

The GATEKeeper

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A newsletter for GATE students, their teachers and families.

ANNUAL SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN!

Important Dates

6/2/17: Last day of school, dismissal at 11:32am.

8/9/17: First day of school.

"Project based lessons" and "personal responsibility focused" is what I liked best about Barton's GATE program.

"The teacher was awesome!!"

What I like best about Barton's GATE program is... "the opportunity to enhance the children's thinking skills."

"My favorite project was the 22nd Mission project."

"The teachers and the parent support are the best!! The second best part is the field trips and unique experiences these kids get."

The best project my child did this year was "the market day project."

"There were lots of stimulating activities."

"Topics are discussed in depth and require critical thinking. [Her peers] push her to excel."

"There is no busy work. The assignments are meaningful and relevant to life."

"I love the student run newsletters. They did a great job."

"I love all the extra activities the GATE program offers."

"Students are challenged."

"I feel like I'm ready for the next grade level."

"It pushes the kids to reach far beyond their [perceived] potential. I loved all the extra activities they got to do."

"I love the teachers' involvement and encouragement. They give their own time, effort and money to shape our little ones."

The best part of the GATE program is "the opportunities brought in for our students from outside vendors. [It] gets kids excited and rewarded at the same time."



**“SAYING GOODBYE TO THE PRIMARY YEARS”
BY ISABELLE KONG**

“Thank you Brett, Sarah, & Isabelle for being willing trainees through the first student-led publications. Your futures are bright and I have appreciated your patience. You have paved the way for future GATEKeepers.”

- Mrs. Glenny

As May 25th, the final day before “bridging over” to intermediate school (for sixth-graders) crept closer, the GATE sixth-graders of Barton felt the need to present their heartfelt goodbyes of their elementary memories. What thoughts did they have before completing their school year with a trip to Knott’s Berry Farm and the long-awaited Science Camp?

Here are some of the questions I asked fellow sixth-graders:

What projects did you like best?

Brett Sirkel, the layout/designer of the GATEKeeper newsletter, answers, “I’ll miss some of my favorite teachers. I will also miss friends that are going to River Heights. My favorite project was Genius Hour, and I loved getting the chance to help make the GATEKeeper newsletter.”

What will you miss?

Andrew Nim replies, “I liked Genius Hour, and I miss playing with the wooden blocks in kindergarten.”

Brenda Simon says, “My favorite moments are during fundraisers and school parties. I will miss Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Fettig. I also enjoyed Genius Hour. I will miss this school year very much, and the 7 years of being here, goodbye!”

“I will miss Mrs. Leonard the most! Out of all my teachers, Mrs. Leonard is the best! She made 6th grade the easiest grade. My all-time favorite project was Genius Hour in Mrs. Leonard’s class!” (Reiya A. Gulosino)

To answer my own questions, “From 1st through 6th grade, Mrs. Ogden, my previous 5th grade teacher, is my *favorite*, because she is AWESOME! Her main goal in the classroom is to help you understand what she is teaching, and if you don’t, she takes the time to teach you over and over again. She doesn’t make teaching boring, and I never forgot anything I learned from her. Right after you finish a test, she only takes an incredibly short amount of time to put it on StudentConnect. Mrs. Ogden is amazingly organized.”

As the sixth-grade panoramic pictures in the multi-purpose room change when the years shift over time, Barton never does, because the students who attend Barton all have the same purpose: to learn and have fun doing it!

“It was Really fun doing GATEKeeper. Have fun next year!”- Brett Sirkel

**HAPPY
SUMMER
VACATION!**



All GATE classes participated in projects that engaged them in local and global awareness initiatives. 3rd grade collected backpacks and school supplies for disadvantaged youth, 4th grade made shelter animals feel loved with handmade chew & play toys, all grades collected coins for the clean water project and select 6th graders spent the ENTIRE year working on composting waste for a greener tomorrow. THANK YOU teachers and students for putting your best foot forward and showing us what a LEADER IN ME looks like.

This issue is dedicated to our sixth graders. It is our goal to make this an annual tradition. The GATEKeeper is meant to be a student-led publication for the benefit of Barton's entire GATE collaborative: students, parents, teachers, administrators, and family. It is a working document. It is an evolving process. Thank you for supporting our students through their first publication experience over the past six months. I look forward to our next team of students in the new school year.

Look How Far We've Come Baby!



Congratulations
Class of
2017!

1. Christopher 2. Daniel 3. Kyle 4. Brett 5. Amar 6. Ethan 7. Zain 8. Sarah

3RD GRADE: P. WILLIAM



4TH GRADE: J. GARCIA



5TH GRADE: C. OGDEN



6TH GRADE: C. LEONARD



We will miss you!

Resources

Like us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GATEClaraBartonEastvale/>

Eastvale Public Library @ ERHS,
Summer Reading Program, 6/3- 8/12

UCR Summer Youth Camps/Expanding Horizons
STEM based, camps start 6/26

www.extension.ucr.edu/academics/eh.php

City of Eastvale presents: Concerts in the Park 2017
Harada Heritage Park, cost is FREE! 7:30p-9p
6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/8, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25

California Science Center

700 Exposition Park

Los Angeles, CA 90037

Body Worlds Exhibit now open

See the Space Shuttle Endeavor

General admission is Free, special exhibits are priced.

www.Californiasciencecenter.org

Free Water Play in the City!

Dairyland Park

14520 San Remo Eastvale, CA 92880

Cedar Creek Park

6709 Cedar Creek Rd Eastvale, CA 92880

\$1 Movies! Tuesdays and Wednesdays all summer long

Edwards Eastvale Gateway Stadium 14

6/2- 8/6

<https://www.regmovies.com/movies/summer-movie-express>

National Park Service, 4th graders and families get in free
ALL YEAR!

<https://www.everykidinapark.gov/get-your-pass/>

Visit the Channel Islands, Yosemite, Grand Canyon,
Devil's Post Pile, Manzanar, Sequoia, the Redwoods,
Santa Monica Mountains, etc.