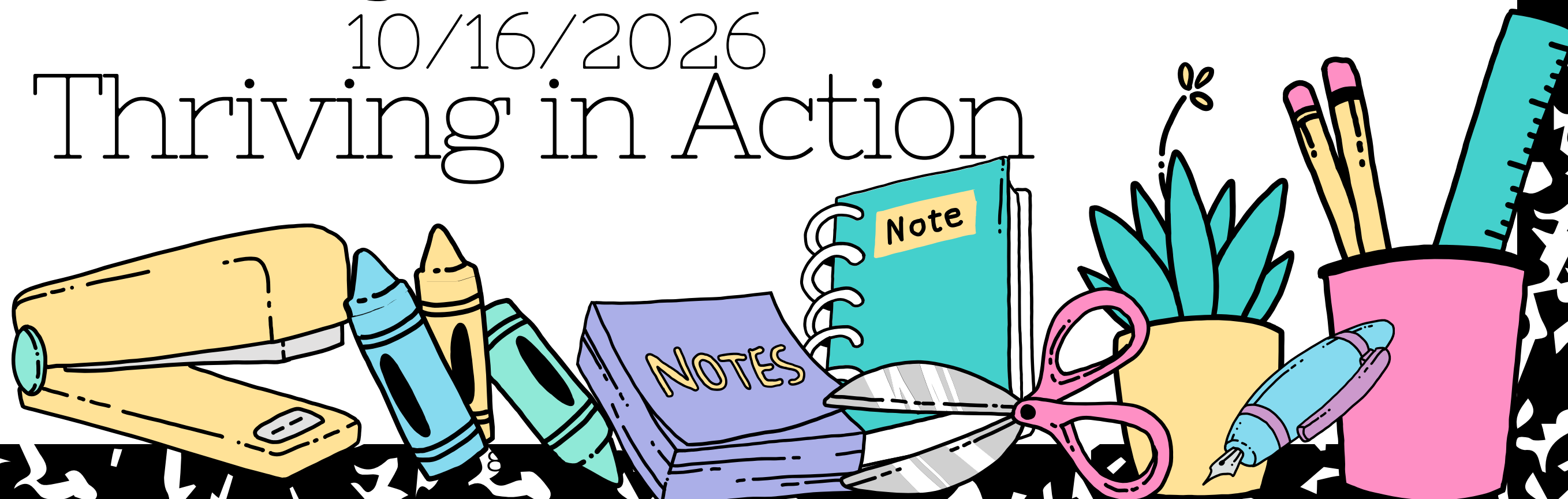


PALM School

Friday Focus

10/16/2026

Thriving in Action



Congratulations!

**SUPER PROUD OF THE PALM
SCHOOL STAFF AND
STUDENTS ON ACHIEVEING
THIS YET AGAIN!!**



Principals

MESSAGE



Happy Friday, Palm Elementary Family!

What an incredible, action-packed week we've had across our campus! From deep teacher collaboration to inspiring parent leadership and hands-on history, our Palm community has been shining bright. Here is a look back at this week's highlights: This week, our Kindergarten and 3rd-grade teachers participated in high-impact professional development focused on core subject learning. A big thank you to our teachers for your full participation and dedication! The strategies and insights gained during these sessions will directly support student engagement and drive academic growth in your classrooms. We appreciate your commitment to excellence!

Sandy and I had the absolute privilege of attending the Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) event, where Palm Elementary parents took center stage! Our parents presented key areas of focus for our school alongside well-thought-out plans of action to make positive changes. Public speaking can be intimidating, but our parents stepped up with confidence, truly embodying our Graduate Outcome of becoming Powerful Communicators. We are extremely proud of their courage and leadership! Thank you to the PIQE team for creating a space where our families, school leadership, and community can listen, collaborate, and work together for the success of our students.

Our 5th graders enjoyed an extraordinary day of outdoor learning during Colonial Days! Students stepped into history to get a hands-on glimpse of learning and daily life from the past.

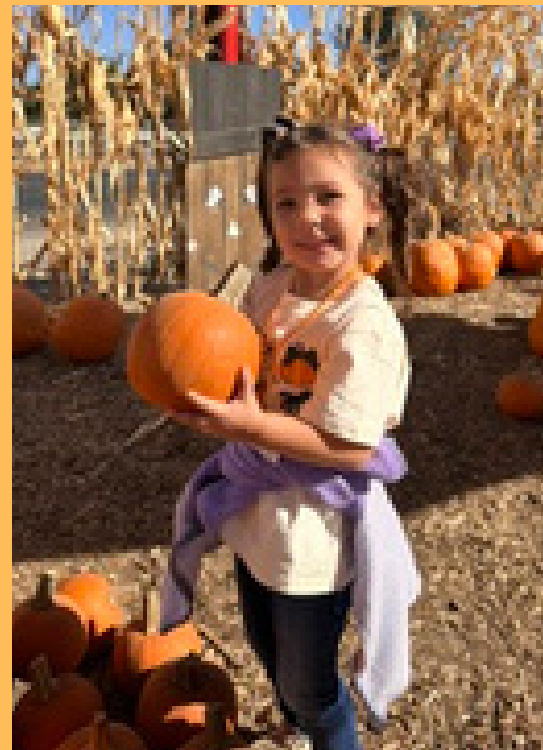
A HUGE shout-out to Mrs. Lopez for organizing and setting up this entire event single-handed! Mrs. Lopez, you rock, and we all appreciate your tireless hard work in making this dynamic learning experience possible for our students!

Thank you to our amazing staff, parents, and students for making this week such a success.

PIQE PARENT PRESENTATION



TK PUMPKIN PATCH



5TH GRADE COLONIAL DAYS



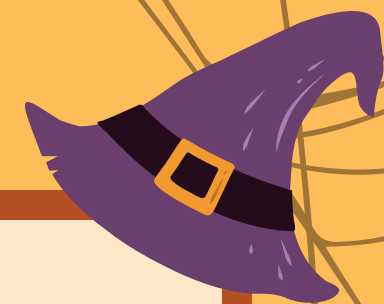


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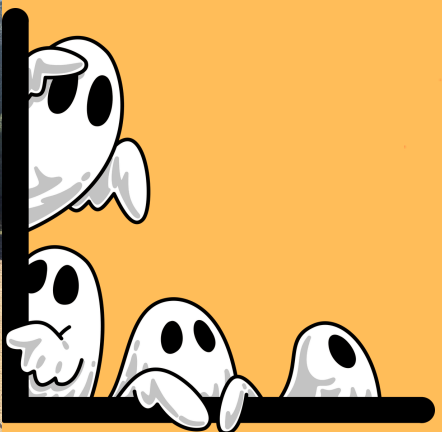
Mrs. Espinoza, Mrs. Veracruz
& Mrs. Ramirez-Reyna



LEADERSHIP
IN ACTION



Our student leaders are making big moves across campus! From keeping our gardens green and plants flourishing to bonding during our mentoring program's very first field trip, their dedication is everywhere. To top it off, lunchtime is buzzing with high energy as our student-led Attendance and BPU presentations continue going strong—proving that leadership happens in every corner of our school!



- School Social Work Meeting
- Attendance Presentations
- Attendance Meeting
- BPU Presentations

COLLEGE & CAREER



UC SANTA BARBARA!

UC Santa Barbara is a **AMAZING** university built right on the beach! 🌊

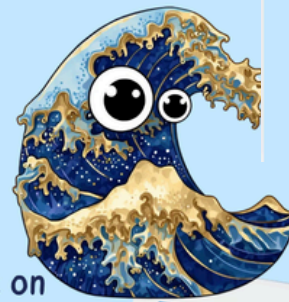
Imagine going to school where you can see the ocean every day! It sits on a beautiful stretch of California coastline.

How far is it from Orosi, CA?

📍 About 180 miles away!

🚗 That's roughly a 3-hour car ride!

Can you believe a college can be right next to the beach? Pretty cool, right?



WELCOME TO UC SANTA BARBARA!

Discover a Beach Campus in California



WHAT DOES AN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST DO?

- Study air, water, and land to keep them clean and safe.
- Test samples, collect data, and find solutions to pollution.
- Help protect animals, plants, and people's health.
- Work outdoors in nature and indoors in labs!



CAREER FRIDAY: ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST



Studying and protecting nature
Presented by: Mrs. Veracruz

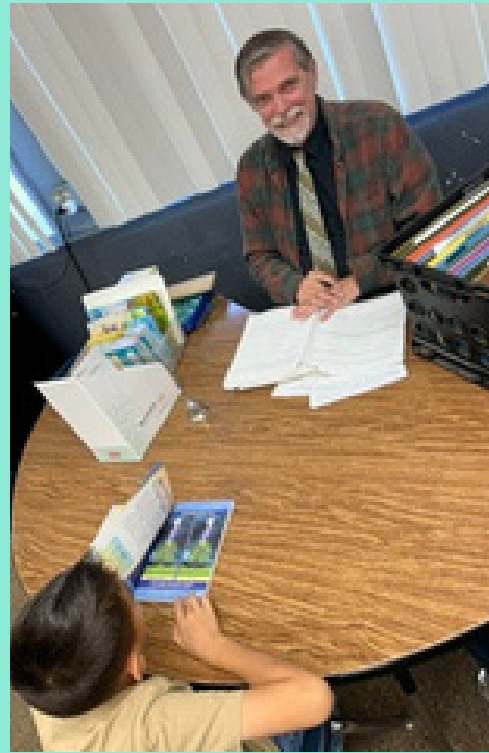
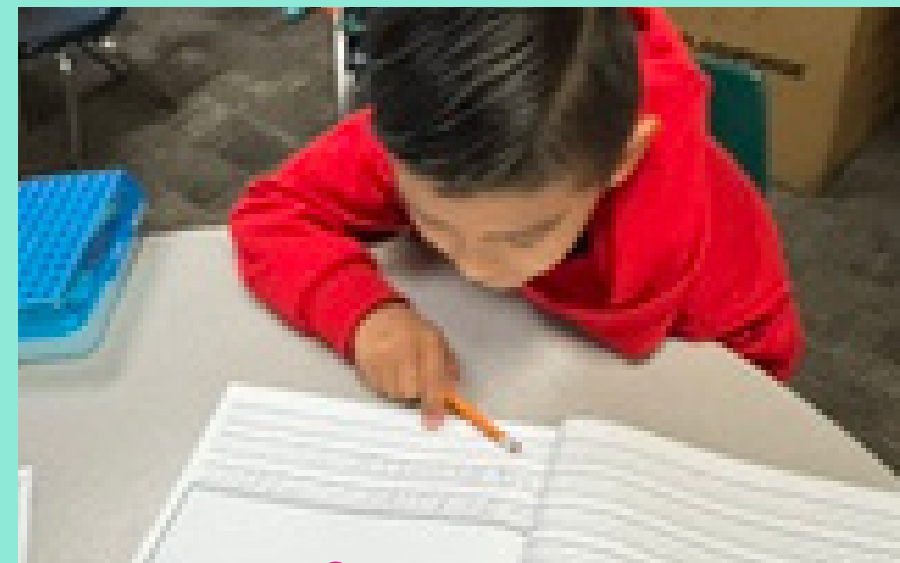


COACH'S CORNER

It has been a wonderful, action-packed week at Palm School! Our TK students had a blast visiting the pumpkin patch, while Kindergarten worked hard on foundational skills, focusing on phonics, concepts of print, and sight words. First grade dove into narrative writing, and second grade stayed busy and focused on their F&P testing. All grades are gearing up for all of the end of the trimester assessments. Beyond all the incredible classroom learning, the excitement is building as everyone prepares for our upcoming carnival next week. A huge thank you goes out to our incredible staff for stepping up to run the booths and helping with all the preparation—your hard work is going to make this an unforgettable event for our students!

Christy

COACH'S CORNER



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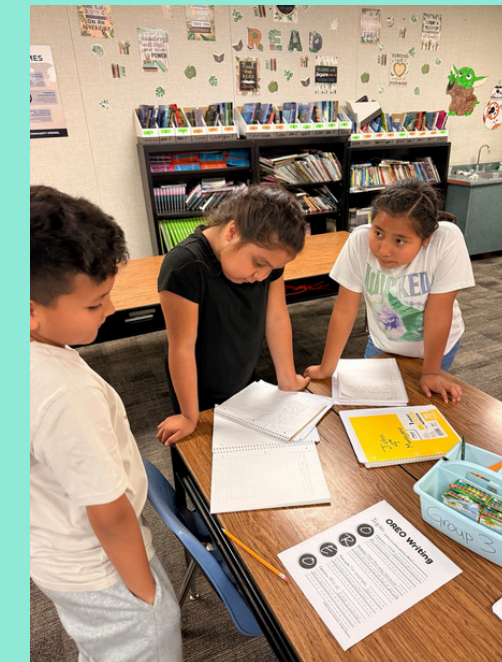
Our 4th grade ELD students have something to say! They're working on opinion writing and sharing their pieces with peers—practicing how to express their ideas, support their opinions, and listen to one another. We love seeing their voices shine!

Meanwhile, our kindergarten students are busy counting, practicing letter sounds, and sorting names! These hands-on activities make learning fun while building important early math and literacy skills.

A big shout-out to our amazing aides, Stephanie, Angie, and Natalie, for their patience, encouragement, and the care they bring to our students every day!

Gabby

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COACH'S CORNER

What a fantastic, fun-filled work week at Palm as third-grade teachers from across the district gather with Nick Lopez to elevate mathematics teaching and learning! This collaborative session actively builds teacher confidence in implementing our adopted curriculum while establishing strong team structures for ongoing support. Participants dive deep into the program design, investigate the instructional scope and sequence, and utilize this dedicated space for meaningful cross-site collaboration.



5th grade students
Learning about the
Colonial Days.



Shout out to FEC, Maria Avila, & everyone who helped out with Cranium Company this week. I appreciate you!

3rd graders using
manipulatives to
divide.



Ana





Panther

SHOUT OUTS

ANAVELA LOPEZ BECAUSE SHE IS ALWAYS THERE TO HELP. SHE REALLY DOES GO ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR MY CLASS.

A MOUND OF THANK YOUS GOES TO MRS. CASTILLO AND MRS. LOPEZ FOR HELPING ME WITH MY ITEMS ON MONDAY. YOU ARE SERIOUSLY APPRECIATED.

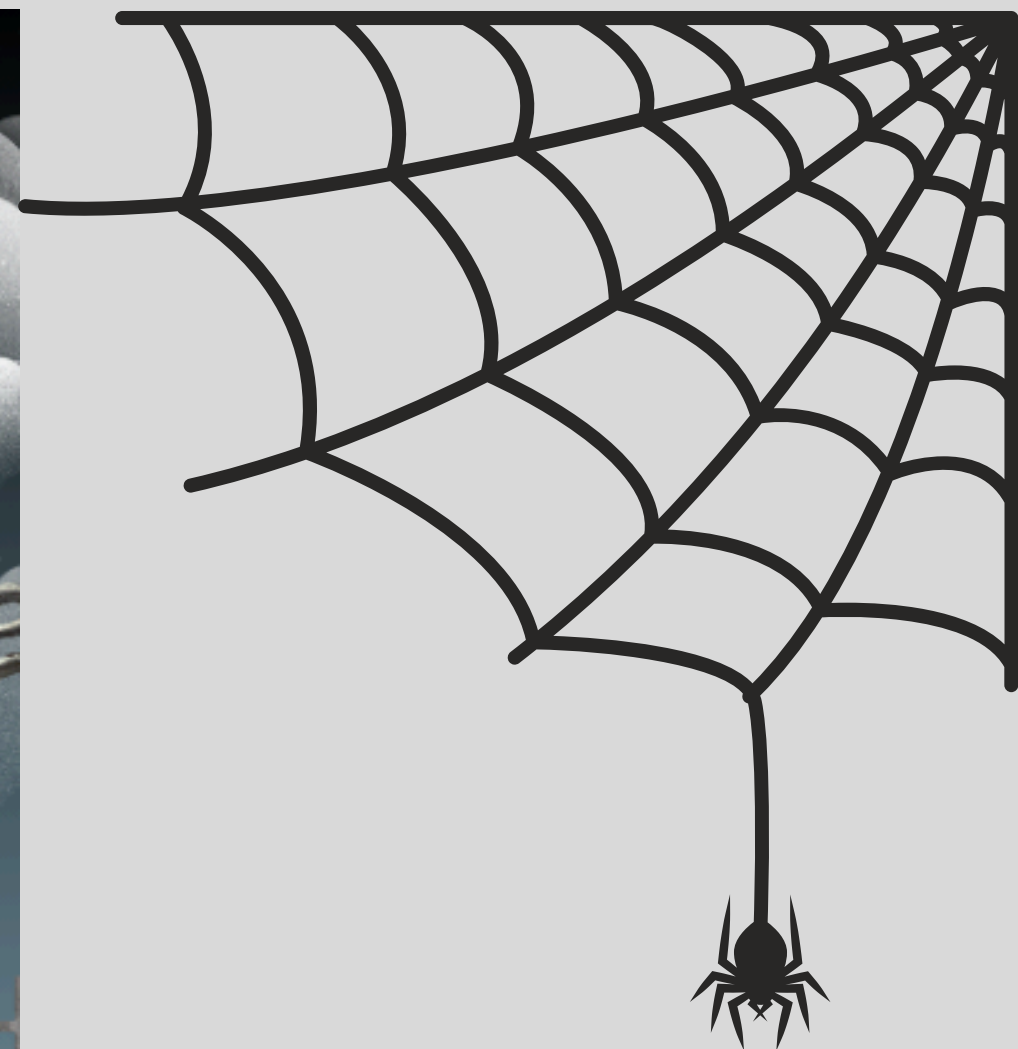
A BIG SHOUT OUT TO MRS. CASTILLO AND MRS. CERDA. YOU ARE BOTH SUCH DYNAMIC LEADERS. I FEEL VERY GRATEFUL TO BE PART OF THIS TEAM!

SHOUT OUT TO HEATHER, HER CONTINUOUS INTERACTING WITH OUR NEEDIEST STUDENTS DOES NOT GO UNRECOGNIZED. HER DEEP UNDERSTANDING AND NATURAL ABILITY TO GUIDE THEM TAKES A TRULY SPECIAL PERSON. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

SHOUT OUT TO ALEXIA, BRYAN, SANDY, AND ANAVELA FOR HELPING THE COLONIAL LADIES OUT SO EARLY IN THE MORNING. MUCH APPRECIATED.

SHOUT OUT TO MRS. VERACRUZ, MRS. CASTILLO, MRS. RODRIGUEZ, AND MRS. LOPEZ FOR HELPING WITH THE SUB SHORTAGE ON FRIDAY. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING TEAM PLAYERS.

SHOUT OUT TO THE LEADERSHIP STUDENTS FOR HELPING WATER OUR PLANTS AND PICKING UP TRASH. THANK YOU KIM FOR SETTING THIS UP.





OCTOBER
PERFECT
ATTENDANCE

A black cat sitting in front of a full moon, with pumpkins and a popcorn bucket. The cat is black with yellow eyes. The pumpkins are orange and yellow. The popcorn bucket is red and white striped.

STUDENTS WITH
PERFECT ATTENDANCE
WILL HAVE A POPCORN
PARTY!

BONUS PRIZE! A RANDOM ATTENDANCE DAY
PRIZE. ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE PRESENT ON
THE SURPRISE DAY WILL RECEIVE AN ICE
CREAM FROM LEE'S ICE CREAM!!

Two ice cream cones. One is pink and blue, the other is yellow and white.



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

We are excited to announce that Palm School will be honoring Día de los Muertos by creating a special altar in our school. We invite you to participate in this meaningful celebration by sending a picture and or ofrendas with your student this week, which we will proudly display on our altar.

If you have any additional items that you would like to contribute to the altar, please feel free to drop them off at the office for Mrs. Espinoza. This is a wonderful opportunity to share and honor the memories of our loved ones as a school community.

We look forward to celebrating Día de los Muertos together and cherishing the memories of those who have touched our lives.

