



AEA FRIDAY LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

Superintendent's Message

Dear AEA Families,

As you are well aware, California's primary elections will take place on June 5. There are many important positions on the ballot related to education and it's important that we all make our voices heard.. To find your polling place click here:

<http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place/>

With the school year drawing to an end, there is much to celebrate. If you or your family members would like simultaneous interpretation of our 8th grade graduation ceremonies into Spanish, click [here](#). We will also be live-streaming both ceremonies on social media; keep an eye out for more information soon.

Have a wonderful and meaningful weekend. Our schools will be closed on Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day. Classes will resume on May 29.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sciarretta

AEA Superintendent

[AEA Events at a Glance:](#)

Please see the official AEA calendar below for important upcoming events at both schools:

[AEA Calendar](#)

[AEA General Messages](#)

IMPORTANT: City of San Diego Pipeline Replacement Project

The City of San Diego has started the [30th Street Pipeline Replacement project](#). This project will replace approximately 5.7 miles of water main along 30th Street from Polk Avenue in the Greater North Park community to Commercial Avenue in the Southeastern Community. Please allow extra time for drop off and pick up at AEACES during the length of this project. Also, please make sure to adhere to all “No Parking” restrictions and detours.

Project Fact Sheet can be found [HERE](#)

SDPD Community Block Party!

Please join the San Diego Police Department at their annual Community Block Party which will be held on June 2nd from 10am to 1pm at the Stockton Recreation Center at 330 32nd Street. The entire event is **FREE!** There will be a lot of activities for the kids/teens including a rock climbing wall, a giant inflatable obstacle course and a monster truck!

Details about the event can be found [HERE](#)

Feeding San Diego K-8 Community Service Highlights

On May 5th, close to 50 volunteers, including K-8 students and parents worked together to support Feeding San Diego. Volunteers sorted 3,238 lbs. of tomatoes, organized 1200 bags of frozen vegetables and cleaned boxes for food reclamation. Check out these volunteers in action below!



Elementary School Highlights and Messages:



Save the Date! 12th Annual Elementary FIELD DAY!

FRIDAY, June 15th. 12:40-2:45

- To sign up to volunteer on this fun-filled day, click [CLICK HERE](#)
- [CLICK HERE](#) for our [Field Day Flyer](#) with class colors (*Class colors are based on B week teachers*)
- [CLICK HERE](#) for all [Field Day Information](#) on our PE website

Einstein T-Shirt & World Assembly Day, Tuesday, June 5th

On Tuesday, June 5th, students are encouraged to show their school spirit by wearing an AEA Einstein T-shirt to school, with uniform bottoms. AEA T-shirts can be those already owned (e.g. AEA Walk for Water, Run-a-thon, etc.) or a newly purchased “Courage” t-shirt. Courage t-shirts will be sold for \$10 cash, with all proceeds benefiting Safe Passage.

- T-shirts will be sold on the following days: 5/23 12pm-1pm, 5/30 12pm-1pm & 6/4 7:30-8:10am & 2:30-3pm (or until supplies last)

Literary Character Day Highlights

On May 9th, students showed their AEA spirit by coming to school dressed as their favorite fictional character from a book. This video captures the spirit of the day:

<https://vimeo.com/271211770>

May Gray and June Gloom: Don't let them fool you!

Although mornings may be cloudy and damp, the sun is still strong and often breaking out by recess time. Don't forget your sunscreen, hats, and water bottles and remind students to keep jackets and sweaters in their backpacks if they are going to take them off.

Second Grade Engineering Rotations

On May 4th, three aerospace engineers from General Atomics Aeronautical spent the day rotating through second grade classrooms, leading engineering activities in preparation for the “How the World Works” unit. The engineers discussed various types of engineering, shared the key elements of structural design, and tasked students to work collaboratively in making the tallest structure possible out of spaghetti and marshmallows. See exciting photos of this activity below.



Middle School Highlights and Messages:

Message from Principal Trakas:

The "force was with us" as we began a great first week of SBAC testing with our 6th grade with Star Wars as our motivating theme. We had a great showing with Eric Cross, Stephanie Manis, and their students representing AEACMS at the Junior Solar Sprint Competition last weekend where our students applied their solar skills in developing solar powered cars and competed with schools throughout the state.

We are proud to kick off a partnership with SDSU's school of nursing as we begin a series of presentations dedicated to health and wellness. Last night we had our first Parent University presentation with SDSU, which focused on sexual health education for our students. It covered what our parents need to know about next year's curriculum. See below for more information as this program begins next week for eighth grade.

Sexual Health Education for 8th Grade on Tuesday May 29th/Thursday May 31st

Your 8th grade student will receive sexuality education as part of the AEACMS overall health education curriculum on Tuesday May 29th or Thursday May 31st during their Physical & Health Education class period. Topics will include:

- *Reproduction Basics*
- *HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STDs)*
- *Contraception and Pregnancy Prevention (Optional – a condom activity will be included)*
- *Risk Reduction*
- *Healthy Decision Making*
- *Teen Rights and Resources*

You are welcome to contact your student's Physical & Health Education teacher and/or the school counselor (Monica Solorio: mosolorio@aeacs.org) to preview the lessons we'll be teaching your student. AEACMS acknowledges that parents/guardians are the primary sexuality educators for their child/children and we are committed to partnering with you to provide supplementary resources to support you in this role.

Parents/guardians have the option of excluding their student from any portion of sexuality education instruction. If this is the case with your student, please fill out the letter that was sent home previo with your student and send it to your student's Physical & Health Education teacher or Mrs. Solorio (school counselor). Students who are excused will be assigned to a different classroom for the class period or portion of the presentation. The presentation can be found on the AEA website under the Parent tab, under Parent University.

We have also started work on our commitment to next year's after school program as we announced Francisco Cota as our new After School Program Director. Francisco has extensive experience working with successful after-school programs and we are excited about the possibilities.

It's hard to believe that our exchange students have already been in Giessen for over a week now. They spent time with their host families and attended school with their host students (see photo below). This weekend our students and their chaperones will explore Nürnberg and München including a visit to the beautiful fairy tale castle Neuschwanstein.

To find out more about our German exchange program, please visit our website at:
<https://sites.google.com/a/aeacs.org/aea-german-resources/student-exchange-program>



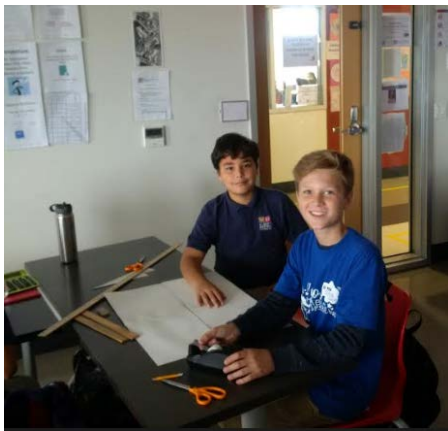
Finally, we were excited to host dozens of incoming AEACMS sixth graders to our campus this week. The goal of this event was to welcome our new middle schoolers, provide an overview of our program, review our expectations for students, and send students off to the summer confident and excited about the upcoming school year. Thanks to the families who gave of their time to attend the orientation.

Middle School Classroom News

Sixth Grade:

Math: *How can we recreate a cereal box so we can decrease the amount of materials used to create the box while increasing the amount of cereal the container can hold?* In our last unit of study “Shape Up,” our sixth grade mathematicians will attempt to answer the above question by engaging in an engineering project. They will investigate, plan, create, and evaluate a cereal box prototype. In addition, they will:

- conduct a marketing survey
- analyze and represent data collected from their survey
- analyze cost involved in their cereal box design
- create a presentation describing their design and findings
- present their work in class

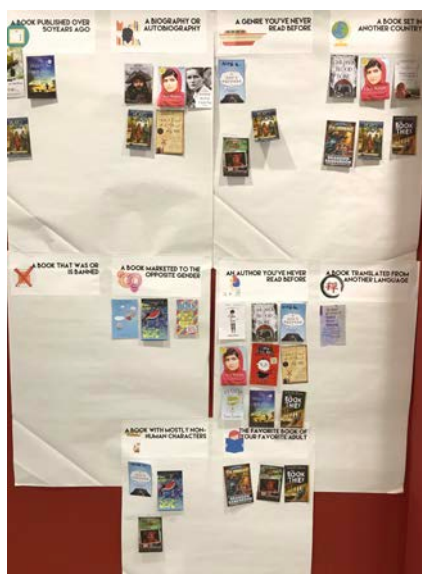


SBAC Testing:

Sixth grade launched SBAC testing through the lens of using “the force” of a growth mindset. Students participated in a Star Wars themed dress up day on Friday, May 18th, and began testing on Monday, May 21st. Teachers decorated the hallways with Star Wars themed posters.

**Language & Literature: Reading Challenge**

Sixth grade students read a variety of texts based upon specific qualifiers:



Seventh Grade

Science:

Students participated in the Junior Solar Sprint Competition on May 19th led by Mr. Cross:



Dr. Paul Stephens Jr., MD. (Pediatric Cardiologist) visited Mr. Cross' science class and taught students about their heart and how to tie surgeon knots.

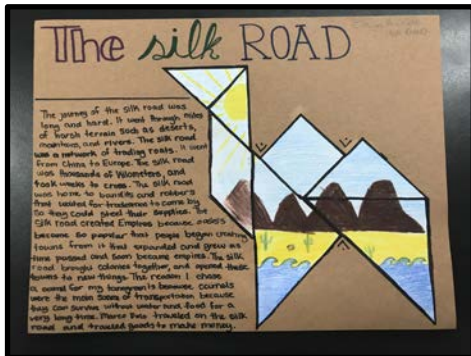


Mr. Cross' students had their first experiences with Virtual Reality using Oculus Go.



Individuals and Societies:

Mr. Allen facilitated the project Silk Road Tangrams and created masks in World Art for World People.

**Eighth Grade****Science/ Math:**

Students worked in collaborative groups on budgeting for, designing, building and testing a Mars Rover. Once the students created their prototype out of candy, they then designed a Lander prototype out of cardboard using the following concepts: graphing, slope, acceleration, velocity and Newton's Laws of Motion. The Lander needed to allow for a safe landing of the Rover on Mars. The crew and cargo was modeled by a raw egg that was dropped in the Lander from the 4th floor to the side entrance. Next, we are building the habitat on Mars.



Coming up, all eighth graders will head to Mission Bay Aquatic Center on Thursday, May 24 where they will have a fun-filled day of paddle boarding, kayaking, swimming, tubing and team building.



Garden Club:

Construction of the raised beds for the middle school garden is wrapping up, and as part of an 8th Grade Community Project, students met to paint rocks for decorations once the garden is complete.



