

SHUTTLEWORTH TIMES

Inspiration through education![™]

“There is a vast difference between “good enough” and professional skill and dexterity. The gap is bridged with *practice*.”
- L. Ron Hubbard

Getty Museum

The Getty Center is located on 750 acres on a summit 881 feet above the sea level of the Santa Monica mountains. We literally traveled on air floating in the electric cable-driven tram on the ¾ mile journey from the entrance to the center. The student assignment was to choose any two pieces of art, take notes and later compare them in an essay.

Kirsten was drawn to works by Felice Beato and Alfred Sisley, Hunter spent a while contemplating the “Peasant Smoking at a Cottage Door” by Thomas Gainsborough. Daniel selected “The Immaculate Conception” as his favorite painting, “When I looked at it, I was so happy.” Aaron was surprised that one photograph made him feel lonely while another student said that the photo made him feel calm and peaceful.

Courtney explained, “Many people go to the Getty. They all see different things, feel different things and take different things from it. It all depends on the person. These paintings make people feel different about themselves. Going to the Getty changed how I look at art.” Frank was motivated, “The Getty inspired me to

want to paint and draw and that’s exactly what I’m doing. So I want to go back, definitely!”

Guest Speaker

Dr. Spearman has a successful chiropractic and nutrition practice, Spearman Better Health Center, in Hollywood, California. He grew up around engineers and physicists who helped to put man on the moon by designing some of the radiation detection devices for the Apollo astronauts. From that group he learned how to pursue excellence.

Today, he pursues excellence in his current profession as a chiropractor and nutritionist in helping people to live better, healthier lives.

Leadership is the ability to guide, direct, or influence people. Dr. Spearman put the question to the students, “Have you been leaders in some way?” This set the students to thinking. Kirsten answered, “I lead others by setting a good example.”

Hunter answered by saying that by playing sports well he was a leader.

The students soon realized that everyday, in everything they do; they have the ability to be leaders.

“Learning about what a leader is, was good because leaders don’t have to be people who contribute to society in a big way. But they can be people who lead in many small ways,” said Aaron.

“All leaders were leaders in some way, because they thought of things that no one else thought of. It inspired me to continue to study about things even after I finish school,” declared Frank.



Hunter studying “The Russian Cradle” by Jean Baptiste.

CALENDAR

What?	Where?	When
Natural History Museum	Los Angeles	TBA
Guest Speaker	School	3/9
Open House	School	3/15
Bake Sale	School	3/18

Science: Photography

Students guessed what our science project was as they inspected the household items such as the cardboard Oatmeal canisters, electric tape, wax paper, rubber bands and black paper, but they had no clue. They were surprised to learn that we would build our own simple cameras and how to manipulate light to photograph an image. We discussed light wavelengths, used convex lenses to refract light, captured the images by making predictions about the manipulated light and were fascinated by the images captured. Carefully following directions, wax paper, tape, black paper and rubber bands quickly transformed into our own pinhole cameras.

Kirsten pointed the camera at various objects. Ashley looked through the pinhole and exclaimed, "It's cool! I can see Patty upside down. It's like she is sitting on her head! It's really weird!" Frank was surprised about the mechanics of the camera, "I saw that there was no light going through the camera."

Hunter saw this as a history lesson, "I learned how people took pictures back then." Hector agreed, "Crafting an old camera is like going back in time to see how people saw the world when taking pictures. The quality wasn't as amazing as a modern-day digital camera, yet you could still see an image." Aaron reflected, "I did not know one could build a camera. It was fun making our own camera!"



Ashley viewing the world through her pinhole camera.

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Blood Drive

Every year we support our local Children's Hospital through our blood drive. While most students are not able to participate, some of our parents, staff and volunteers help by donating to this life-saving cause. Thanks to all those who helped this month. Those few minutes make a Your pint of blood means a great deal.

Volunteers Needed!

Please help support our local fire department. Please call the office to find out how you can help.

Special Thanks!

Thank you Dr. Spearman for showing our students how they, too, are leaders!

Thank you Michael of West Coast Electric for your help with our pinhole cameras.

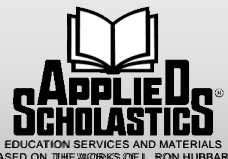
Thanks to everyone who helped with our Annual Blood Drive!

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

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