

MISSION

To help elementary-school children enhance their academic, organizational and social skills by providing high-quality after-school programs in Claremont Unified School District neighborhoods.

CLASP'S Family Holiday Party

Another successful enrichment event!



The audience was treated to a program by the Claremont High School Chamber Singers, under the expert direction of **Joel Wilson**.

The chamber singers performed many favorite holiday songs, and the audience was invited to sing along. A beautiful, rhythmic rendition of an ethnic piece was especially exhilarating. Director Wilson invited **Vincent** (the person in the audience with a birthday closest to the event date) to come up, and the chorus sang a special rendition of Happy Birthday to You.

No holiday party would be complete without a visit from Santa, and this celebration was no exception.

The children were divided into two groups to line up and have their photos taken with Santa and also to enjoy making a holiday craft ornament and snowflake. Each student was also given a book of his/her choice.



Over 100 attendees enjoyed pizza, tangerines, and cookies for dinner on December 14th at CPC. Pizza is always a hit! The audience was comprised of CLASP students, their parents and siblings, along with Tutors, Site Supervisors, Board Members, and Committee Members.

Harriet Archibald Woodward, Chairperson of the Program Enrichment Committee, and committee members **Carol-Lee Marshall**, **Mary Caenepeel**, **Maury Feingold**, **Cristina Antonioli**, **Arlene Pirolo**, and **Tobey Leier** planned and executed a truly enjoyable and successful event. Members of the Board and Tutor Committee were very helpful in making the evening run so smoothly.

It was obvious by all the smiling faces, that everyone enjoyed the event.

CLASP CELEBRATES 18 YEARS • Honors The Economy Shop



CLASP celebrated its 18 years of serving grammar school children in the community on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023 at the beautiful home of **Dr. Len Jessup, President of Claremont Graduate University**. The Economy Shop was this year's honoree for its many years of support to CLASP and the Claremont Community. Since 1933, The Economy Shop has supported local non-profit organizations (too numerous to list) by giving them profits (over \$1,000,000) from sales of recycled items donated by Claremont residents. CLASP has received \$58,000 over the last 14 years!

United States Representative, Judy Chu presented two Congressional Recognition Certificates – one to CLASP and one to The Economy Shop. **Claremont Mayor, Ed Reese** also presented certificates from the Claremont City Council.

Rich Laughton, President of the Economy Shop's Board of Directors accepted the shop's honors and gave a brief history of how the shop came to be and how it has grown in its 90 years of existence. **Frank D'Emilio, President of CLASP's Board of Directors** lead the program by introducing dignitaries from the Claremont Unified School District, Claremont City Council, CLASP's Board members, tutors, and staff. He thanked all in attendance for their support and sponsorship of CLASP.

160 attendees enjoyed the day's perfect weather, gourmet appetizers, sweets, wine, a drawing for a \$500 gift certificate, beautiful centerpieces, and musical entertainment by **Michael Ryan and Friends**. CLASP Board members **Nancy Ambrose and Cindy Sullivan** and their committee once again planned and executed a beautiful and meaningful event.



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Dirk Morken
Pitzer College
Claremont Presbyterian Church



Dirk is a Pitzer Senior graduating next May with a degree in Economics. Except for one year abroad at the University of Birmingham, he has lived in Claremont all his life. He aspires to be in technical sales and travel the world. He joined CLASP September 2023 as an option for his Community Engagement class.

Dirk provides tools to help **Joseph**, his student, in math and reading. Many students are intimidated working math problems using large numbers so he has Joseph break down numbers into chunks. In reading, he has his student use a bookmark as he reads, to focus on each sentence and block out the rest.

Dirk has established a close bond with Joseph, both their elementary educations began at Sumner, and Joseph's path will follow Dirk's through middle school and high school.

A quick note, Dirk also mentioned that CLASP President, **Frank D'Emilio**, knew him when he was the Principal at Sumner, and maybe not for any good reasons. Well, it looks like Dirk has straightened out over the years. He is now paying it forward by tutoring!



Visits to
The Claremont Helen Renwick Public Library
are planned for CLASP kids at all sites
throughout this school year.



Virlingia Elliot, Librarian, explained the workings of the Children’s Section of the Library to the first group of students from the Wheeler Park tutoring site.

Cristina Antonioli, CLASP’s Program Director, is pictured with **Aibhlinn** receiving her very own library card.

After their visit to the library, the kids were treated to ice cream from Bert & Rocky’s.



Joseph
Sumner Danbury
Claremont Presbyterian Church



Joseph, a 4th grader at Sumner Danbury, is in his first year with CLASP at Claremont Presbyterian Church. He says he needs CLASP to help him in math, especially working with large numbers which are intimidating. His tutor, **Dirk**, provides “hints” in simplifying mathematical equations of large numbers more manageable for Joseph.

Joseph likes math but only likes science when it involves mixing things. The one thing he doesn’t like is writing science papers. By the way, he wants to be a geologist when he grows up. He has a fine collection of quartz.

Like many his age, Joseph enjoys playing video games, specifically Roblocks and Minecraft.

When asked what he wishes for Christmas, he quickly answered, you guessed it, the Zora X Shot Nerf gun! He also has a collection of Nerf guns as well!

We can all expect Joseph to be our famous geologist with Nerf gun in hand!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



There are many cogs in the well-oiled CLASP machine. However, I wanted to focus this message on a group of people whom I consider the unsung heroes of CLASP – our office staff and Site Supervisors who work day in and day out to ensure the success of the program.

These “middle managers” perform thankless tasks. They take direction from administrators, in this case, the Board of Directors, while at the same time meeting the needs and requests of tutors, students, and families. This group humbly does their work with the skill and expertise of a symphony conductor. They blend the needs of students with the talents of tutors to create the beautiful music of learning. I am in awe of their talent, organization, and energy.

Among our staff there are former teachers and classroom aides. Some are bi-lingual. We have experts in technology, scheduling, communication, educational pedagogy, and much more. Combined they represent about 60 years of service to the students of CLASP. We are truly fortunate to have this fine group of people running the day-to-day program. So it is with great appreciation that I highlight this fine group of people: **Cristina Antonioli, Raydie Buckley, Jim Keith, Maria Martinez, Cristina Moreno, Lauren Cassatt, Susan Castle, and Anailse Ramos.** All our lives, especially those of our students, are better because of you!



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



My sister died recently. She was diagnosed with Stage 4 Colon Cancer three and a half years ago. I was reminded by watching her live and ultimately from watching her die about the importance of building a community. She was surrounded by family and friends who loved her and because I was there I too, I was blanketed by their warmth and support. I'll be honest, it was a lot of togetherness, especially because I come from a very large Italian family; but, over the course of those two weeks I was able to process and reflect and laugh and cry with the people who have known me forever. Coming back to Claremont, my other home, reminded me that life goes on. We pick up where we left off and my community, rather my Claremont Family, was there to hold me up and keep the CLASP fires burning in my absence. I came back to piles of stuff that needed to be waded through, but more importantly, I came back to cards, letters, texts, and calls from my new community and for that I am so grateful. To the CLASP staff and Board, thank you for giving me the time away that I needed. I hope you enjoyed the holiday season with your family – the one you were born into and the one that you found along the way.



CLASP AND CLAREMONT



Bev Jack and Nancy Treser-Osgood represented CLASP at the Claremont Colleges' Annual Town and Gown Event.



Jack Mills and Carol-Lee Marshall represented CLASP at Claremont's United Church of Christ's Alternative Christmas event on December 3rd.



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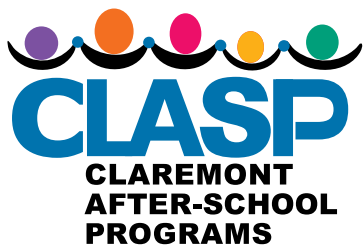
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Tutoring Centers and Supervisors

Volunteer tutors are welcome to join CLASP throughout the school year.

Students who have been referred to CLASP by a teacher or principal may enroll at any time if space is available.

Online

Jim Keith and Anailse Ramos *supervisors*
Grades 1-6
M T W Th varied times

Wheeler Park Recreation Center 1

Maria Martinez *supervisor*
Grades 1-3
M 2:45-4:15
W 1:15-2:45

Wheeler Park Recreation Center 2

Maria Martinez *supervisors*
Grades 4-6
T Th 2:45-4:15

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Lauren Cassatt and Susan Castle *supervisors*
Grades 4-6
M 3:00-4:30
W 1:30-3:00
T Th 3:00-4:30

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Grades 1-3
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