

# THE OAK



The Los Encinos School Newspaper  
*"By kids for kids."*

## Stop the Presses!

by Sadie, 6th

Fifth Grade went on an all-day field trip on February 10th to the International Printing Museum in Carson, CA. They took the field trip to enhance what they've been learning in the classroom about early America and the origin of the newspaper. At the museum, they got to see a variety of printing presses and ink stamps. They also got to meet "Benjamin Franklin" and watch experiments about electricity. In addition, they learned about paper-making and how newspapers are printed (both modern-day and early versions). After the tour, the students made art projects and their very own bookmarks. Overall, the fifth-graders said that they had a great time on their field trip and they learned a lot about printing. 🌿



## Letter from the Editor by Zelda, 4th

With February's "Virtue & Value" being RESPONSIBILITY, I would like to give some shoutouts to some very responsible people: First, Mrs. Vaisman and Ms. Pinkus, because they help out so much as faculty advisors on the newspaper you're holding; and to Mrs. Reinfeld, because she is always so nice and makes sure that every student gets what they need. Finally, a shoutout to the entire LES community for always being inclusive! Please enjoy our very second issue of The Oak! 🌿





# Community Engagement by Boz, 2nd

In February, the sixth graders collected coats for One Warm Coat. Over 100 coats were collected and given to families in need of warmth.

Each grade has a service learning project. The 2nd graders are doing a food drive for the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry. They already gave a trunk full of cans and snacks. The 2nd graders will keep collecting until the end of the year and welcome your donations! 🌱



# Classroom Learning by Stokely, 3rd

In 3rd grade's Writing Workshop, students are writing informational books about topics like animals or video games. In Reading Workshop, students pick out booktalk books and fill out a sheet of paper with information like the name of their book and the author.

In Language Arts, students are learning about coordinating conjunctions like, "for," "or," and "yet."



In Math, students are learning about perimeter and area; and how length times width equals the area of a shape. 🌱



Sports

Eagles Take Flight

by Maro and Oliver, 2nd

Los Encinos School students just completed the basketball season and are currently in the hockey unit in PE.

The next unit will be Track and Field. Coach Costin's favorite PE unit is baseball because he grew up going to a bunch of Dodgers' games. "I just felt like I was born with a baseball mitt in my hands," Coach Costin said. Coach Terry differs slightly. He's all about hoops! Either way, they both help the Eagles soar to new heights! 🍀



Photograph by Aiden, 1st

Safety Rules

by Hannah, 4th (with thanks to Coach Terry and Coach Costin)

- 1. No running on the concrete.
- 2. Closed toed shoes.
- 3. Classroom teacher has to know where you are.
- 4. No tag!
- 5. Hands to yourself.



Photograph by Grayson, 4th



Comic by Maddie, 2nd



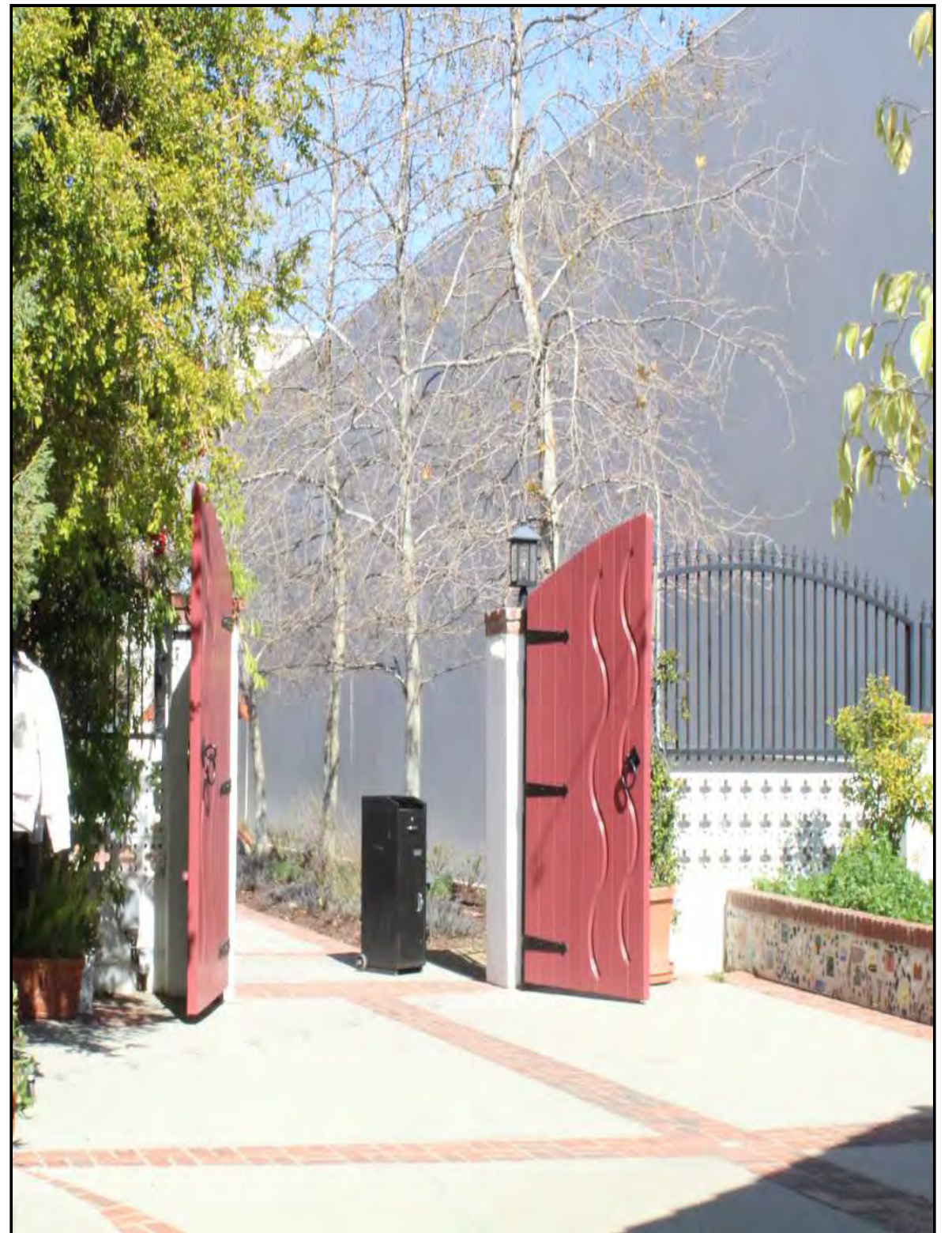
# 3rd Graders Sent Up the River

by Lucy, 6th

This semester, Third Grade ventured beyond the red gates to go on a field trip to Lewis McAdams Riverfront Park, which is next to the LA River. At the river, they made seed balls out of water, clay, dirt, and native seeds. In addition, the students made water filters and took samples of the river to see how contaminated it was. The experiment allowed them to see dirty water separate and turn into clean water and soil. They also scooped water in hopes of finding macroinvertebrates.

As a bonus, they saw baby birds and even witnessed the rare sight of their eggs hatching, which was a highlight for most of the class.

The third-graders had a great time at the LA River and learned many interesting facts about water and purification. 🌱



Photograph by Riley, 2nd



Field trip photos by teachers



# Kindergarten Deck Time

## New "Wall of Sound" Installed



Photograph by Chester, K

SUPER PUP!  
By Zoe, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
A day at the beach...  
sea monsters came on  
land. Every body ran!  
Then their hero came!  
The name was Super Pup!  
Super Pup got the sea  
monsters back in the sea.  
"Hurray for Super Pup!"  
they shouted. Super Pup  
Went to finish his  
video game. The End

Story by Zoe, 2nd



Drawing by Maya R, 2nd



Photograph by Pippa, K



# A Poem by Audrey. K

I love my school  
It's very cool  
I wish there was a pool  
But I still like my school



Photograph by Logan, 4th

# Jokes by Margot, 2nd

What does a talking dog say on Halloween?

Answer: "Trick or Treat?"



Drawing by Strummer, 2nd

by Cooper, 1st

What do you call a cow  
that can play the piano?

Answer: "A moosician."



Drawing by Kayla K, 2nd

# One More by Hudson, 2nd

What did the plate say to the  
other plate?

Answer: "Dinner's on me!"



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

## ...with Mrs. Nelson (3rd Grade Teacher)

by Hannah, 3rd

*OAK: Why did you decide you wanted to be a teacher rather than any other job?*

Mrs. Nelson: I started coaching and teaching gymnastics when I was in high school and I really enjoyed it. Then I started going to college for being a doctor and I switched to being a teacher



*OAK: Why did you decide to teach third grade rather than teaching a different grade?*

Mrs. Nelson: I was a first-grade teacher for ten years then I switched to third-grade after Teddy was born.

*OAK: If you weren't a teacher then what job would you have?*

Mrs. Nelson: If I weren't a teacher I would be an interior designer or an event planner.

*OAK: What do you like to do when you're not teaching?*

Mrs. Nelson: When I have free time I like to go on family bike rides, travel, garden, read, cook, and spend time with my family. 🌿



## ...with Ms. Cucco (Math Teacher)

by Zoe, 5th

*OAK: What do you think it would be like if you taught the lower grades?*

Ms. Cucco: It would be great to watch them understand the concept because they don't come from a more experienced background, unlike the upper grades. It's like a world of wonder opening up for them.

*OAK: What is your favorite subject to teach since you used to teach a variety of subjects?*

Ms. Cucco: My favorite subject to teach would still be math. When I grew up, my math teachers always taught me the "how." I want to explain it, I want to teach the "why." I didn't like how they only taught the "how," I wanted to know the "why."

*OAK: What did you enjoy doing the most as a child?*

Ms. Cucco: As a kid, I really specialized in reading. I spent a lot of my time reading. I also really enjoyed doing crossword puzzles. I did crossword puzzles all the time because I wanted to show my brother that I can be intelligent as well! 🌿



# The Magical Feather by Annabel, 4th

**FICTION**

After Everest showed up at assembly, he flew home. He flew home to his family. They all live together on a high cliff. He lives with his daughter, Feathers, and wife, Ella.

Did you know Everest has a family? Everest comes to school on Fridays, but what does he do when he is not at school? When Everest is not at school he is playing basketball. Everest loves basketball. Friday mornings, he is playing basketball. Usually, Everest plays basketball with Feathers.



**Drawing by Olivia, 1st**

One day, Everest and Feathers were playing basketball. "Dad, I don't feel well," said Feathers. Everest and Feathers flew inside their cave. Everest checked the thermometer for banana flu. The banana flu is a virus from eating too many bananas. It is very dangerous because all you can see is the color yellow. Feathers did have the banana flu.

That was a big problem, but there was a cure. The cure is a magical feather, but you have to go on a journey to find it.

The journey starts at LES, so Everest flew to Encino. First, Everest looked in the library because the library always has good information. He looked for a book about a feather, but it was already checked out. Since the library didn't work out, Everest then went to the big oak tree. He decided to go to the oak tree because magical things happened at the oak tree. He looked and he looked, but there was no magic to be found that day.



**Photograph by Riley, 2nd**

Everest was feeling sad and lonely, so he sat down on the buddy bench. He crossed his legs and pouted, and that's when he noticed something sticking out from the bottom of his shoe. IT WAS THE MAGICAL FEATHER! Stuck to the bottom of his shoe the whole time! Everest flew home and immediately gave Feathers the magical feather. She was instantly cured! All was well! Everest, Feathers, and Ella then played basketball together. 🌿



More Fun Stuff

How much fun do you have at a fundraiser?

Answer: So much fund!

by Lilah, 1st



Photograph by Eli, 2nd

In Shoo-Shoo's Shoes



Comic by Valentina, 4th

What is LES?

by Luna, 3rd

A joyful place where children play.

We have lots of fun in the day.

First, we learn. then eat our lunch; we eat some bread with a massive crunch!

Then it's time for PE. Let's play some sports!

I'll play hockey, soccer, and basketball on a basketball court!

At the end of the day, the children all sigh...

For until the next day, it's a long goodbye.



Puzzle by Beatrice, 4th  
(Solution on Back Page)

Los Encinos  
Name: Bea

# My Word Search

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Eagles

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Learning

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HAPPY  
BIRTHDAYS!

JanuaryFebruary

|             |    |             |    |
|-------------|----|-------------|----|
| (4) Charlie | 3  | (5) Ella    | 1  |
| (4) Logan   | 4  | (6) Zaima   | 5  |
| (5) Zoe     | 10 | (3) Cameron | 9  |
| (4) Hannah  | 13 | (2) Zahlia  | 18 |
| (K) Audrey  | 16 | (K) Jack    | 20 |
| (2) Nora    | 16 | (K) Sienna  | 20 |
| (K) Chester | 17 | (4) Zelda   | 22 |
| (5) Kai     | 18 | (K) Grace   | 24 |

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|-------------|----|
| (5) Maxwell | 19 |
| (2) Ramsey  | 19 |
| (5) Oliver  | 20 |
| (6) Cole    | 21 |
| (K) Harper  | 21 |
| (6) Duncan  | 22 |
| (K) Archie  | 25 |
| (6) Geffen  | 25 |
| (K) Max     | 27 |

March

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|-------------|----|
| (4) Harper  | 1  |
| (4) Jack    | 1  |
| (6) Jasper  | 1  |
| (6) Isla    | 8  |
| (1) Saige   | 8  |
| (3) Stokely | 9  |
| (2) Kayla   | 13 |
| (6) Luca    | 13 |
| (3) Tyler   | 14 |
| (3) Erik    | 16 |
| (6) Declan  | 17 |
| (5) Iris    | 17 |
| (K) Teddy   | 19 |
| (6) Lucy    | 20 |
| (4) Aiden   | 21 |
| (4) Annabel | 22 |
| (1) Nico    | 22 |
| (6) Olivia  | 22 |
| (5) Hallie  | 23 |
| (K) Frankie | 25 |
| (2) Cassia  | 27 |
| (1) Maddox  | 27 |
| (6) London  | 28 |
| (2) Gus     | 28 |

Faculty

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Mr. Myers      | 1/1  |
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| Ms. Anthonyson | 3/3  |
| Ms. Byer       | 3/11 |
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| Mrs. Kroh      | 7/12 |
| Ms. Valerie    | 7/27 |
| Mrs. Seidel    | 8/2  |



Balloons by Brooklyn, 4th

HAPPY HALF  
BIRTHDAYS!

July

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| (1) Holt     | 1  |
| (5) Aubri    | 6  |
| (5) Poppy    | 6  |
| (1) Ava      | 9  |
| (1) Lilah    | 9  |
| (2) Strummer | 9  |
| (3) Clarence | 12 |
| (3) Shawn    | 12 |
| (3) Luna     | 13 |
| (2) Leo      | 17 |
| (2) Zoe      | 17 |
| (4) Nora     | 20 |
| (5) Max      | 23 |
| (5) Truman   | 25 |
| (3) Cassius  | 26 |
| (3) Jai      | 26 |
| (1) Chloe    | 27 |
| (K) Sophie   | 31 |

August

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| (2) Maro     | 2  |
| (1) Asher    | 7  |
| (K) Ethan    | 8  |
| (K) Maren    | 8  |
| (1) Teddy S. | 10 |
| (1) Aiden    | 12 |
| (2) Ella     | 12 |
| (3) Dylan    | 14 |
| (2) Saint    | 20 |
| (4) Dylan    | 21 |
| (1) Decker   | 27 |
| (2) Maya     | 27 |
| (1) Cooper   | 28 |
| (2) Boz      | 30 |
| (2) Margot   | 30 |
| (K) Sebi     | 30 |
| (2) Teddy I. | 30 |
| (3) Finn     | 31 |





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Stokely, 3rd  
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- Eagles

Les

Everest

friends

oak

tree

bed
- gates

community

Learning

family

Loving

Math

Reading



Drawing by Maya P., 2nd