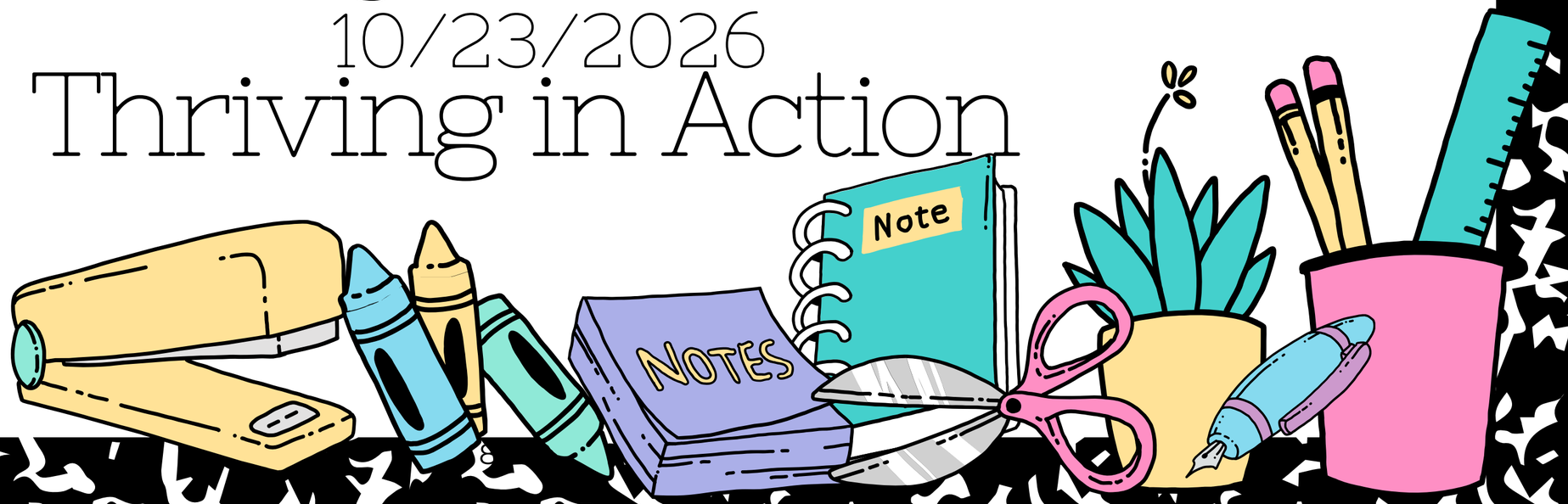
PALM School

Friday Focus

10/23/2026

Thriving in Action



Congratulations!

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

Principals MESSAGE

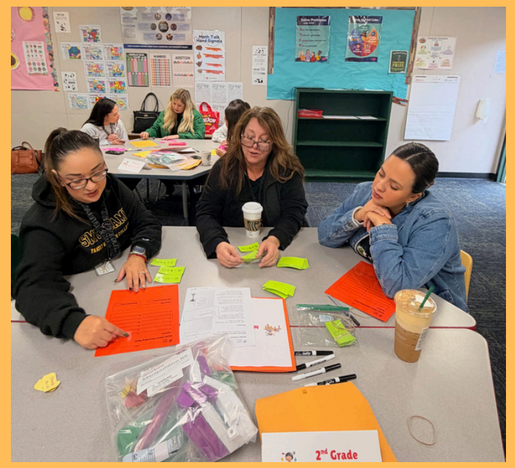
It was an extraordinary week at Palm School, marked by community empowerment, staff adaptability, and educational excellence. The week began on a celebratory note as 20 dedicated parents completed the six-week Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) program, committing their time and energy to becoming active community leaders. Special recognition goes to Maria Avila for hosting such a meaningful graduation event and empowering local families to take an active role in education and leadership.

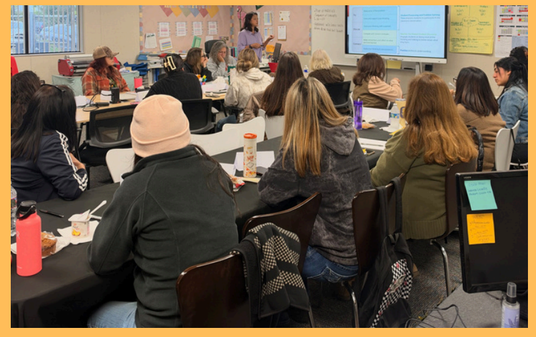
In addition to celebrating parent leadership, Palm School staff demonstrated impressive resilience when unexpected weather threw a curveball into the plans for the annual Halloween carnival. The staff adapted immediately to the changing weather conditions without skipping a beat. Thank you for your flexibility, we are fully prepared to host an incredible carnival experience for all Palm School students.

The week culminated in a standout moment on Thursday during the school's professional learning sessions. Administration was beaming with pride as they watched our Palm School leadership team and Mr. Walters lead these inspirational, high-energy sessions. Their top-tier expertise and engaging collaboration reminded everyone why this staff is truly unmatched, and we extend our deepest gratitude to them for dedicatedly supporting not only our students, but their fellow staff members as well.

PIQE GRADUATION

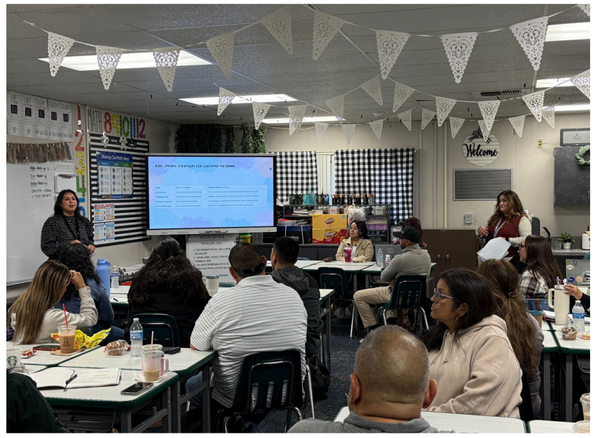
OCTOBER 22 PD





SEL CORNER

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



This week during our PD day, our SEL team led an insightful presentation on trauma-informed practices, giving staff a valuable opportunity to learn and engage with the material. Meanwhile, in the cafeteria, Mrs. Espinoza has been doing a fantastic job presenting behavior and attendance lessons, and Mrs. Veracruz successfully wrapped up her BPU cafeteria lessons!

- PBIS Walkthrough
- AOD TCOE Presentation
- BPU Door Competition
- Tier 2/3 Meeting & Attendance Meeting

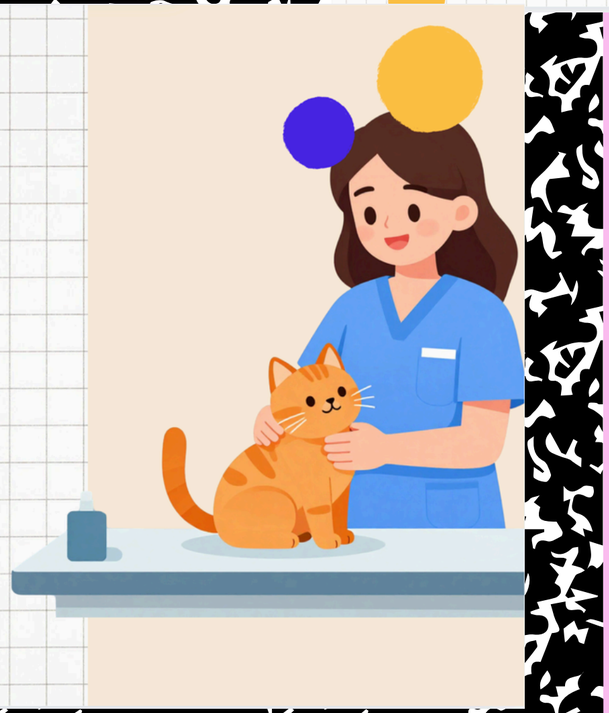
CAREER this week

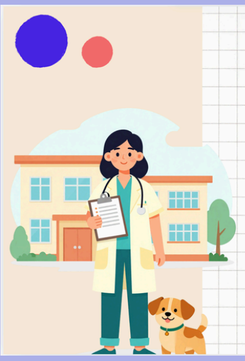
Helping Animals Stay Healthy
October 23rd, 2026

CAREER FRIDAY: VETERINARY TECHNOLOGIST AND TECHNICIAN

WHAT DO VETERINARY TECHNOLOGISTS AND TECHNICIANS DO?

- Vet techs help veterinarians care for sick and injured animals.
- Perform tests and take X-rays to find out what's wrong.
- give medicine and help during surgeries.
- care for animals before and after treatments to help them feel better.
- They also teach pet owners how to take care of their animals at home!





HOW DO YOU BECOME A VETERINARY TECHNICIAN?

- Earn a 2-year associate degree in veterinary technology from an accredited program.
- Learn in the classroom and gain hands-on experience with real animals.
- pass the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) to become certified!
- School → Clinic Practice → Certification 🐾

COACH'S CORNER

This weeks professional learning was awesome! A big THANK YOU to Annie for being my partner and allowing me to present with her. We were able to make your vision come to life and allow our staff to explore learning games from the CMC curriculum for all grades from kindergarten to fifth grade. I loved all of the conversations that were had around the various activities they were able to explore. I also attended some wonderful sessions as a learner. I was able to walk away with some great insights to implement into my coaching.

I also want to give a big THANK YOU to our staff for being so gracious about us moving the carnival to Monday due to the rain. Everyone has been more than willing to help and accomodate this change. Thank you to the community and staff across the district for being flexible in supporting our Palm School carnival!

Christy

COACH'S CORNER

ANNIE YOU ARE A ROCK STAR

Christy

COACH'S CORNER

What a week it has been! From professional development sessions to classroom walkthroughs, learning has been happening everywhere, including right here at Palm.

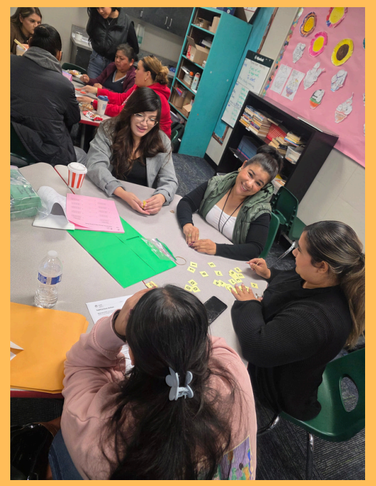
A big shout-out to our coaches and teachers who presented at Thursday's professional development. So much learning took place, and it was a great success!

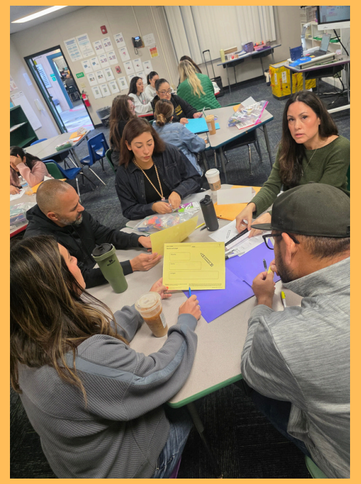
Thank you also to all of our instructional aides for participating in the Age of Learning PD. Your input was truly appreciated!

GABBY

COACH'S Corner

October's Professional Development was the highlight of the week across our schools! Having access to a variety of engaging sessions at a single site made for an incredibly impactful day of learning. Staff feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many sharing how much they valued the diverse topics and practical takeaways. A huge shout-out to all our presenters for delivering an outstanding training experience for our colleagues!





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Panther Shout Outs

SHOUT OUT TO THE SEL TEAM FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!

SHOUT OUT TO EVERYONE WHO PRESENTED AT THE PD. ALL OF YOU ARE AMAZING. SO GLAD YOU WORK AT PALM.

SHOUT OUT TO OLIVIA, LUZ, KIM, SANDY, CHRISTY, ANNIE, ARTURO, EDDIE, AND ERIC FOR ALL YOUR HELP WITH THE OCT 22 PD. THANK YOU FOR COMING IN EARLY AND HELPING GET EVERYTHING READY. I TRULY APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU AND YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

SHOUT OUT TO ANNIE, GABBY, CHRISTY, OLIVIA, LUZ, KIM, AND DILLON FOR PRESENTING AT THE PD; YOU ALL ROCKED IT. VERY PROUD PRINCIPAL MOMENT! THANK YOU FOR BEING DEDICATED TO NOT ONLY OUR STUDENTS BUT STAFF AS WELL.

SHOUT OUT TO ARTURO FOR PUTTING TOGETHER OUR BLACKSTONES THAT WERE DONATED FOR OUR CARNIVAL.

SHOUT OUT TO MARIA FOR ALL YOUR HELP WITH ALL THE TICKET MONEY AND GETTING IT ALL ORGANIZED. IT`S A HUGE TASK AND WE TRULY APRRECIATE YOU.

SHOUT OUT TO DEBRA, CYNTHIA, AND ERIC FOR ALL THE HARD WORK YOU HAVE DONE TO MAKE THE HAUNTED HOUSE AMAZING. CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE END PRODUCT ON MONDAY. IT MAY BE YOUR BEST WORK YET!

SHOUT OUT TO LUZ FOR SUPPORTING IN THE CAFATERIA WHILE SHE WAS PRESENTING. YOU ROCK!

Save the Date

OCTOBER PERFECT ATTENDANCE

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!!

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.

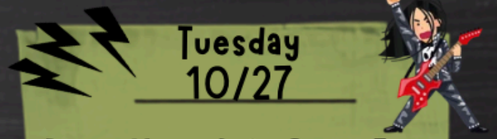
Palm Elementary
Red Ribbon WEEK

OCT. 26-30TH

MONDAY
10/26

Give DRUGS the Boot!

Dress in Western Wear!



Tuesday
10/27

Rock Your Life Drug Free

Wear your band tees,rock star gear, sunglasses or rock inspired outfit

WEDNESDAY 10/28

No Drugs in Our Club!
Disney Day!

Wear your favorite disney gear

THURSDAY
10/29

Team up Against DRUGS!

Wear your favorite team Jersey/shirt

FRIDAY
10/30

Scare DRUGS Away - Wear your costume!