

# SHUTTLEWORTH TIMES

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“As long as children and young men and women find pleasure in study, they will continue studying throughout life—and upon that depends their happiness.”

- L. Ron Hubbard

## Humane Society

Animals are an everyday part of our life, but how much do we really know about them? Two informative and exciting hours were spent at the Pasadena Humane Society. They shelter many different animals, from cats and dogs to alligators and also the capacity for an elephant. However, dogs were the highlight of our trip.

Dogs have been human companions for 15,000 years; some say for as long as 150,000 years. When asked why would humans choose a canine to be a companion, many of our students had different answers. One fun fact explained the question of where the expression “three dog night” comes from. It refers to a very cold night in which it took sleeping with three dogs to keep warm as a dog’s body temperature is 102°. Many of our students were ready to adopt a dog and try this fun fact out.

Nick had a hard time processing the idea of a dog’s sense of smell being so acute that they smell odors on humans that the body emits signaling changes in their emotions. Some dogs are even being trained to detect cancer because those cells have a specific smell different from others.

G’vonn learned how to direct the dogs by speaking to them and using hand signals. At first he was afraid he would be bitten, but he soon learned that the dog was gentle and he was happily having the dog dancing on his two hind legs like a dancing bear.

Dogs don’t care if you’re pretty, smart or popular; they

just love you and only ask that you love and feed them in return. They truly are man’s best friend!

## Animal Habitats

This month we brought the world of animals into the classroom. The students started out by picking out different animals and researching them; such as, where they live what they look like and even what type of tracks they make.

After finding out all about their chosen animals each student happily grabbed a shoe box. After choosing different plants, dirt, wood shavings and other materials, they began creating their animal habitats.

Jessica started with lots of dirt and leaves to create a forest-like atmosphere for her deer. Slowly, she started working with branches, sticks and moss to create a perfectly cozy place for her deer to sleep.

Emil gathered up sticks and created an elaborate habitat where a boa could slither up branches, hide and find food. With a perfect habitat for his boa finished, he noticed that Courtney was having a

hard time putting together her habitat and quickly offered his help. Together, they built an exceptional forest-like habitat any tiger would be proud to call home.

Dhruv wanted to build a home for a shark. We quickly found out that using wood shavings and blue paint makes a great ocean.

Overall, it was a great time for all the students and they are looking forward to creating their animals and placing them in their habitats. This is a must see project which will be proudly displayed at our “How Things Work” fair. See you there!



**Connor building his habitat.**

## CALENDAR

What?	Where?	When?
Picture Day	School	4/10
Study Tech Seminar	School	4/14
B-17 Traveling Museum	Van Nuys	4/18
Science Fair	School	4/25

## Man vs. Animal

The students of Shuttleworth Academy were challenged to a race by Pride, a retired racing greyhound. With great enthusiasm, the students gathered at Griffith Park in Los Angeles.

Tumbling out of the cars, students and dog alike, stretched their legs. Two of our senior students, Edward and Lucas, were eager to test their speed to Pride's. Just like at the races, the students lined up along the track ready to cheer on their favorite pick.

On your mark, get set, GO!

Was that a lightning streak? No, but Pride took off like a lightning bolt with Edward and Lucas giving it their all; within 10 yards Pride had out distanced the boys.

Lucas quickly gave up but with heart pumping and his lungs burning, Edward persisted and made it to the end of the track long after Pride had finished. Edward wasn't done yet. Although he didn't have a chance to rest in between, he challenged Pride to another race. Of course, Pride was rested and ready to go. An exhausted Edward got ready to start and off they went! It isn't easy to keep up with an animal that can run up to 40mph. Once again, canine beat boy by a long shot. With a laugh, Edward said he needed two more legs to catch up to his adversary. He was amazed at how quickly (in just three strides) greyhounds accelerate and hit their top speed.

Aaron and Josh joined together in one last race against the mighty greyhound. They all lined up, getting revved up to race Pride in a 50-yard dash across the field. Lucas was holding the ready Pride and, after the students started, let him loose. Off they went with legs pumping and the wind flying by to the finish line. To great cheers, Pride, once again proved that he is one of the fastest land animals on the planet.

Great day at the park and great race!



Edward lining up to race Pride.

## YESS!

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### BLOOD DRIVE

Another successful year found staff, parents, students and friends at the Children's Hospital in Los Angeles donating life saving blood for children in need. Children's Hospital does such a wonderful service for children. Thank you everyone for coming forward and giving the gift of life!

### Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers needed with our annual science fair. This year's theme is "How Things Work". If you would like to help the students with getting their projects ready, please call (323) 660-8732.

### Thank you!

Thank you Liz Baronowski with the Pasadena Humane Society for educating our students on how better to interact with animals and take care of them. Thank you Pride for spending the day with our students and showing them some of the differences between man and animal.

Thanks to our students; Lucas, Johnny and Ozzy, who gave their first pints of blood. Thanks to all of the volunteers helping to make our blood drive a success. You have made it possible for families to keep smiling.

Your help is valuable and very much appreciated!

*The world is our classroom!*

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