



NHSP WEEKLY BULLETIN 4-6-2020

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe we are only in Week 3 of the Remote Learning Plan. This week's schedule includes more face-to-face sessions with core teachers and with specialists for all grades at the developmentally appropriate levels.

In our continued commitment to a quality learning experience, we will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the plan and make any needed adjustments. We appreciate the feedback we receive from parents as we work together to support our students' growth.

Prior to spring break, I enjoyed dropping in to "classrooms" to say hello to students and answer any questions they had. It touched my heart to see their beautiful faces and to realize the growth they have already made in rising to the challenges they are facing.

As we move into April, we are excited to begin finding creative ways to include school events and continue to foster our school community. Our ability to come together and work together will be a huge factor in our children's wellbeing.

Thank you for all you do to support your children and the school.

In peace,
Mrs. Al-Sarraf

IMPORTANT DATES

April 9-15 - Nighthawk Walk Challenge -- Track Your Steps (not a fundraiser!)

April 17 -- Minimum Day - PD Day for Teachers (Focus: Update Yearly Pacing Guides)

April 17 - Annual Online Art Auction Launch

SCHOOL NEWS

Nighthawk Walk Challenge

Take the 2020 Nighthawk Walk Challenge! Starting this **Thursday, April 9**, students can track their daily steps on family walks **through Wed., Apr. 15**. Students can submit their total steps to **Coach Jess (Gr. 2-8) and to classroom teachers (PS-1) on Thursday, April 16**. We will see just how many steps we completed during our Nighthawk Walk Challenge!



Note: The Nighthawk Walk is usually an annual fundraising event with an emphasis on health and fitness; however, this year, we will focus on the importance of physical activity especially during these challenging times. We know many families are taking walks, and this will be a fun way to track steps as a school community. There is no fundraising involved in this challenge.

Use the [Nighthawk Walk Challenge Tracking Form](#) to record your steps.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Did you know? One of the top ways that teachers feel appreciated is to receive a card or message from a student. Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week and a perfect time to send your teachers a message of thanks and appreciation for all they do.

Annual Online Art Auction

This year's annual online art auction showcases student art (group art by grade level) as well as a number of local community artists. We are reaching out to our families, alumni, alumni families, grandparents, and friends to support our Art Program through the auction. We are adding something new this year with the ability to purchase unique items with imprinted student art. **Preview starts Sun., Apr. 12**, and bidding begins on **Fri., Apr. 17 through Thur., Apr. 23** Look for upcoming emails with links to the auction.

Spring Open House All-School Slide Show

Next **Friday, April 17**, we will be sending out our annual All-School Slide Show to celebrate our amazing students throughout the 2019-2020 school year. We hope you will enjoy watching it together as a family.

STAY-AT-HOME STAY WELL RESOURCES

The stresses we are facing during the Stay-at-Home orders are new and formidable. For some, the financial strains may be increasing with reduced work hours or even job loss. The LA Dept. of Mental Health is reaching out to communities throughout the San Gabriel Valley to share information about available resources for all types of issues.

Use the [DPH Resource List](#) for referrals to various resources.

LADMH has also made available a [Guide to Wellbeing Apps](#) to promote wellbeing in simple daily activities related to physical, emotional, and financial wellbeing.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PEACE GARDEN?

During the spring season, the Peace Garden is filled with amazing growth. A source of inspiration for students and staff on a daily basis, the Garden can take you to a place of happiness even on a dreary day.

Every week we hope to bring you a video in the Peace Garden from our Learning Naturalist Levi Brewster. We hope you will enjoy "going to the Peace Garden" and getting some inspiration.

[Take a Quick Look in the Peace Garden](#)

FEEDING OUR SPIRIT

Weekly Khutbas

For this week's khutba by Mr. Siler, look for our email on Friday morning, April 10. Please use the khutba as a beginning point for your family's noon prayer. Be sure and let your children call the adhan, iqama, lead the prayer, and make du'a.

Verses that Remind Us

"Be sure We shall test you with something of fear and hunger, some loss in goods, lives, and the fruits of your toil. But give glad tidings to those who patiently persevere. Those who say, when afflicted with calamity, 'To Allah we belong, and to Him is our return.' They are those on whom descend blessings from their Lord, and mercy. They are the ones who receive guidance." (2:155-157)

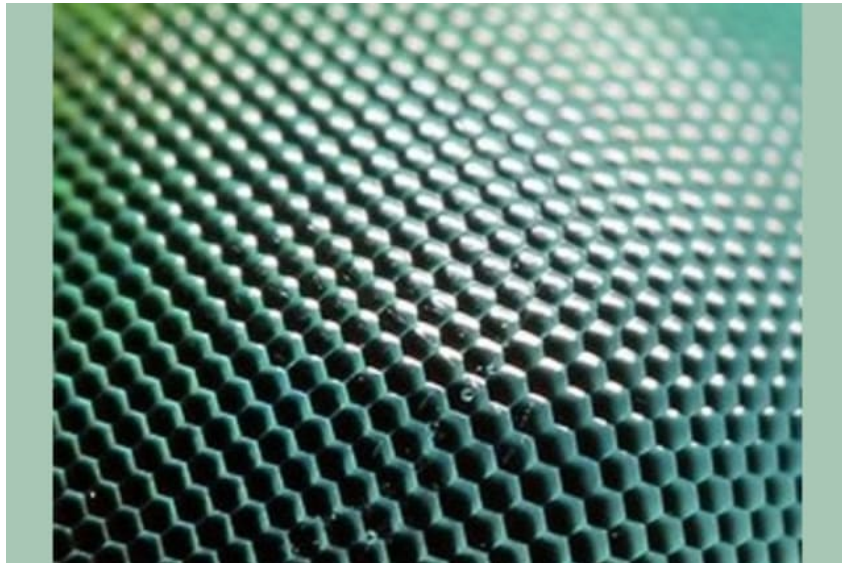


A Mother's Poem by Laura Kelly Fanucci

When this is over,
may we never again
take for granted:

A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded theater
Friday night out
[The time for prayer]
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.
When this ends
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way — better
for each other
because of the worst.

TAKE THE POLL



What is this? (Take a guess without Google!)

A microphone

Select

The eye of a
dragonfly

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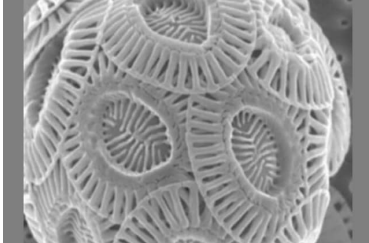
A
honeycomb

Select

RESULTS OF LAST WEEK'S POLL

Thank you to the 45 people who responded --

33.3% A piece of chalk
48.9% A white blood cell
17.8% A grain of sugar



CORRECT ANSWER: A piece of chalk!

STAY CONNECTED

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