

EXCEL ACADEMY



October School Highlights



1055

546

1601

Warner

Helendale

Total

Enrollment

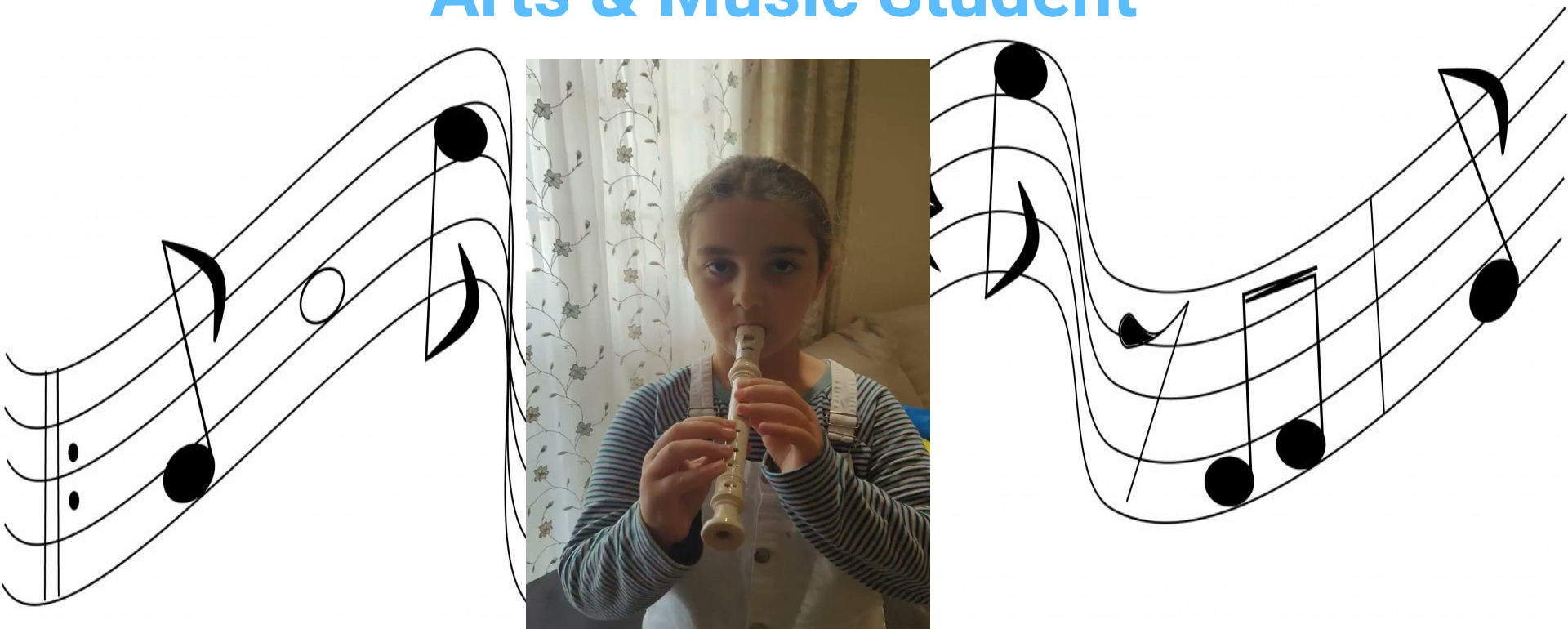


October Highlight

Helendale Oversight Visit

Superintendent Ross Swearingen & Assistant Superintendent Josh Behnke visited the Excel Academy Office to meet with our Business Services, Special Education, Human Resources, and leadership team to review the operations of the school. It was a very successful day!

Arts & Music Student



This is part of Excel Academy's daily synchronous art and music class offerings!

October Social Media Campaign

Cultural Awareness

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Annie Mun



Annie Mun is a Teacher of Record of Excel Academy!

Mrs. Mun's family is from South Korea. During the Korean War, her paternal grandparents fled Pyongyang and settled in Incheon. The distinction between North and South Korea came after the 38th parallel marks the political boundary. The area is heavily guarded by the military and is ironically known as the Demilitarized Zone. Mrs. Mun has often wondered what life in North Korea, one of the most reclusive countries in the world, would have been like and is particularly thankful for the freedom that exists in democratic countries.

#EXCELSTUDENTSBELONG #EXCELSTAFFBELONG

EACS students are from all backgrounds

EXCEL ACADEMY

we are different and that's what makes us special



Iranian Guamanian Puerto Rican Dominican Cuban Samoan
Korean Kenyan Argentinian Puerto Rican Dominican Cuban Samoan
Hungarian Mexican American Colombian Filipino
Turkish Syrian Korean Vietnamese



#excelstudentsbelong
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
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EXCEL ACADEMY ENCOURAGES YOU TO CHECK OUT OTHER CULTURES In Your Community!



Chinatown Little Armenia Pico-Robertson
Historic Filipinatown Thai Town Little Ethiopia
Koreatown Little Arabia Little Tokyo

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Attention Eagle Adventurers! Grab your maps and buckle up, it's time for the first annual EACS Great SOP Race!

It is vital we collect your department's mission critical Standard Operating Procedures to the ultimate Eagle Grail before time runs out. Join me in this epic adventure to collect and race other departments to win the ultimate prize and help EACS stay on course.



THE GREAT SOP RACE

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Have your staff members create a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for all critical operations they complete in their job duties. If you already have these created you may be one step ahead of the game and one step closer to the gold!

WHAT'S CONSIDERED CRITICAL MISSION OPERATIONS?



Mission Critical: Vital daily function that adds financial, monetary, and operational impact to the organization.



MISSION CRITICAL

EXAMPLES:

- Payroll Processing
- Benefits Open Enrollment
- Requesting Records
- Acquisition form entries
- Student Enrollment
- Access
- Board Agenda Item
- Collection
- Collecting Attendance
- Issuing Work Permits
- Shipping Chromebooks
- Billing



NON-MISSION CRITICAL

EXAMPLES:

- Collecting Mail
- Answering Emails
- Meetings

APLUS+ Networking Conference



Excel Academy Admin team attending the Association of Personalized Learning Schools & Services Networking Conference in San Diego!

Our Secondary Principal, Lorrie Wood, presented her “Math Strategies to Help Home Educators” session as well!

Board Governance Highlights

NOVEMBER 2022



EXCEL ACADEMY TRIVIA: DID YOU KNOW...



Excel Academy started with just 5 teachers and 90 students?

Today, tens year later, we have 74 teachers and 1600 students!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

What: Special Education Meeting

When: November 4, 2022

Who: Board Member Larry Alvarado, Director of Special Education Lara Ulmer, and Executive Director Heidi Gasca

BOARD MEMBER RESOURCES & UPDATES

• CCSA: Charter Board Retreat

A new opportunity for charter board members to come to conference for a single day or as a capstone to the week, the Charter Board Retreat will connect charter board members with industry experts for a half-day intensive addressing board compliance and best practices.

When: March 16, 2023

Where: Sacramento Convention Center










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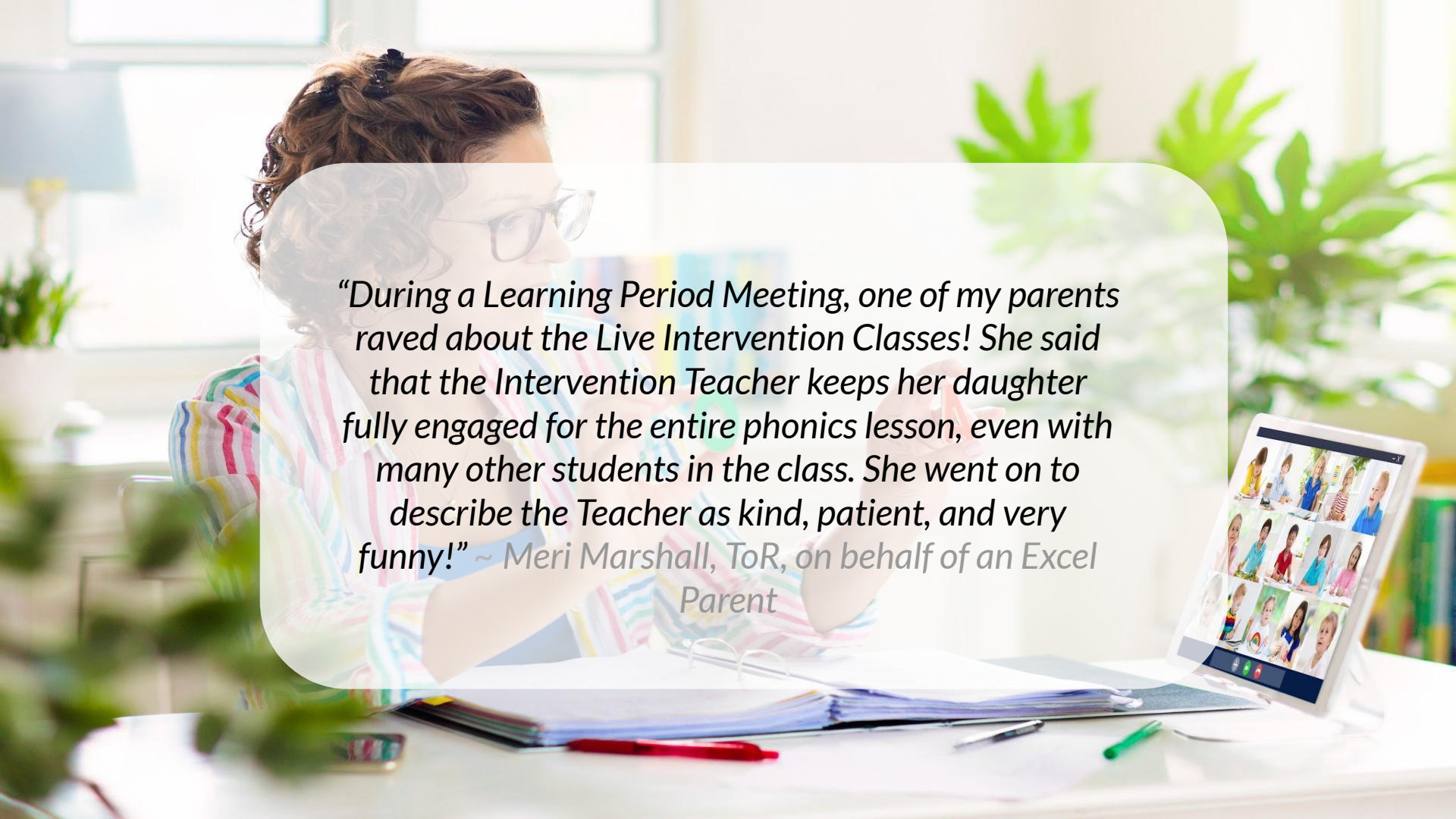


Please let Heidi & Lauren know if you'd like to attend!

• In-Person Board Meetings: AB 361

Starting February 23, 2023, Board Meetings are no longer allowed to be held via teleconference and must be held in-person in the location of the school's highest student population.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1	2	3	4 SPED Meeting w/ Board Member Larry Alvarado 	5	6
7 Admin Retreat at Warner Unified 	8 Admin Retreat at Warner Unified 	9 Admin Retreat at Warner Unified 	10 EACS Board Meeting 	11	12	13 CSDC Conference 
14 CSDC Conference 	15 CSDC Conference 	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving 	25	26	27
28	29	30				



“During a Learning Period Meeting, one of my parents raved about the Live Intervention Classes! She said that the Intervention Teacher keeps her daughter fully engaged for the entire phonics lesson, even with many other students in the class. She went on to describe the Teacher as kind, patient, and very funny!” ~ Meri Marshall, ToR, on behalf of an Excel Parent

Riley's Farm Field Trip



iFly Field Trip



Pali Outdoor Education Camp



NEW!

Excel Editorials

Regularly posted articles published to the Excel Website to give prospective parents more insight into the happenings at Excel Academy.



9. PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Without even realizing it, your students will get a lot of physical exercise while at Pali. They might take walks in the woods, hike up a steep hill to get to their cabins, and test their prowess during friendly games of gaga ball (a variation of dodgeball which is a camp favorite). Getting outdoors and being physically active are great ways to improve mental health, and the busy days leave most campers ready for bed when it's time to turn out the lights.

I had the privilege of accompanying our students to Pali Institute this past weekend and it was a remarkable experience! As a teacher, and an Excel Academy parent, I am so proud to be part of a school that provides such rich learning opportunities for students. Here are my top 10 reasons you should seriously consider sending your 5th-8th grade student to Pali next year!

10. THE BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE MOUNTAINS

It is so refreshing to breathe the clean mountain air and take in the beautiful landscapes of the San Bernardino National Forest. Pali allows your child to step into the joy of autumn and even experience a little taste of winter.

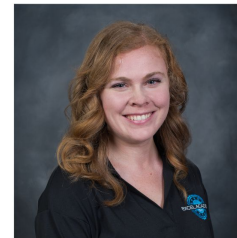


spend the weekend talking and laughing with each other, connecting with supportive adults, and forming a community. Everyone is truly engaged and the lack of distracting technology opens students up to using their imaginations and developing critical thinking skills in a whole new way.

8. THE DELICIOUS FOOD

The variety of food options provided at Pali is truly impressive! There is always a salad bar, a variety of fruits and vegetables, and homemade meat and pasta dishes. Their scrumptious desserts are not to be missed. Pali also works hard to accommodate kids with dietary restrictions. They don't use nuts and even offer some gluten free alternatives. Your picky eater will not go hungry at Pali! The meals are a highlight for just about everyone.

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5. OUR FIELD TRIP COORDINATOR

Melissa Harvilla will put your mind at ease! She goes above and beyond to make sure every student has a great time. She has vast experience in coordinating student trips and her attention to detail and daily communication will allay any parent's fears. You can rest assured that Melissa and our dedicated ToR chaperones will make sure your child feels safe and included throughout the weekend.

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Spirit Week!



Career Day



Crazy Hair Day

Staff Highlight: Lauren Hansen



Lauren is the Operations Coordinator at Excel Academy and has moved into a more specialized role this year by supporting the Executive Director in the area of board governance for Excel! She is also continuing in her many other roles overseeing admissions, and school organization. In addition, Lauren takes the lead in marketing research and implementation initiatives. Lauren also works with the Assistant Director of Human resources to develop school and staff initiatives to improve school culture.

Secondary Path Highlights



The Secondary Principal and Secondary Coordinator completed the first third of ToR observations, utilizing an updated evaluation guide which includes goal setting and highlighted progress.



Excel Counselors teamed up with a multi-counselor collaboration group (iLead, Sage Oak, Ski Mount, Gorman Learning) to bring College & Career Fairs to Excel students this Spring!

A graphic of a spotlight with a yellow beam shining down from the top left corner.

Student Spotlight

Linda Mundy has been attending Excel's free, weekly art classes. See the piece that she created from the class for the Quick Sketch activity!

Linda Mundy



Tutor.com Subscription - Usage



Live one-to-one Sessions:

43 Sessions in English, History, Math, Science, World Languages, and Writing

Total hours:

18.28 Hours in English, History, Math, Science, World Languages, and Writing

Subject used most:

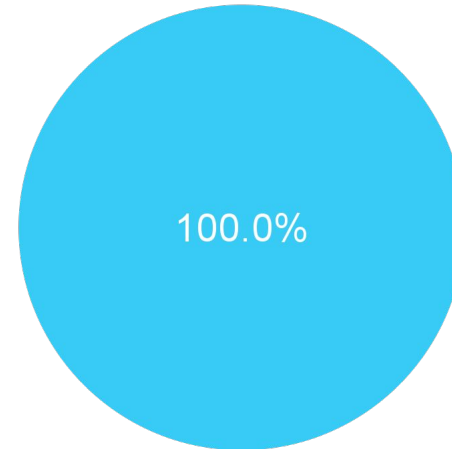
30 Students used Tutor.com for Math

Feedback:

When asked if this service helped the student complete homework assignments:

When asked if this service helped improve grades:

When asked if this service helped the student be more confident in school:



Looking forward to...



Excel Academy Holiday Party
12.8.2022



WASC Visit in January
1/30/23 - 2/1/23



Staff Self-Care Workshop
11.30.2022



Thank you!