



TUTOR NEWS

SERVING ELEMENTARY STUDENTS
IN THE CLAREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 2018

Arlene Pirolo, Editor

Remember to set your clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time beginning March 11th.

Tutor Training # 9 is scheduled for Friday, March. 9th

Thank You to everyone who tutored extra days and/or brought friends during our crisis time!

From Our Program Director By Jan Creasey



What do you do when a child says, "I don't have any homework?" After all, CLASP is a homework help program! A good place to start is with conversation. "What did you do at school today that was different? Was there a field trip? Did you have a math test? Was there a substitute?" Most kids enjoy talking, and with a few questions to get them started, they will tell you everything!

While talking, ask them to take out their binder or folder and show you what they have. If they took a test, ask to see what was on the test. How do they think they did? If there was a substitute, ask how the day went. Sometimes just going through the binder or folder will remind a student of a "forgotten" assignment. Be encouraging. If they know you are going to help with the assignment, perhaps they

will be more inclined to get started?

Another tactic is to look in the student's CLASP folder at the Tutor Record Sheet. See what the yesterday's tutor wrote. Check in with the Site Supervisor if it looks like there has been "no homework" for a second day in a row. And be aware. Sometimes if students say, "I don't have homework," and you don't ask questions/probe a bit, a more attractive option is suggested by the student - "Can we play a game?" Of course, we want students to enjoy their time with you at CLASP, and games are great, but only if homework is truly, "finished!"

A quick reminder: Tutor Training #9 will be held on Friday March 9 at 3:30 at CPC. **Kara Evans**, TOSA for Technology, will be sharing apps that can be used during those minutes at CLASP when homework is finished and you'd like the student to practice something academic! A win, win.

Tutor Trainings

On Friday, February 9th, **Michelle Wishner**, the Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) from Sumner Elementary School, presented an introduction to the CUSD K-6 English-Language Arts program, **Wonders**. This program is new to both students and teachers, and it was very helpful for tutors to see what the new reading instruction looks like and sample the homework assignments students might be bringing to CLASP. Michelle also showed us how to access, "Canvas" on i-Pads. There is another training scheduled for March 9th that will focus on more technology and i-Pad use.



Michelle Wishner introduces



Accessing the Wonders web page, on an i-Pad, this is what the new program looks like.



24 tutors and site supervisors attended this training. Hope to see you all at the next one on March 9th.



Sweets for the Sweet



The Tutor Support Committee decided to use some of the CLASP funds (designated for supplies) to "Supply" all tutors with a Valentine sweet treat to say, "Thank You, and we love you for volunteering."

Committee members who assembled the individual candy bags included **Bev Jack**, **Arlene Pirolo**, and **Sylvia Walker**. **Alan Jack**, though not a member of the committee, always pitches in to help wherever needed.

The site supervisors distributed the candy bags to their tutors at their sites.

Crystal Sin, CLASP's Featured Tutor of the Month



Crystal Sin was born in Pasadena, California. In 2015, she graduated as Valedictorian from Palomares Academy of Health Sciences. She is majoring in Asian Studies and expects to graduate from Pitzer in 2019. After graduating, she hopes to attend optometry school.

She found out about CLASP at a Pitzer job fair and started volunteering with CLASP during her freshman year.

Keep reading and you'll understand why Crystal was selected as, "CLASP's Featured Tutor of the Month." She has had amazing experiences in her young life. The following are her own words about her story.

"At the beginning of my first summer (2016) as a college student, I went to Bahia, Brazil for two weeks. This trip was funded and coordinated by Pitzer College to allow and encourage students to study abroad during

their undergraduate years.

Towards the end of my 2016 summer vacation, I was funded by the Benjamin Gilman Scholarship, Freeman Scholarship, and Di Yerbury Scholarship, to learn Mandarin for the first time at Beijing University for two months.

Last summer, I was funded by Pitzer College to help at a foster home in Imperia, Italy for over a month. During that time, I learned about the lifestyles of Italians, their culture, and their views about the importance of family.

This past fall semester, I studied abroad in Kunming, China where I learned about Chinese ethnic minorities and traditional Chinese medicine, practiced my Chinese language skills, and witnessed breathtaking landscapes.

My traveling experiences in China related to my Asian Studies major. These experiences have allowed me to apply what I have learned from my major courses to modern day China.

My other traveling experiences allowed me to learn about other languages, cultures, and people in their own environments. Understanding, compassion, and reflection shaped me into who I am today."

Crystal shares her experiences of tutoring, "Every day at CLASP is an enjoyable experience! Spending time with the children reminds me of how optimistic and caring children can be to all those around them. In addition to the fact that I help the children with their schoolwork, the children support me in other ways as well. One day, I told my student, **Benafsha**, my plans of becoming an optometrist. Since she knew there was a lot of work ahead of me, she looked me in the eyes and said confidently, 'I believe in you!' Her encouragement truly touched my heart. Benafsha stated it with such certainty, I could not help but feel empowered by her faith in me. At CLASP, I am overjoyed to be interacting with the children, and my experience has been nothing but wonderful."

When asked if she had any thoughts or suggestions about improving CLASP so more college students might be recruited to tutor she replied, "The program is already great the way it is, and I think participating at job fairs in the Claremont Colleges would recruit more students to tutor."

In addition to her busy school schedule and tutoring with CLASP, Crystal's interests include drawing, reading, and volleyball.

We are so fortunate to have Crystal as one of our tutors, and we wish her much success in her future.

Thank You to all “Extra-Effort” tutors

Historically, CLASP is short of tutors during the month of January. Many college-age tutors have schedule changes and are no longer able to volunteer with us. Also, we get new student volunteers and they perhaps haven't started tutoring yet. Site Supervisors asked, and many of you responded and were able to bring a friend or volunteer an extra day or two.

Listed below are the CLASP tutors who brought a friend or volunteered an extra day or two during the month of January. Randomly, a winner from each site was selected and each received a "Thank-You" present from the Tutor Committee. We thank all of you for your extra efforts to help at your or another site.

Cass	Armstrong	
Dale	Berger	
Laura	Bouamrane	
Chris	Caenepeel	
Chris	Caenepeel	BP
Kerry	Castel del Oro	
Maddy	Chapman	
Betsy	Cline	
Bev	Jack	
Kiki	Komura	GS
Carol Ann	Levey	WP
Teresa	Li	
Daniela	Lopez	
Steve	Mancini	
Russ	Martin	
Judy	McKee	
Ryder	Mitchell	CPC
Dean	Nishimura	
Arlene	Pirola	
Robin	Rapp	
Barbara	Santomero	
Dennis	Smith	
Stu	Stoddard	CVA
Alayna	Trejo	
Sonja	Whatley	

Teddy Bears to Love



Virginia Bower donated 19 Teddy Bears to the 19 students at CVA.



Alice, Siyar, and Tina trying to decide which Teddy Bear they wanted. Alice contemplated a very long time before making her selection.

Virginia tells us this backstory. “When I was a school principal I began to collect Teddy Bears to decorate my office. Sitting around on the bookcase and shelves, they gave a friendly feeling. If a student was having trouble coming to school I often sent a bear home for him or her to take care of overnight and bring back to school in the morning. I believed this might help to distract them from their fear. One kindergarten class created a class book on what the Bears might do at night when alone at the school. When I retired I stored the bears in a box in my garage. I recently gave all nineteen of them to the nineteen students at the CVA site. As each name was called they could choose a bear to care for. I am sure the Bears are all very happy with their new homes.”

Thank you, Virginia, for this wonderful gift to our students and for sharing this lovely story with us.

This is Your Newsletter

Please submit articles, photos (with names), jokes, activities, anecdotes, stories, events, or anything else that might be of interest to tutors to **Arlene Pirollo**, Editor, either via email a.pirolo@verizon.net or text messages (909) 560-3671.



CLASP's Field Trip to the Disney Concert Hall



CVA students waiting for the concert part of the day's activities to begin.



Adrian tries the violin at the "Instrument Petting Zoo."

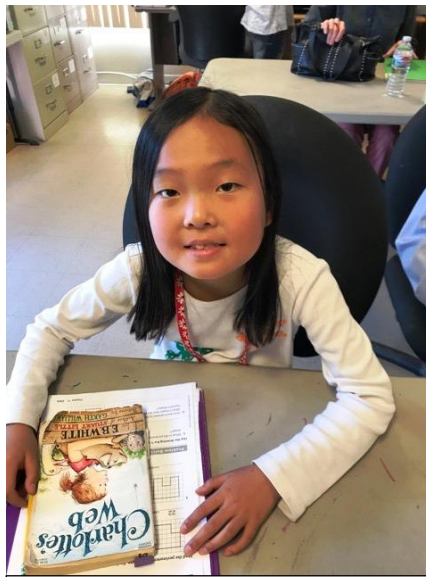
On Saturday, Feb. 24th, participating CLASP students enjoyed a full day of enrichment activities at the Disney Concert Hall. They were bussed into downtown L.A., served a lunch, watched and listened to a narrated musical performance by the L.A. Philharmonic Orchestra, and spent time trying out some of the different instruments at the, "Instrument Petting Zoo."



Kids' Korner



CVA – **Christian** putting together a Valentine for his mom.



CVA – **Alice** says she thinks she has a Valentine, but she doesn't know if he likes her too. She says no one but her family knows she likes him.



CVA – **Chi Than** said he doesn't have a special Valentine, but he said that his mother was born on Lincoln's Birthday, and that's pretty special.



GS – **Adrian, Frazier, Jaden, Alondra, Alexandra, and Roberto** showing the Valentine Bouquets they made for their moms.

Quotes from kids about how they spent their holiday days off...

CVA – **Matthew**: I went to a friend's house and played with their dogs and X-box.

CVA – **Ryan**: Well, Lincoln liked to read, so we celebrated his birthday by reading books.



Important Way to Help CLASP!

Every time you shop at Amazon you can help CLASP earn money.

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- Then register and select “**Claremont-After-School Programs**” as your charity of choice.
- After that, all you have to do is make your purchases at Smile.Amazon.com and a portion of your purchase amount will go to CLASP.

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Protect Everyone's Health

If your student is coughing or sneezing or displaying any other symptoms of illness, ask your Supervisor for masks for both you and your student to wear. Your Supervisor will determine if the student should be sent home, or he/she will find a way/place for the student to rest until the session is over. Also, be sure to use hand sanitizer liberally!



Drivers Needed

If you are available to help transport other tutors to your or their sites, please contact your Site Supervisor and fill out the Driver Information Form. Your help in this regard will help to ensure that there are enough tutors for all our students.



Staff and Site Information

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440 S. College Ave.
Mon, Thurs, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
Wed, 2:00 – 4:00pm
Grades 4 – 6

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Grades 1 – 3

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CLASP | 2017-2018 CALENDAR



AUGUST '17						
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28-31 CLASP Enrollment
30 1st Day CUSD

FEBRUARY '18						
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9 Tutor Training #7
12 Lincoln's Day/No CLASP
19 President's Day/ No CLASP
23 Tutor Training #8

SEPTEMBER '17						
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1, 5-8 CLASP Enrollment
11-14 Welcome Back Tutor meetings
18 CLASP begins
22 Tutor Training #1

MARCH '18						
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9 Tutor Training #9

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6 Tutor Training #2
20 Tutor Training #3

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2-6 Spring Break/No CLASP
13 Tutor Training #10

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1 No CUSD/No CLASP
3 Tutor Training #4
10 Veteran's Day/ No CLASP
20-24 Thanksgiving/No CLASP

MAY '18						
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2 Volunteer Dinner
17 CLASP last day

DECEMBER '17						
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8 Tutor Training #5
18-29 Winter Break/No CLASP

JUNE '18						
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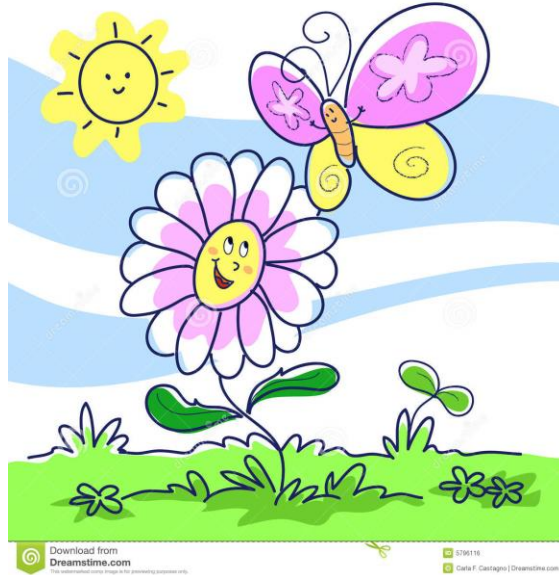
14 Last day CUSD

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1-15 Winter Break/No CLASP
16 CLASP resumes
19 Tutor Training #6

JULY '18						
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Happy Spring



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