

SHUTTLEWORTH TIMES

Inspiration through education![™]

“In music, the hearer can contribute his own emotion or motion”

- L. Ron Hubbard

Alice in Wonderland

“I’m late!” “I’m late!” The students rushed to the historic El Capitan theater, “Hollywood’s First Home of Spoken Drama”, so that they wouldn’t “be late for a very important date” to see the *Alice in Wonderland* in 3D Disney Digital. The lobby was transformed into a wonderland of props and costumes including the “Mad Hatter” costume worn by Johnny Depp. The eager students felt as if they had walked on to the “Wonderland” stage.

With popcorn in hand, they entered the theater decorated with larger-than-life mushrooms and rose buds with lifelike faces gazing out at them.

Confetti exploded into the theater as the movie began and some of the students were perched on the edges of their seats.

Imagination is what movies are all about, especially *Alice in Wonderland*. Back at school with imaginations running wild, students wrote their own stories with magic cars, evil

lions and dragons. Skye exclaimed, “Rabbits talking – that’s imagination!”

Guest Speaker

Located near Walt Disney Studios in the peaceful equestrian district of Burbank, California, Theta Sound, established in 1977 by producer, songwriter, composer, Randall Michael Tobin, opened its studio to our students. The students learned the workings of a sound studio and how to turn their artistic visions into sonic reality.



Sophia in the studio.

Volume, tone and frequency were defined and demonstrated by allowing the students to play various instruments via the keyboard and drum pad controllers, which in turn, “played” the various sound modules. Cherish had fun creating her very own jungle sounds.

One by one the students entered the studio’s main room and spoke into the microphone while Randy “mixed it up”. The result was met with unending laughter as their voices were converted into chipmunks, Godzilla and other special effects using the real-time pitch shifter. The girls had fun with their chipmunk voices, while the boys played it up as Godzilla. What a great demonstration on how voices in animation films are made!

Amanda declared, “I would like to own my own recording studio some day!”

CALENDAR

What?	Where?	When?
Spring Vacation	School Closed	4/5–4/9
Guest Speaker	School	4/13
Hollywood History Museum	Hollywood	4/16
TV Turn Off Week	Home	4/19–4/25

Early Movies

Movies from the black-and-white film era are as thrilling or funny as today's movies.

The lessons about the early movies included history and geography and the students were fascinated by the fashions and life-styles of the 50's. Classics such as *Singing in the Rain*, *Father of the Bride* and *On the Waterfront* are good examples of musicals, humorous or dramatic productions. Comparing and contrasting films, Ty was amazed: "So many things were different but there were also similarities between then and now."

The tongue-in-cheek comedy of *Father of the Bride* captured the students' attention as they noted how family life was portrayed during that time period.

The history of black-and-white films and how technology developed included *On the Waterfront*, a drama of mobsters controlling the shipping docks. The movie used classic black and white film. There were no light shades of blue or pretty blossom pinks. Only heavy blacks and various shades of grays were used. The musical, *Singing in the Rain*, depicted the 20's when silent movies transitioned to the "talkies."

"The movies from the 1950's were a lot different than I thought they would be. They were like the movies we see today, but the behavior of the people was very different than the present day actors. These movies really surprised me!" marveled Nabeel.



Adam and Aaron learning some Hollywood history.

YESS!

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Helping Our Local Library

The Los Angeles Public Library supports and enriches our local community. Reaching out, our students gathered boxes of books to donate to our local branch. Their support will benefit children throughout our community helping them become more literate.

Volunteers Needed!

This month we are doing a Street Clean Up. Let us know if you would like to help us clean our streets!

Thank you!

Thank you Randy Tobin of Theta Sound for opening your studio, helping our students see how their sonic visions can become realities.

Thank you Leslie Brown for your valuable help with our school group photos.

Thank you Mr. Andrews for helping with our field trip to the El Capitan and teaching us some interesting tidbits of Hollywood history.

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

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