

SHUTTLEWORTH TIMES

Inspiration through education![™]

“Education, if defined as the process of making new data available to the individual and causing his mind to attend to and use that data, itself brings reason into the case.”

- L. Ron Hubbard

Think Green—Think Life!

Welcome to the school year 2008/9! This year we will explore what it means to “Think Green, Think Life!” We will watch silkworms nibble at their mulberry leaves, spin their cocoons and see the butterflies emerge. We will count the tadpoles, count their tiny legs as they appear then release the frogs at to the local pond and watch them hop away in their new habitat.

The ocean will lure us and we'll explore the tide pools to discover the creatures. We'll learn about their habitats, their habits and their cycles of life. We will also learn about recycling and do a beach clean-up to do our share to protect our environment.

The moon and the stars have a lot to do with life here on earth. We'll visit the observatory and learn about the stars, the sun, the moon and the cycles of the planets. Next we'll learn about heliotropism (the organism moves toward or away from a light source) and grow sunflowers so that we can watch them turn their faces from east to west following the course of the sun across the sky. While we learn about the flowers that bow their heads at night, we'll also study the owls and other creatures that wake up at night.

This year we will do trips to learn about our environment and our projects will focus around the cycles of life that surround us. So, bring your binoculars and your magnifying glass.

This is a year of explorations and hands-on learning!

LA County Fair

At the LA County Fair the students played on hay, fed goats, held a boa, tried to teach the parrots and so much more!

Our world was once 15% populated with rainforests and now it only covers 6% of our Earth's land surface. We know they are filled with slow moving sloths, colorful parrots, slithering snakes and many other amazing animals.

During our visit to the “rainforest” our explorers came upon the slowest moving animal on the planet – the sloth. With great patience the explorers peered through the bars in hopes that they might see some movement from the sloth who was curled up in a ball. Yeah! Look! He moved his head! He looked up!

Students were next pulled toward the beautiful songs of the parrots. Zach, Daniel and Courtney attempted to teach the parrots to say, “Polly want a cracker?”

At the Burrtec Waste Industries recycling booth we learned how things that have already been recycled, such as plastics, can be reused yet again. Emil, Federico, Zach, Emil, Kevin were intrigued to find out that the filling in their sleeping bags were made of recycled soda bottles. Kevin said the next time he was in his sleeping bag that he would be just like soda pop. The others laughed and promised not to drink him.

A visit to the LA County Fair would not be complete without a visit with to our friendly boa!



Zach, Patty, Kevin, Federico, Emil, Hunter and our friend, the boa!

CALENDAR

What?	Where	When
Open House Prospective Students	School	3:00-6:00 10/6
Corn Maze—4th—12th	Oak Glen	10/13
Pumpkin Patch—K thru 3	Oak Glen	10/13
Halloween Party	School	10/31

A Tribute to Firefighters

Dear NYFD,

Hi, my name is Jessica. I am writing from my school in California. I wanted to acknowledge all of you fire firefighters that worked so hard to save people from the horrible thing that happened seven years ago today. You are amazing people and I want you to know you are very, very much appreciated. Don't ever forget that.

I remember I went to New York about a week after it happened. My dad had planned the flight months in advance and the tickets were non-refundable.

I remember how scared I was getting on the plane. I remember walking through the city and seeing the remains of the Twin Towers and feeling just awful.

But, I remember something else too; I remember thinking about all the mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, husbands and wives, that were rescued from the ruins by *you*.

You, brave men and women, went in there and risked everything to save other peoples lives. People you probably didn't even know. People that had in no way affected your life, up until that day.

Do you know how valuable that is? Knowing that there are people out there that care enough to put their own lives on the line for somebody else? It gives me hope. Thank you!

Yours very truly,

Jessica
(age 14)



YESS!
Youth Excelling in Spirit of Service

Celebrating Human Rights Education

Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights we participated in the Youth for Human Rights International Summit at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on September 5th. Students from 27 countries around the world joined in the celebrations. The summit included youth from countries such as Liberia, Switzerland, Venezuela, Morocco and the US sharing what they are doing in their local communities to teach the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*. To learn more about the activities go to

www.YouthForHumanRights.org

Volunteers Needed!

Have any ideas you would like to contribute on our Haunted House? Please contact the school office at (323) 660-8732.

Thank you!

Thank you Armik Kodabashki and Lucas Kumangai for your help in making our day at the LA County Fair a success!



Cherish petting a goat.

*Our classroom is not the world;
rather, the world is our classroom!*

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