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Condor Carnival: A Huge Success!

On November 3rd, the first ever Condor Carnival was held. Last year, as an incentive, Condor students were told that if they brought the school's test scores up and reached an API of 700, we would put on a carnival for them. They worked hard and we brought our API up 32 points!

The day was warm and sunny. The students got out of classes early and rushed to enjoy the carnival. There was a free hot dog and hamburger lunch provided by our cafeteria services. The staff worked in the booths and supervised the many activities. There was face painting, 10 different bounce house type activities, including a



mechanical bull, soccer, volleyball, and music provided by a student DJ.

Students were also treated to snow cones and cotton candy.

A great time was had by all!



Attendance

We are quickly approaching the end of our first semester. We need to remind our students and parents that our students are to be in class every day. Please note, if your child is sick, please make sure you call the Attendance Office. It is required by

law, that student/s is in class. We are notifying parents, again this year that if your child misses finals because they have left for vacation, the student will not be able to make up any of the work missed. Our finals are scheduled for December 15, 16 and 17th. Please

make sure your student is in school.

School will resume January 10th.....
Have a great three weeks!

**Congrats
to Ryan
Costello,
the 2010-
2011 Mr.
North
County.**



Dance Company says Thank You!

Many thanks from **Dance Company** to the following people and businesses:

We would like to thank the Dance Company Booster Parents for their assistance and support during the production of **“The Most Dangerous Game”** in October, for their help in the snack shack at the Friday Night football game, and also for the time they spent

assisting Dance Company with Mr. North County.

Black Bear Diner in Salinas is a very generous contributor to the dance shows. Please support the diner by having a meal there with your family and friends. Big thanks to **Jess Quinlan** and **Sabor Farms LLC** for their kind donation to the dance program at the high school.

Thank you Joe Pintacura for all of the time and energy you contributed to making our dance show fantastic. Your continued support of the program is greatly appreciated.

Dance Company received the grand prize for Mr. North County from **Central Coast Home Loans** and would like to thank them for the

To the following people and businesses for your donations and support;

Thank You To...

Foster Farms	Jacqueline Bartley	R & R Farms
Jerry Shanahan	Liz Yezek	Sean Gomez
The Custodial Staff	Mr. and Mrs. Hennessey	Mark Yanowsky
Crystal Corboda	Kate Dixon	The Dancing Athletes
Fashion Streaks	Lauren Shanahan	Matthew Chatman
Keith Gonzales	Black Bear Diner & Jerry Casey	Eloise Milam
Zach Davison-Wilson	D.L. Johnson	Belinda Jones
The Booster Parents	Terri Gill	The Flores Family
Claudia & The Kitchen Staff	Mark Dover	Eric Ausmus
Pajarosa Floral (Paul Furman)	The Quiroz Family	Mr. and Mrs. Malmlund
Mr. and Mrs. J. Torres	Camille Shanahan	Joe Pintacura
Mr. and Mrs. Montemayor	The Linebackers Club	Laurel Gast
Ryan Costello	Randy McMurray	John Cunningham

Ellis Island-Junior US History Comes Alive!

Most of us learn best by being involved and experiencing things. U.S. History teachers Kelly Moore, Temo Trujillo, and Bob Agan (with huge help from retired English teacher Catherine Adams) continued the tradition by organizing a large simulation that all juniors experienced in the middle of October. Students completing the Family History Project were dressed up as late 1800's immigrants,

passing through stations similar to those which were operated at the real Ellis Island processing center in New York harbor.

Junior Monica Alonso said "Living through what immigrants experienced, desperate to be admitted to America, was really valuable."

Cierra Barger, who was a processor at the health

station, said, "It was fun making all the students do different tasks like push-ups and jumping jacks."

Big thanks to our volunteer student processors and the Pace, Mount, and Garcia- Ramirez families for donating money to feed our processors at their training.

Allysen Ehresman said "I think the simulation was a success. I felt nervous when the background processor accused me of lying and mentioned deportation."



Visual Arts Update

In the visual arts classes, we have a thing we call "the zone." It is a state of mind I try to get students to be in to make the best quality work they can. The zone is when we are mainly in our right brain and so intensely focused that we work with urgency and purpose. As an added benefit (to me as teacher), talking is impossible. Using words is largely a left brain activity. Anytime you've been really into what you're doing, using your own ideas to make something happen, you were in "the zone." It's a nice place to be – and necessary to make art (or anything) of

exceptional quality. Legendary art teacher and activist Sister Mary Corita recommended to her students, "Find a place you trust and try trusting it for a while." The zone is a place no one can take from you, and is always there when we have the habits to get there. Best of all, the zone is a very pleasant place to be because we are at our most creative and productive when that focused. It is a life skill that transfers well beyond art-making.

Here is a student describing "the zone:"

"The zone" is when your right side of the brain gets concentrated and

puts all its focus on whatever you are working on or trying to achieve. You get there by really committing yourself and ignoring everything around you and knowing what you really want to accomplish. As a human it is important to get in "the zone" because if you never get there, you never accomplish your goal. You are always distracted off your goal and never really have your mind 100% focused on that goal and that leads to always failing in life."

-Esteban Gonzalez,
Ceramics

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