



# AEA FRIDAY LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

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## Superintendent's Message

*Dear AEA Families,*

*I would like to sincerely thank everyone who made this past weekend's 14th Annual Friends of AEA Gala a great success. From the gala committee to the event sponsors to the donors and all in attendance, the event was confirmation that the AEA community is united around the most important issue of all, namely providing a well-rounded world-class IB education to all students. This goal is best achieved through a partnership between staff, volunteers, parents and the greater community, and we saw this in evidence last weekend. When the final tally is completed by Friends staff the results of the auction will be published. While the dollar amount is undeniably important, it is equally important to view the gala as much as a "friends-raising" as a fundraising event. Judging by the laughter and conversation at the Gala, I believe this first objective has been met once again.*

*Thanks also to all members of our AEA community who voted in the California primary elections on June 5. This is one more area where we as adults can set a positive example for the next generation by being active participants in our democracy.*

*Please see below for important information related to the final two weeks of the 2017-18 school year.*

*Sincerely,*

*Dr. Sciarretta*

*AEA Superintendent*

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## **AEA Events at a Glance:**

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

[AEA Calendar](#)

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## **AEA General Messages**

### **School Safety**

Safety is our top priority. As mentioned in several previous messages to the AEA community this school year, we have created an anonymous safety tipline allowing students and families to report information that may help keep our community safe. You can make reports via telephone or text message. See the Tipline link featured prominently in red at [www.aeacs.org](http://www.aeacs.org). You can also speak directly with teachers, counselors and administrators at any time in both AEA schools.

[Anonymous Safety Tipline HERE](#)

### **AEA Graduation time is here!**

Elementary 5th Grade - 6/20/18 at 8:30am

Middle 8th Grade - 6/21/18 at 8:30am

Please stay tuned for more information from the respective schools.

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## **Elementary School Highlights and Messages:**



### **12th Annual Elementary FIELD DAY!**

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

- [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

### **World Cup Sports Jersey Spirit Day, Wednesday, June 13th**

In recognition of the World Cup, students are encouraged to show their school spirit by wearing a sports jersey of their choice to school. The sports jersey does not have to be specific to soccer. Uniform bottoms are required.

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## **5th Grade Exhibition, Wednesday, June 13th, 5-7pm, in 5th-Grade Classrooms**

The final year of every Primary Years Program (PYP), marks the culminating process known as “Exhibition.” This year’s Exhibition topic is, “Education.” We invite you to join us as 5th graders present their research findings from what has been an extended, in depth, collaborative inquiry.

## **AEA Assists Elementary Food Drive on Field Day, June 15th**

Summer break is almost upon us, and that means a lot of time for us to spend with friends and family. It also means that many students in our community will be away from school and without the meals that are provided regularly to them. Please consider donating non-perishable items in anticipation of the summer break. Items such as rice, pasta, beans, canned goods, bottled water, snack bars, etc are all welcome. Collection bins will be available in the main office conference room and just inside the front gates.

## **Final AEA Assists Pantry Day of the 2017-18 School Year:**

**Monday, June 18th, 7:45 am to 3:30 pm, in the Main Office Conference Rm.**

We have a variety of free items available: protein (beans, tuna fish, chili), grains (rice, cereals), canned vegetables, granola bars, and much more. If your family can benefit from any of these items as we head into summer, we encourage you to please stop by anytime on Monday, June 18th. If you would like some of these items, but are unable to come during those hours, please contact your child’s teacher directly for an alternate arrangement.

## **AEA’s Got Talent**

Our annual Talent Show took place on May 24th and consisted of forty-five different performances, kinder through fifth grade. The variety of acts included singing, dance, martial arts, instrumental and even Rubik’s Cube Masters. A huge thank you to the performers, their families, and all who came to support student performances. Check out these great performances!

[KC & KD](#)

[3E Performance](#)

[Stepsisters Lament](#)

[A Million Dreams](#)

## Mural Painting

With our food service change to “Volunteers of America” this year, K-5 students were given the opportunity to name the cafeteria. “IB Cafe,” was the chosen name, followed by a 5th grade drawing contest to design a related logo. Our amazing art teachers pulled from the design ideas of multiple 5th graders, and created an entire mural. Students whose art was incorporated were also given the opportunity to help paint the mural. Take a look at their hard work, and at IB Cafe’s new look.



## Middle School Highlights and Messages:

### **Message from Principal Trakas:**

I would like to celebrate the impressive gains made in our middle school DSD scores, with over a 30 point improvement over last year! Kudos to Herr Hoffman for his hard work preparing students for this important measure.

I had the privilege of accompanying AEA Board President William Melton on a day-long visit to the AEACMS campus this week. We visited all classrooms and saw amazing examples of project-based learning. The teaching and learning were augmented by the presence of visitors from the Salk Institute in 8th grade.

Finally, a heartfelt thanks to all AEA families and staff who showed up and contributed at the AEA gala last weekend. At my first AEA gala it was humbling to see the level of commitment to AEA's programs and specifically to the middle school music program for the coming school year.

### **8th Grade Community Project Presentations**

Community Project presentations for eighth grade will take place on Monday, June 11th from 6:00-7:30 pm in classrooms on the 2nd floor of the AEACMS campus. Community Projects are a required piece of the IB Middle Years Program and are assessed based on demonstrated investigating, planning, taking action and reflecting skills. At our school, students complete their projects within one semester of eighth grade. Conducting the presentations in the evening allows students to share their work with families and friends.

**Don't forget: AEACMS Field Day takes place on Friday, June 15, 2018!**  
**Stay tuned for more information coming soon.**





## Middle School Classroom News

### **Sixth Grade:**

#### **Math:** Cereal Box Re-Design Project

Last week, our sixth grade mathematicians collaborated in teams to re-design a cereal box. They first drafted a net, used butcher paper to draw a net in order to create a 3-D model, and built their cereal box prototype using different materials such as cardboard and cardstock. This week, students conducted a marketing survey to make their cereal box marketable. In addition, they calculated the cost of doing business by finding the cost of making the cereal box, profit margin and marked-up percent. Next week, our mathematicians will hone their public speaking skills to present their work and final cereal box design in the classroom using Google Slides.



**English: Socratic Seminar**

Sixth graders began preparing for their first Socratic Seminar. They read the short story “Zoo” by Edward Hoch and annotated the text for elements of plot, characterization, and theme. Additionally, they worked on making inferences on selected excerpts from the story.

**Seventh Grade**

Out of 695 submissions to the Museum of Photographic Arts (MOPA) Annual Youth Exhibition, 85 pieces were selected to be displayed in the exhibition. This year photos by two 7th grade students, Mitra Marchuk and Paola Marchuk, were accepted. The exhibition will be on display at MOPA from September 1, 2018 through January 9, 2019. See the selected photos below:



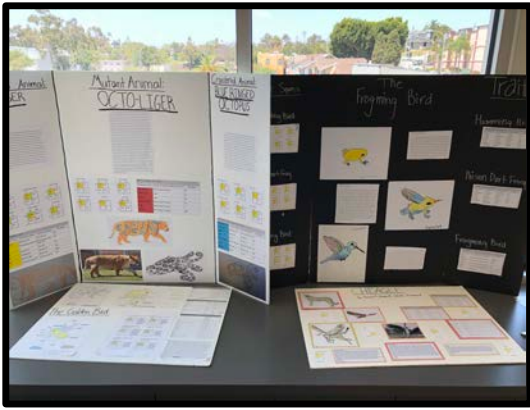
**“Sound of Pain” by Paola Rodriguez**



**“Bubbles” by Mitra Marchuk**

**Science:**

Risk-taking students took the opportunity to sample Durian fruit which is considered by many to be the smelliest fruit in the world with an sulfur-like aroma that is often describe as smelling like rotting flesh.



Hunger Games have begun! Students are designing a fierce genetically engineered creature for The Capitol's next Hunger Games. Fifty four districts will compete to produce the toughest, most ferocious and resilient crossbreed or mutant animal.

## Eighth Grade

### Individuals and Societies:

Our rising ninth graders are preparing for an exciting next few weeks as they wrap up their middle school years. Starting on June 11 students will be working in collaborative groups designing and building cardboard boats to race on June 14th at the Bud Kearns pool at Morley Field. On June 18 our eighth graders will tour UCSD, on June 19th they will enjoy a picnic at the park, and on June 20th will enjoy a semi-formal dinner/ dance at the annual harbor cruise. On Thursday, June 21st we will celebrate our 8th graders at their promotion ceremony. We are proud of all of their accomplishments!

### Science/ Math:

Our students have been enjoying a full week of Science and Math. We welcomed the Salk Institute into our classrooms the week of June 5. Salk staff guided students through scientific experiments. Ask your student what they learned. Hint.. it has to do with fruit flies.



