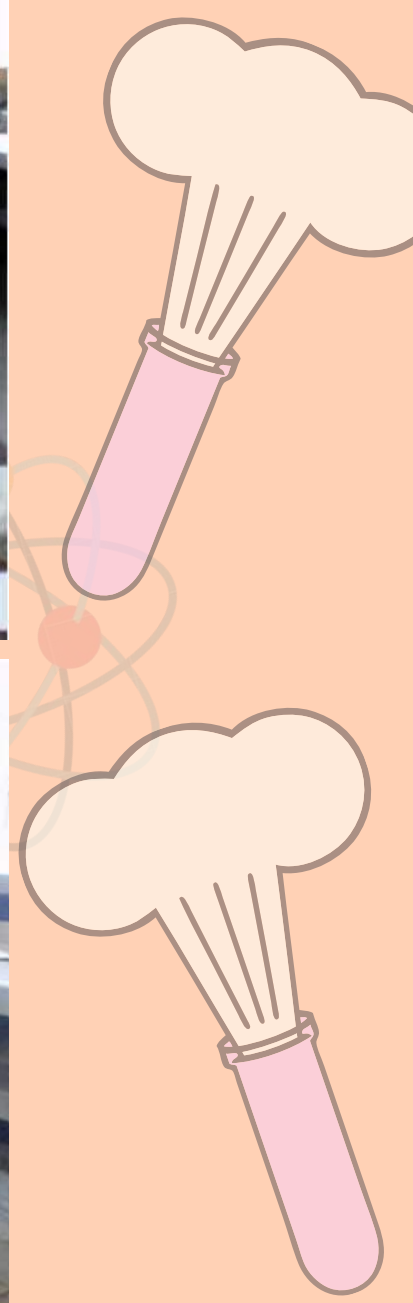


Primary sources can be an effective tool for motivating students to learn about a subject. These newspapers are original document from 1788, 1797, and 1798. They are full of information, ideas, and advertisement from the time period. After looking over these papers, the students will use them as templates to create their own papers.

In small groups, the students will be using their knowledge to research and write about events of the time. They will also have to create advertising that is appropriate. Just like a real newspaper, the group will create, edit, and submit their paper for evaluation.

Science *Mlungisi Zikode*

The month of February was exciting for the students. The students did class activities, homework and took their first science quiz of the year. I am glad to announce that the students did well and Lourdes Garcia and Victoria Soto from the 8th and 11th grades respectively did very well, they both scored a 100% in the quiz. And as we know, Science is about the application of knowledge so the students have lab classes where they get to do practical activities. Here is a glimpse of what took place in the Science classes in the February month:





The 3rd Annual ELM SPELLING BEE CONTEST



S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G
B-E-E



March 23rd, 2018
2:10pm to 3:00pm
Place: Multipurpose Room
Sponsor: Ms. Lily Muñoz

1st Grade
up to
5th Grade

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We hope you enjoyed!
We will be back in March.