

Compass Chronicle

Compass Charter Schools | Summer 2018

Summertime is Here!

Ahh yes, summertime has arrived! It feels like just yesterday we were kicking off the 2017-18 school year and sharing our exciting plans to engage our scholars, their families, and our Compass community. Our scholars finished semester 2 strong, and have much to be proud of. We hosted our eighth-grade promotion ceremonies across the state and welcomed scholars into high school. We also held commencement ceremonies for our graduating high school seniors who are now set to embark on a new journey. This year our scholars worked incredibly hard both inside and outside of the classroom! Several of our scholars achieved honor roll or were inducted into the National Honor Society for their academic excellence. Other scholars achieved personal goals like debuting a music single, traveling the country and the world, and landing an acting role in a popular kids television series.



I encourage you to stop by our [newsroom](#) to read about these and other exciting stories from the year! After all of the hard work, I hope all of our scholars (and learning coaches and staff) find time to relax and recharge during our summer break (June 15 to September 3). Speaking of summer break, any fun and exciting plans that you'd like to share?

There is so much to be proud of at Compass, and so much going on in and out of the classroom. This newsletter is full of important information and exciting updates about Compass Charter Schools' Online Elementary, Middle, and High School, and Options Program. Not part of the Compass family, but intrigued about the Compass Experience? Great news – [enrollment is now open](#) for the 2018-19 school year! We also have a terrific [online Summer School](#) program for scholars in grades 6-12. Consider joining our family today, for the upcoming year!

As you know, we love your suggestions, as Compass truly is all of our school! We have a virtual suggestion box for [scholars](#), as well as [parents](#), where you can share your input on CCS. We review these monthly with our [Parent Advisory Council](#), [Scholar Leadership Council](#), and Staff Advisory Committee. Feel free to share your suggestion(s) today to help us continue to enhance the educational experience for our scholars.

I hope you enjoy the Summer 2018 issue of our *Compass Chronicle*, and I look forward to seeing you next year!

Forever Loud & Proud,

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ENGAGEMENT

Coffee With Compass

We had a blast hitting the road during our Coffee with Compass series this year! Our staff met with learning coaches and scholars around the state during each in-person meetup! Everyone was able to meet and relax with some coffee and casual conversation. They were also able to make new friends and meet other Compass families living in their local community!



Learning coach, Mrs. Angulo, shared a few words about her visit during *Coffee With Compass* in Corona: "OMG! We got to spend time with amazing people like Mrs. Talcott and Mr. Lewis, and more staff that welcomed us with open arms. They are so down to earth and my son and I fell in love with all of them. Thank you so much!"



Fun Field Trips

We had a wonderful time at a variety of field trips this school year! We enjoyed NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab, Riley's Farm Revolutionary Tour, Legoland, the International Printing Museum, and more! We made so many great memories together as a Compass family this year. Most recently we adventured off to the ChocXo factory, Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanical Garden, California Science Center, Imaginology at the Orange County Fairgrounds, AstroCamp, Downtown Los Angeles walking tour, Merced Castle Air Museum, San Diego Padres Game, Tour of Arctic Station with a train ride to Olvera Street, Fresno Art Museum, Dodger Stadium Tour, Universal Studios 12th- and 8th-Grade Bash Events, the Getty Center, Project Survival Cat Haven and more! We also had quite a few engaging Virtual Scholar Workshops including an Engineering Challenge, Screening of a National Geographic film, Scholar Fitness Tips, Cooking with Compass and Survival Spanish. We look forward to exploring together during the 2018-2019 school year!



Fresno Art Museum



Dodger Stadium

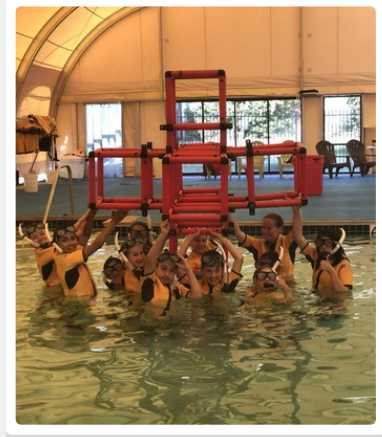


Cat Haven

Field Trip Spotlight

One of the many field trips that our scholars recently got to experience was adventuring off to AstroCamp in Idyllwild for a few days in April! Our President & CEO, J.J. Lewis, along with Ms. Gallagher, Ms. Larson and Ms. Kohler chaperoned as our scholars experienced hands-on learning and developed meaningful friendships!

When asked about the best part of AstroCamp, our scholars shared that they loved the ropes swing, long division, learning about the atmosphere on Mars and getting to be independent. When asked about their favorite memory from AstroCamp, scholars shared that they enjoyed playing games with their peers, hanging out with their friends, and completing the ropes course! When asked about something new that they learned at AstroCamp, our scholars shared that they were surprised to learn how much Ms. Larson loved the ropes course, that astronauts train underwater because of the similarity in gravity when underwater and in outer space. They also learned that heat causes a difference in pressure that is big enough to make a can crumble! Scholars enjoyed the pool at AstroCamp and sharing dorms with their friends! It was such a treasured experience for our fourth- to seventh-grade scholars!



Grad Bash Celebration!

Families who attended the Universal Studios Grad Bash Events shared that they had such a wonderful time! Our scholars enjoyed buying the fluffy unicorn from Despicable Me in the gift shop, getting a giant pink doughnut from the Simpsons, staying after hours and enjoying lots of rides with friends, meeting up with other scholars and seeing the Harry Potter ride! Our learning coaches enjoyed watching their scholars have fun, going on rides together, seeing their scholars have such a special time with other scholars, and knowing that their scholars were able to celebrate a year of hard work in such a special way!



Family Fun Day - San Diego

At the end of June, we hosted Family Fun Day, a free community event, at the Outlets at the Border in San Ysidro. Families in the San Diego area enjoyed a wonderful afternoon full of kid-friendly activities. There were so many fun things to do, including free ice cream and a variety of free giveaways. The attending families even took pictures with The Super Dentists! We look forward to next year's event!



Scholar Clubs

We had a wonderful time in all of our scholar clubs this year! From computer coding to chess to photography, our scholars developed their hobbies together during our club meetings. One of our scholars in our Arts and Crafts Club completed the drawing of a Phoenix and we'd love to share it with you all!



Graduation & Promotion Ceremonies

We had a wonderful time celebrating our graduating 12th-grade and promoting 8th-grade scholars from June 11 to June 13. We had 74 graduating high school seniors and 90 promoting 8th-grade scholars this year. We celebrated our San Diego 12th- and 8th-grade scholars on Monday, June 11 followed by our Los Angeles scholars on Tuesday, June 12, and concluded with celebrations in Fresno on Wednesday, June 13. Each celebration was full of smiles, encouragement, reflection, and celebration. We captured such sweet memories and photos which are available for viewing on [Facebook](#). Congratulations to all of our scholars for their achievements and successes this school year!



**Fresno High School
Graduation**



**Los Angeles High
School Graduation**



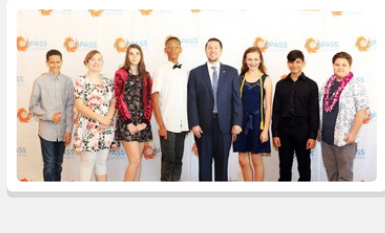
**San Diego High
School Graduation**



**Fresno Promotion
Ceremony**



**Los Angeles
Promotion
Ceremony**



**San Diego
Promotion
Ceremony**

SCHOOL CONTESTS

Scholar Fitness Challenge

In April, we challenged our scholars to get out, get up and get moving with our Scholar Fitness Challenge! All of our scholars were invited to share pictures and videos of themselves while getting some physical exercise. Many of our scholars enjoy hiking, biking, swimming and jumping on the trampoline!



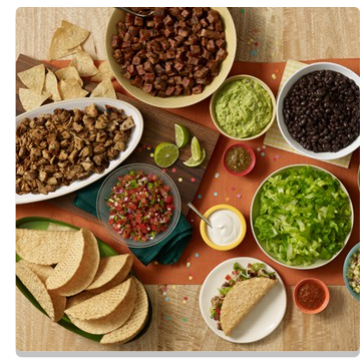
Learning Coach Recipe Challenge

Who says scholars should have all of the fun? No way! In May, we hosted our final contest of the year, a Learning Coach Recipe Challenge for parents of enrolled scholars. All of our learning coaches were invited to share their favorite, original quick and easy recipes. Our parents shared a variety of healthy meals and fun treats! Congratulations to Joy E., winner of the challenge and mother of two CCS scholars, Kristilynn and Michael. [View our CCS eCookbook!](#)



Chipotle Reading Rewards

We challenged all of our scholars to a reading contest from May until the end of the school year! The challenge was to read 10-20 minutes every day for 30 days. We provided tracking worksheets for scholars to complete with their learning coaches as they did their daily reading. Scholars in grades TK to 6th-grade who completed this challenge were given a bookmark for a free kids meal from Chipotle. Scholars in 6th- to 12th-grade who completed this challenge were given a bookmark with a coupon for a buy-one-get-one-free entree from Chipotle! Who knew reading could taste so good!



Our Summer 2018 Photo Contest

Do you have fun travel plans arranged for this summer? Are you planning a trip to the beach, the park or another country? Are you going to summer camp, a cruise or visiting relatives? We want our Compass scholars to take the Compass Firebird with them on all of their summer adventures, take pictures and share them with us for our "Travelling Firebird Contest"!



SPECIAL EDUCATION

Welcome, Summer!

Summer is upon us and I am in disbelief! This year was a whirlwind. We had so much fun working with scholars in our various special education sessions and collaborating with learning coaches and teachers to best support our scholars' needs. What is obvious to me is that there is no shortage of extremely dedicated and passionate educators at Compass! They are flexible and they are resourceful. Most importantly, they encourage children and young

adults to love learning and build confidence as they learn to acknowledge their own successes!

We invite our families to [visit our website](#) and view a variety of resources that we have collected to help scholars succeed.



What's New in Special Education?

This year, the addition of the Read Naturally program was instrumental in helping our scholars with reading and comprehension deficits gain new skills. Our learning coaches shared the growth that they saw in their children over the last few months. We truly enjoy hearing such great feedback and look forward to continuing with the program in the fall!

Helpful Resources

[Regional Center](#) has so many great resources to assist parents and scholars based on the areas of need identified by an IEP. This is just a partial list:

- Adaptations/accessibility
- Behavioral support- ABA, Floortime, Behavior
- Daycare - expenses beyond regular daycare costs
- Equipment- mobility devices, communication aides
- Education (not covered by the school district)
- Family Supports - in-home respite, parent training, support groups, counseling
- Medical (not covered by insurance)
- Mental health services (not covered by insurance)
- Professional services - if a need is established as part of caring for a child as legal services, financial management.
- Therapies (if not covered by insurance)- as ABA, OT, Speech
- Trainings - for kids, teens, providers, parents.

So, in addition to the support your child receives at Compass, we encourage parents to reach out to their local Regional Center to find many different levels of support to guide them and their child through their academic journey.



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SHARE YOUR STORY

Comments

Are you enjoying the educational experience at Compass? Tell us! We want to hear from you. Why did you decide to join the Compass family? Or, what do you love most about being part of our community? Share your comments and all of your wonderful experiences at Compass with us! [Click here](#) to share.



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