

SHUTTLEWORTH TIMES

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“There is no lack of resources to take care of the planet.”

- L. Ron Hubbard

Education Through Nature

What better way to study the rainforest and its creatures than to bring them into the classroom and give the students some hands-on interaction. Sean from Education Through Nature visited our school with cockroaches, lizards, snakes and even an adorable Sugar Glider all the way from Australia!

The students were able to get a close-up look at some enormous and nasty looking Madagascar hissing cockroaches. Sean, the specialist picked them up and put them on his shirt. They stuck like magic. He demonstrated that insects have antennas that help them find their way and locate food. “They eat all the trash!” Our trash—their food. That works! Frances said it was “cool” to learn why they are important in the circle of life.

The students were able to see first-hand some of the differences between lizards and snakes. It’s not every day one gets to touch and hold them. Everyone felt the Costa Rica Milk snake as well as the Royal Python, also known as the Ball Python. Uri was fascinated by the Australian blue-tongued lizard.

The cute Sugar Glider with round big eyes definitely stole the show. “Ringo” clung to Sean’s shirt as they walked among the students and received many “Oohs” and “Aahs.” He tugged at its excess skin to show the students what makes it possible for the glider to glide. “WOW!”



Peter Pan and Captain Hook!

“I did not know they could fly like monkeys through the air” exclaimed Alexa.

Winter Holiday Show

Chim-Chim-Chereel! Our Winter Holiday Show was off to a cheerful start followed by the traditional *It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!*

Sophia led the jazz dance and her peers followed dressed as raindrops dancing to the tune of the *Hippo-Hop*. I even saw some parents bop-bopping their heads along!

Seven-year old Abby stole the show in Elementary’s version of Shakespeare’s *Twelfth Night* combined with the song *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. The song began with, “On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me a note saying she won’t see me!!!!” Hunter’s delivery had the audience rolling in the isles. With chuckles still rippling through the audience, the older students took them to *Christmas in Neverland*.

Shuttleworth Academy student, Johnny, took the classic story of Peter Pan and added a twist.

This time in Neverland, Captain Hook (Nabeel) kidnaps Santa (Uri) to lure Peter Pan (Ariel) back to Neverland. He intends to make Santa his slave and

Peter his elf so that all the presents made are only for himself—that’s Captain Hook, of course! Mr. Smee (Adam) stuttered and goofed about in his clumsy effort to “help” Captain Hook. All the while, Tinkerbelle (Frances) and Wendy (Alexa) were trying to gain Peter’s affections. The audience laughed while Hook and Peter Pan had their sword fight because both characters created their own sound affects with “chings,” “clangs” and “swooshes.”

You could hear a pin drop. Students, parents and teachers were sitting on the edges of their seats as they saw video footage celebrating ten years of learning, activities and fun. Everyone jumped to their feet with clapping and cheers!

A perfect Holiday Show to say Happy Holidays!

CALENDAR

What?	Where	When
School Opens	School	1/5
ScienCenter	Los Angeles	1/12
Martin Luther King	School Closed	1/21
Open House	School	3:00-6:00 1/24

Awardees

Every year Shuttleworth Leadership Society International (SLSI) gives three awards to incredible people who are inspiring youth by giving them the values, skills, opportunities and confidence to become leaders. This year we are honored to award three outstanding individuals.

Angela Madsen, Para Olympics Champion

Angela Madsen is a grandmother of three from Long Beach, who loves to surf. She is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and a life member of both the Disabled American Veterans and the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Angela also enjoys working with newly injured vets to get them involved with adaptive sports. In February of 2003, the Amateur Athletic Foundation named Angela as a recipient of the Women Who Inspire Us Award; in September of 2003, she received the Leo Reilly, Jr. Award for outstanding spirit and determination. On February 7, 2008, she became the first Differently-Abled woman to row across the Atlantic Ocean. Her rowing partner, Franck Festor, an amputee from France, did not speak English and Angela does not speak French.

Nancy Goebel, DDS

Nancy Goebel has been on staff with Bennett Farms for the past eight years and currently coordinates and schedules the lesson and community outreach programs there. She enjoys very much helping introduce adults and children of all ages to the fun of horses and horseback riding. A lifelong lover of horses, she didn't learn to ride until later in life. She is so taken with all aspects of riding and carriage driving that she considers it as fulfilling as her "real" career as an orthodontist. A graduate of both UCLA and USC, she practices part time in Los Angeles, spending her free days (and most every early morning) riding and teaching others to ride so that they might also come to share in her passion.

Mayra Iraheta

Mayra Iraheta has been working with the youth for over 20 years now. She is the Corps Director for the Velvet Knights Drum & Bugle Corps, a division of the VK Youth Arts Organization, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. In 1989, she moved up to Victorville where she raised her two sons, Jose and Gabriel. Mayra is the drumline advisor and booster president of the band program at Silverado and Serrano High Schools. Every summer they tour the nation competing almost on a daily basis. She drives the truck, cooks, and even helps with fundraising.



Celebrating Human Rights Day 2008!

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Youth Excelling in Spirit of Service

Celebrating Human Rights Day!

In celebration of the 60th anniversary of the United Nations *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, we participated in the Youth for Human Rights International—Pasadena chapter celebration. Our students joined students from Delphi academy and John Muir High School. Aaron, Alexa, G'vonnii and Ty presented awards to community leaders for their outstanding contributions to improving human rights. Congratulations to all for a memorable celebration!

Volunteers Needed!

Help collect canned food for our canned food drive. To drop off, contact Jeniffer in the office at (323) 660-8732.

Thank you!

Thank you Leslie Merkovich-Brown for your many hours and dedication in producing an outstanding commemorative video!

Thanks to Sean with Education Through Nature for bringing the world to our classroom.

Thanks to Petrina Sharp for your artistic murals on our bathroom walls.

Thank you Zandra Castaneda for your help making costumes for our Winter Holiday Show.

Thanks to everyone who participated in our annual food drive and helped make it a huge success.

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

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