

The GATEKeeper



JAN 2019

Important Dates

2/1/19
Valentine's Day
Prom
And 100th Day of
school

2/2/19
CNUSD History
Day @ Auggie
Ramirez

2/6/19
Global Day of
Play

2/13/19
CNUSD Science
Fair @ District
Office

2/11/19 and
2/18/19
No School

2/24/19
CAG Parent Day in
Palm Springs

3/22/19
75% AR Day

"Dr. King Would be Proud" by David Zou

Have you noticed that our school, Clara Barton, is very diverse? Being diverse is a good thing. It lets students learn about other countries' cultures and accept other people's cultures. Dr. Martin Luther King Junior said, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." He fought for the right of diversity to be normal. Hispanic people celebrating Chinese New Year and learning about Chinese cultures, Americans celebrating festivities from India? It's bizarre to think about it. Being diverse help students accept who other people from other countries are, it opens their minds to other people and different countries.

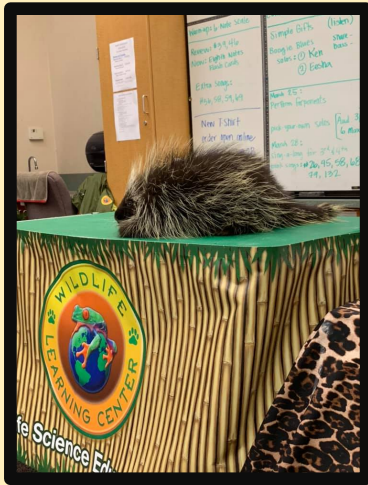
Let see what some other students have say about being diverse. My question to them was: how do you feel about being in such a diverse class? 3rd grader Gavin Wu says that "It feels kind of good and hard." 3rd grader Kathy Zhang says "I feel pretty good about it. It's pretty nice." 4th grader Om Patel says that "I feel good because I can learn other languages." 4th grader William Chen says "I feel happy. I learn from them (other cultures). 5th grader Attila Kreidl says that "I feel that it is 'cool' to be in a class with so many different cultures." 5th grader Saichuran Undi says "I feel really good about being diverse and learning about other people's cultures and religions and learning to accept them." 6th grader Thomas Ibrahim says that "It is a good thing because you get to see people in different cultures." 6th grader Sebastien Miller says that "Crazy", with a big smile on his face.

So, you can see that being diverse is a positive thing. Honestly, I think that being diverse is great. If Dr. King was alive, he would be very proud of Clara Barton Elementary.

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GRADE LEVEL HIGHLIGHTS



3rd Grade P. Williams

"We have become and are currently working on becoming Solar System Researchers and Lecturers through a STEAM project that will be presented to our own class as well as our fellow 3rd Grade classes."- student

"We've performed our Myths and Legends Reader's Theatre productions that included The Greek Gods to our fellow 3rd Grade classrooms. We've been working on mastering dress rehearsals and language expression as well as theatrics that come to life with our gestures and body language."- student

"Our Social Studies unit on Early California has us exploring the first explorers that came to California and we are creating Explorer Trading Cards from our own research and discoveries."- student

4th Grade J. Garcia

"The 4th Grade has done a deep dive into our study of fractions. In science, our electricity unit is underway. We'll be constructing a mansion complete with lights over the next month – so fun! We are looking forward to a day of chemistry in February, along with the Global Day of Play and inside the Outdoors assembly."

- Mrs. Garcia

5th Grade C. Ogden

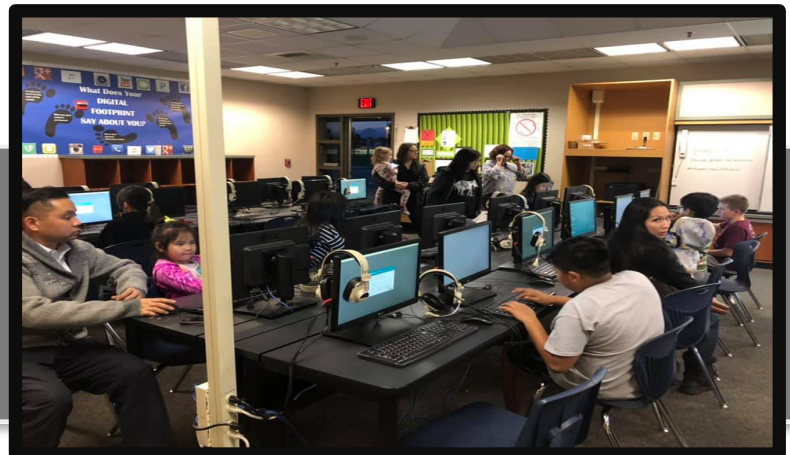
"Fifth grade has been very busy learning about U.S. history. Our class began the New Year studying the original 13 colonies. This unit will result in a culminating project where each student will make an advertisement on one of the colonies and present it to the class. Additionally, we are working on our state reports and learning all 50 states and their capitals!"

- Mrs. Ogden

6th Grade C. Leonard

"Our class has started a rotation with three other sixth grade classes for social studies. We are getting to know new teachers and teaching styles in preparation for junior high, which is just five short months away! We are looking forward to science camp on Feb. 19th – Feb 22nd!"

-Mrs. Leonard



Above: Wildlife Learning Center visited us a 2nd time.

Below: Ms. Byrne and her daughter participate in the family Hour of Code at the GPAC meeting.

The Family Hour Of Code during the GPAC meeting



The Suarez family hike in the snow in Washington.



The Heng family at the temple honoring their ancestors. This is equivalent to "The Day of the Dead."



The Peterson Family skiing in Mammoth, CA

In celebration of Dr. King, we are showcasing the varied cultural celebrations and open travel that our GATE students participate in. How lucky are we to share our beautiful world together?



The Brahmratt family visits Taj Mahal Agra, India.



The Glenn Family watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in NYC.



The Bhambhani & Davey families celebrating Diwali with friends.





Wildlife Learning Center visited us a 2nd time. We love learning about animal adaptations!



Did you catch The Lunar Eclipse aka The Blood Moon on January 20th? The Suarez family did and got some great shots too!



RESOURCES

California Association for the gifted
www.cagifted.org

Discovery Cube
www.discoverycube.org

Supporting the Educational needs of the gifted
www.SENGifted.org



We are grateful to our GPAC and teachers who set a Family coding night.