



CLASP CONNECTIONS

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Learning Science by Sucking Blood

During the 2015-16 school year, CLASP students explored a range of enrichment activities, including lessons in earthquake preparedness, personal health, responsible recycling, vegetable gardening, and various arts and crafts activities.

But it wasn't until **Creative Science Education** visited all five tutoring centers that students got an opportunity to participate in a comedic presentation called "Blood Sucking Theater." How



better to learn about the life cycle and adaptive behaviors of parasites like mosquitoes, lice, and bed-bugs than by assigning students to take on the roles of the animals themselves? As kids buzzed around the room, it probably didn't occur to them that they were absorbing science lessons linked to state grade-level standards.

"Creative Science blended the modalities of learning—auditory, visual, and kinesthetic—into the lesson, and incorporated visual and theatrical arts to reinforce the material in a creative and dynamic fashion," said Office Assistant **Sandra Fenton**.

The owners of Creative Science Education, **Andre and Rodney Campbell**, hatched their business nearly a decade ago when they noticed that leaner school budgets meant fewer field trips, and fewer opportunities for kids to develop a passion for science.



Director **Jan Creasey** admires their curriculum and approach, noting, "Kids are unpredictable. They want to participate, but they don't want to be embarrassed. The Creative Science team was energetic and funny and kept the pace moving so that kids didn't quite know what to expect or what would happen next."

What **Ryan**, a kindergartener at the Claremont Village Apartments, now confidently knows is: "insects have six legs. Spiders have eight legs, so they aren't insects."

Sal Burgos



Sal Burgos taught elementary school in Duarte for 37 years—long enough to have taught some of his students’ parents. When he retired in 2009, he found a CLASP brochure and promptly signed up to tutor. “I couldn’t work as a mechanic,” he says, “but this I know a little bit about.”

Since then he has tutored at Claremont Village Apartments, Claremont Presbyterian Church, and Wheeler Park. As for his CLASP kids, Sal says, “The reward is when the light bulb goes off and students start to become their own teachers. I had a kid so unmotivated, he didn’t know his letters. But through CLASP, school and himself, he’s become such a good student!”

Sal follows his students’ progress closely. In fact, he was so concerned about a Salvadoran child’s struggles to learn English that he joined her in her classroom at Vista del Valle, where he began tutoring in CLASP board member Frank D’Emilio’s class. “I work with kids who need extra-extra help,” Sal says.

He’s excited about CLASP: “I think it’s very, very good. At the very least, it’s a place to come with no TV blaring—a quiet, safe place to work. It provides stability and a resource for the kids. I’m happy I found a niche here.”

Party With a Purpose Throw a Party, Play a Game AND Help CLASP

Have you recently celebrated an important milestone or anniversary with family and friends? Have you gathered with like-minded comrades to play bridge, golf, bunko, or mahjong? All of these pleasurable activities and more can be made even more meaningful with a group donation to CLASP.

CLASP welcomes gifts from informal groups as diverse as a monthly gathering of friends or a weekly foreign-language conversation circle. Currently, one local group celebrates friendships with a monthly birthday lunch. Instead of gifts, group members give cards with checks made out to the birthday girl’s favorite non-profit.

As Lissa Petersen, a member of the CLASP Board and the birthday group, says, “It’s much more fun and gratifying when friends write a check to CLASP for my birthday than it would be if they gave me another potpourri or tea towel.”

A local bridge group makes a joint contribution to CLASP each year. And **The Voyagers** is a Claremont United Church of Christ social group whose members take turns designating an organization to receive their end-of-year gift. CLASP is among the recipients.

Voyager **Carol Wiese** said that when it was her turn, she wanted her donation to go to CLASP because “rather than give a man a fish, I’d rather teach that man to fish.”

Apartment Owner Helps Fund CLASP Center



Marsha Rodriguez
with **NiKarlla** and tutor
Elise Adams

Marsha Rodriguez, manager of the 150 units in the Claremont Village Apartments (CVA) on Arrow Highway, is nothing if not persistent. Her mantra on CLASP: “I kept telling them we need it!” Marsha works for KDF Communities, a corporation that owns CVA and provides a total of 5300 affordable housing units on 44 properties throughout California.

Marsha has been an advocate for the tutoring program from its inauguration in September 1999, when Claremont Tutorial Centers, one of CLASP’s precursors, opened its doors in the recreation room next to her office. As she says, “Children are our future, and the kind of help CLASP gives them is hard to come by. I tell our kids it’s a privilege to be in CLASP. People have to pay an arm and a leg for services like this.”

This year, in response to an appeal from CLASP development officers, KDF officials significantly increased their contribution to the tutoring program. In the past, they have supported 18% of the annual budget at CVA. The new amount, 30%, has made all of us at CLASP very grateful for the increased revenue and the sense that they value our work.



Save the Date
Join us for a lovely afternoon
to
Celebrate CLASP!
Sunday, September 25, 2016
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



CLASP has just completed another year of providing effective homework help to the children who depend on us in the Claremont Unified School District.

First, I want to thank the nearly 200 volunteers who tutor the children in the program. Retirees, high school students and college students make up the majority of our tutors, and we are so grateful for their skill and commitment. Their relationship with the children makes learning possible. The site supervisors, recreation leaders and office assistant make sure the program runs smoothly at each site, and committee members contribute their ideas for program enrichment, funding, tutor training, publicity and evaluation. Our board is made up of community leaders who are faithful in their commitment to CLASP and its future. Finally, our new

program director, **Jan Creasey**, and tutor coordinator, **Jim Keith**, have done an excellent job providing leadership.

It's been an exciting year. Last fall we celebrated our tenth anniversary with a very successful party of over 200 guests, including Representative **Judy Chu**. Two TOSAs (Teachers on Special Assignment) from CUSD ran a comprehensive program of workshops to help our tutors understand the rigors of Common Core, and we inaugurated a summer camp at **Mt. San Antonio Gardens**, which we will enlarge this year. Thanks to the **Claremont Presbyterian Church**, the program office is undergoing a complete renovation.

And Jan has strengthened staffing procedures for recreation leaders and enrollment procedures for students. We are inviting returning students to reapply this spring rather than next fall, which should streamline the process.

Thank you for your continued support.
Jeanne Hamilton

A Family Affair



Husband and wife team **Greg Shapton** and **Barbara Rugeley** are two special CLASP volunteers. Since his days as a Pomona College student, Greg has been an active and committed Claremonter, and he and Barbara have volunteered throughout the community. Greg spent 44 years as a librarian for the City of Pomona, eventually serving as Director of Library Services as well as Community Services Director before retiring in 2011. Barbara also retired in 2011, having served for 20 years as a reference librarian for Citrus College.

Barbara, who began tutoring for CLASP in 2010, currently tutors at Good Shepherd. Her specialty is storytelling, and she has delighted many CLASP students with her tales, often accompanied by hand puppets. This spring during recreation time, Barbara also offered string games. These games are centuries-old story-telling activities practiced by Native Americans and peoples throughout the world. Why does she do it all? "I enjoy the relationship with the kids and think I can help them," she says.

Greg was already aware of CLASP's good work through Barbara's volunteering when **Teddie Warner** invited him to join the CLASP board in 2013. He readily agreed. Having run a literacy program for adults through the Pomona library, Greg knew the importance of parents and volunteers reading with children. Bringing this knowledge and experience to CLASP, he has been generous with his time, serving on many committees including program support, development, evaluation, personnel, technology and nominations. He also substitutes as a tutor.

As he says, "I see CLASP as critical to at-risk kids who don't have access to the help they need."

STUDENT CORNER



Jenny and Vincent Tran

MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL
SIXTH GRADE
Claremont Presbyterian Center

Eleven-year-old twins **Jenny and Vincent Tran** have been participating in the CLASP tutoring program since third grade. Always cooperative and eager to learn, Jenny and Vincent will be moving on to El Roble Intermediate next year. In the future, Jenny hopes to become a pharmacist or an engineer, and Vincent wants to be a doctor or an engineer—ambitious goals for hard-working, focused kids.

Jenny and Vincent's parents have wanted them to focus on their homework, continue learning after school, and receive help with language arts. CLASP has fit the bill. The twins enjoy working independently, asking for help only when they need it. Their favorite tutor is **Janice Mix**, whom both describe as friendly and very helpful.

Their tutors at CPC call both students goal oriented and independent. Their preparation at CLASP will help them achieve their lofty goals.





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Tutoring Sites

Volunteer tutors are welcome to join CLASP throughout the school year. Students may enroll at any time if space is available.

Blaisdell Park Community Center

440 S. College Avenue
Mon., Thurs. 3:15 – 5:15 p.m.
Wed. 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Grades 3 – 6

Claremont Presbyterian Church

1111 N. Mountain Avenue
Mon., Tues., Thurs. 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Grades 4 – 6

Claremont Village Apartments

965 W. Arrow Highway
Tues., Wed., Thurs. 3:15 – 5:15 p.m.
Grades K – 6

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

1700 N. Towne Avenue
Mon., Tues. 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Wed. 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Grades K – 3

Wheeler Park Recreation Center

626 Vista Drive
Mon., Tues., Thurs. 2:35 – 4:35 p.m.
Grades 1 – 3

Mission Statement

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.



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Ways to support CLASP

- Volunteer to tutor
- Provide financial assistance
- Donate supplies
- Serve on a committee

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Please join us to help CLASP kids!



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TO OUR VOLUNTEERS ≈ WE THANK YOU

CLASP thrives because of the outstanding commitment of hundreds of community volunteers who donate thousands of hours of their lives to our program each year.

Our board members are volunteers, our tutors are volunteers, and our committee members are volunteers.

TUTOR VOLUNTEERS

We at CLASP, and especially our students, are fortunate to have all of you in our lives. Thank you for your dedication and your unwavering passion for helping each child succeed.

Community Tutors 106
College Tutors 58
High School Tutors 88
Substitute Tutors 35
Total Tutors 287

COMMUNITY TUTORS

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COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

In addition to our board members, who devote much time and energy to CLASP as officers and as chairs or members of committees, these volunteers have served on our committees with enthusiasm, creativity and commitment.

We deeply thank all of you who have helped CLASP thrive this year.

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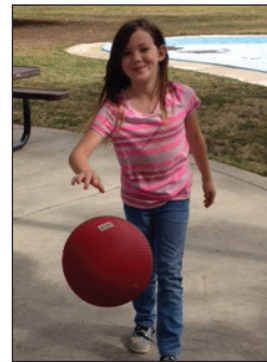
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