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Jedis and Stormtroopers Celebrate 30 years

The *USC Kids News* newspaper team got a chance to go to the Egyptian Theater in Hollywood with other PressFriends newspapers for the 30th Anniversary of the Return of the Jedi.

There was facepainting and lots of Star Wars characters when we got to the Egyptian



Bill Gannon, Managing Editor of EW.com

Theater. Afterwards we went into the theater to watch *Return of the Jedi*, which premiered in the same theater 30 years ago! The movie was a lot of fun to watch, and everyone is now a big Star Wars fan.

After the movie, we interviewed a lot of people from Lucasfilm and Entertainment Weekly. We interviewed Bill-Gannon, managing editor of EW.com, and Geoff Boucher a senior writer for Entertainment Weekly. We also talked to Beth Jacobson, Senior Director of Public Relations for Entertainment Weekly.

Lucasfilm hosted all the PressFriends programs at the *Return of the Jedi* event, and we



Chris Argyropoulos of Lucasfilm

also interviewed Chris Argyropoulos, head of publicity for Lucasfilm, Mary Franklin, Senior Events Lead for Lucasfilm, and StarWars.com's Matt Martin & Dan Brooks.

Thanks to Lucasfilm and Entertainment Weekly for a great day!

By USC Kids News

Fight on Cardinal and Gold

Marcus Martin, the football player who plays for USC, came to the *USC Kids News* workshop in February. The nineteen-year-old Marcus Martin answered the interview questions very well even though he has some problems with some. For example, "not too famous" Marcus had some trouble answering questions like, "What is your favorite fast food?"

"Um, um, I like Subway for fast food," replied Marcus.

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Marcus Martin with USC Kids News reporters from Alexander Science Center School and PressFriends mentors

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**USC Kids News
Fight On!**

Not Pictured: Adrian (Norwood), Evamae (Weemes), Victor (Weemes)

Return of the Jedi—30 years strong



On May 4, 2013, USC Kids News reporters went to see *Star Wars Episode 6: Return of the Jedi* at the Egyptian Theater in Hollywood.

Below are the comments from the USC Kids News reporters that attended.

Most of the reporters who attended really enjoyed the movie, and we hope you'll see it, too.

32nd Street/USC Magnet School

I liked the experience of being in Hollywood. It was cool. I also liked the movie *Star Wars Return of the Jedi*.

32nd Street reporter

I liked it when Darth Vader saved his son. I also liked it when Luke told Princess Leia that he was her sister.

Brenda E.

My favorite part was when Darth Vader got the Emperor and threw him over and defended his son.

Jocelyn R., 4th grade



I really liked the movie. I wish we could have stayed longer so that I could get my face painted again.

Areya B., 5th grade

What I liked about this trip is that I was able to see a movie called *Star Wars*. My favorite part was when Luke defeated Darth Vader.

Dennise V.

Alexander Science Center School

My favorite part about the movie was the Ewok. It was my favorite characters, because they are cute.

Mia H.

My favorite part was watching the movie. I also liked getting my face painted.

Enoc G.

My favorite part was when the funny parts started.

I also liked when the Ewok was on the floating motorcycles.

Karima S.

Foshay Learning Center

I think the best part was getting to go on the field trip.

Andrew

I liked to interview the people. I also enjoyed watching the movie, because it was my first time watching *Star Wars*.

Geena W., 5th grade

I liked the movie when Luke met his father, [and in the end when] those little bears (Ewoks) were dancing.

Dylan R., 5th grade

Vermont Ave. Elementary

I enjoyed the movie.

Ele M.

I liked Scene 5.

Stephanie R., 4th grade

I was excited to go to the theater. I got to see the dad and son fight.

Miguel L, 4th grade

I was excited to go to the theater. I liked when they fought.

Alejandro G., 5th grade

Other Schools' Reviews of *Return of the Jedi*

Do you want to know what other kids thought about *Return of the Jedi*?

Here are the quotes from the reporters from other schools and programs that attended the 30th anniversary screening.

Boys & Girls Club of LA Harbor, San Pedro

I liked the movie and the face painting.

Liliana M.



I loved the movie a lot. This was a cool experience going to the Egyptian Theater.

Yolanda M.

Today was so much fun. It was my first time seeing *Star Wars Return of the Jedi*.

Evelyn L.

I liked the movie very much. It was a great experience and I hope to do it again.

Mollie B.

Harry Bridges Span School

I like that they defeated Jabba, and I like how they defeated the Emperor.

Emmanuel E.

I like when we watched the movie. I also liked when we ate the food."

Jesus Mejia.

I like the part when the son was fighting with his dad. And

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Other Schools' Reviews of *Return of the Jedi*

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also when they had a war.
Armando J.

What I liked about this trip was watching Star Wars. Also meeting the writers and going to USC.
Emily Z., 5th grade

I liked the movie, and I liked the interviews with the journalists and PR people from Entertainment Weekly and Lucasfilm.
Alexis B.

I liked it when they painted our faces. I also liked when we interviewed the people. And I also liked the experience of watching the movie at the Egyptian Theater.
Melissa V.

What I liked about USC was the lunch, and everything was beautiful.
Leslie

What I liked about the theater was when I was interviewing people. At USC, I appreciated that they made us food.
Gloria T.

I liked it when I got my face painted and won a prize!
Bri-Yanna C.

What I liked about the trip was the theater and the movie. I also liked the face painting.
Bulldog Says reporter

What I really liked about the trip was the Egyptian Theater. I also liked the face painting.
Lizbeth

I loved getting to interview some journalist. I also loved the

facepainting and the food from USC.
Carla Perez

I like when we got our faces painted because I like how she did it.
Bulldog Says reporter

My favorite part was being able to see the movie. I liked it because I went with my friends.
Liz G.

135th Street Elementary
I liked the part when I got my face painted. My favorite part of the movie is when the bears were helping Han Solo and his friends.
Britney B.

My favorite character was C3PO, but I didn't like the villains trying to destroy the planet.
Kevin H.

My favorite part of Return of the Jedi was when Luke opened his father's helmet. And when Chewy and Han Solo saw each other in the jail.
Katherine B.

I liked the facepainting, and I liked the movie because it was funny.
Erick H., 5th grade

I liked the movie – it was amazing. Another thing I liked was the food at USC. It was so good.
Kevin P., 5th grade

I liked the movie, it was cool!!!!!! I also liked when I saw the carbonite-frozen Han Solo made of Legos at the Egyptian Theater.
Brian V., 5th

What I loved about this trip is that we met the Star Wars characters. I also loved the magazines we got. Thank you for this trip.
Martin V., 5th grade

I liked the movie. I liked the snacks too.
Zitlaly, 5th grade

The two things I liked best were the facepainting and the video they showed before the movie, because it was really funny.
Rocio Z., 5th grade

I liked the facepainting and movie because it was action.
Kevin B., 5th grade

I liked this movie because it is an action movie.
Adrian N., 5th grade

I like when they painted my face and I liked the movie because it was fun.
Angie, 5th grade

I liked when they painted my face. I loved the movie. It was cool.
Yajaira S., 5th grade

I liked when my face got painted. I enjoyed the movie a lot. I liked the movie because it had weird animals.
Alexis G., 5th grade

I liked the free magazines. I like the movie because it had a lot of action.
Matthew B., 5th grade

I liked getting my face painted. I also liked watching the movie, because it was funny.
Steven Castillo, 5th grade



Mark Hamill as Luke Skywalker



Yoda



An Ewok

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Return of the Jedi—30 years strong



Harrison Ford
as Han Solo

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I loved getting my face painted, and I loved the interviews with interesting people. I had a great time, and I liked the movie, because it had a lot of action.

Mailean V., 5th grade

7th Street Elementary

My favorite part was lunch because I got to eat food.

Keone, 3rd grade

My favorite part of the movie is when the Death Star blows up!

Dylan P., 5th grade

My favorite part of the movie was when Darth Vader had feelings for Luke and pushed the Emperor into some kind of hole.

Sebastian H., 4th grade

My favorite part of the movie was when the Ewoks started to attack the storm troopers.

Austin S., 5th grade

My favorite part is when we saw the movie.

Christian C., 5th grade

I enjoyed watching the movie, because it was a good experience.

Tyler A., 5th grade

My favorite part of the movie is when Luke fought the monster in Jabba's pit.

Dean

My favorite part of the movie was when the first little baby Ewok appeared. They look like teddy bears.

Riley, 3rd grade

My favorite part is when the fighting is good.

Gabriel, 3rd grade

I enjoyed the fight between Luke Skywalker and Darth Vader.

Nicholas, 3rd grade

I loved *Star Wars IV: Return of the Jedi*. My favorite part was when Luke Skywalker faced Darth Vader, and when Han Solo was sad that Luke Skywalker was on the Death Star. I am now a huge fan of Star Wars!

Hannah R., 4th grade



My favorite part of the movie was when the Ewoks attacked the bad people. It was my favorite part, because they fought to help their friends.

Sarah J., 4th grade

Star Wars VI: Return of the Jedi was a good movie. My favorite part of the movie was when Darth Vader and Luke were fighting. I really enjoyed the movie.

Larissa M., 4th grade

My favorite part of the movie was the ending.

Matthew, 5th grade

My favorite part of *Return of the Jedi* was when we got to see the cute little Ewoks that looked like bears.

Ava A., 4th grade

I liked going to the movie.

Adam P., 3rd grade

The movie was fun and exciting. I recommend watching the movie. You will have a blast!

Angelina M., 5th grade

PF Chronicle

What I liked about the movie was that Luke always kept going and never gave up. I did not like that Darth Vader was scary and that the old master died. I learned that if you help your friends, they will help you too.

Elise, 4th grade

I liked the starships and the Death Star. I learned that there will be five more Star Wars movies after 2015.

Kapil D., 4th grade

I loved the great movie, and the yummy food. Did you know that there will be five more Star Wars movies in the series?

Anna M., 4th grade

My favorite part about Star Wars *Return of the Jedi* was when Luke Skywalker and Darth Vader battled. I liked this part because they battled out with the light sabers.



Carrie Fisher as
Princess Leia

Return of the Jedi's 30th Anniversary Screening at the Egyptian Theater in Hollywood on May 4, 2013

Thank you to the journalists and publicists from Entertainment Weekly, Lucasfilm, and Starwars.com for participating in the interview session.



Bill Gannon
EW.com



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Beth Jacobson
EW



Mary Franklin
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Chris Argyropoulos
Lucasfilm



Dan Brooks
Starwars.com



Matt Martin
Starwars.com



STAR WARS
RETURN OF THE JEDI

Guess Who?



He is a 6'4". He is a football player at USC. He majors in American studies and has a minor in communications. His favorite restaurant is Subway. Who is this? It is Marcus Martin.

Marcus Martin is a very interesting football player. Marcus comes from a huge family. He has three brothers and two sisters. He considers his mom his best friend and his dad his biggest influence to be a foot-

ball player. Marcus's first choice for college was actually UCLA! Now that Marcus has goes to USC, he no longer wants to go to UCLA.

By Eryanna
Alexander Sci. Center School

Fighting for the Trojans

Nineteen year old Marcus Martin started as #74 on his high school football team and transferred onto #66 in college. Where? At USC! Marcus Martin was born on November 29, 1993, in Los Angeles. Martin became famous after appearing on T.V. He has three brothers and two sisters. The person he looks up to the

most is his dad. Growing up Martin liked basketball and throwing the shotput, but he liked football the most. His favorite things are fantasy books, Subway, and the color blue.

Football was one of Martin's favorite hobbies. Martin has been n college and on the Trojan's team for three years.

Currently he is minoring in Communications.

Martin's position on the USC football team is offensive center. His worst injury was a double sprained ankle. His favorite teacher was Mr. Wong. Marcus wants to be a history teacher.

By Enoc
Alexander Sci. Center School



Marcus Martin

Marcus Martin is a sophomore at USC. He is six feet four inches and his jersey number is 66. He used to play defense but now plays center for the USC Trojans football team.

He is very smart. He wanted to go to UCLA to be with his girlfriend, but he realized that his future was important and decided to go to USC.

Marcus's favorite color is blue. His favorite shoes are

Jordans, and his shoe size is 14. Marcus started playing for the Trojans at the age of 18.

When I grow up, maybe I will play for the Trojans too.

By Christopher
Weemes Elementary

Football Player Fights Back



Marcus Martin is 19 years old. He still looks young. He has been at USC for three years and has been a football player for three years as well.

Marcus Martin was born in Los Angeles, California on November 29, 1993. His second choice instead of USC would be the University of Arizona. He is a fulltime student. His

favorite food is Subway and his favorite ice cream flavor is cookies 'n cream. He wants to be a teacher if he can't become a professional football player.

Marcus has lost to UCLA one time. His biggest injury was a double sprained anke when he sprained it on the top and bottom.

Tonya is his mother and

his best friend. His dad is his greatest influence because he taught him many things.

Marcus wants to go to the NFL. He has seen himself on T.V. a few times. His favorite color is blue. His favorite teacher is Mr. Wong who taught math.

By Mia
Alexander Sci. Center School

Cardinal and Gold Fighter

Marcus Martin is not too famous, but fights for the Red and Gold.

This football player was born on November 29, 1993. He has been at USC for 3 years and not only has he played football for most of life, he likes basketball too.

Marcus is a young football player and the youngest in his family. Marcus has had some

injuries, but his worst one was one when he had a double sprained ankle.

Marcus' parents work. His father owns a store and his mother works in accounting for a film company. He has two sisters and three brothers.

People believe that Marcus' favorite teacher, Mr. Wong, encouraged him to play football and other sports.

When Marcus was in high school he was #74 and now wears #66 on the USC team.

Fun facts

Favorite movie: Jack Reacher

Favorite drink: cold water

Favorite color: blue

Favorite food: Subway

By Karima

Alexander Sci. Center School



The Life of a USC Football Player

Marcus Martin doesn't only like football, he likes different sports too. He likes basketball and track and field as well. He has been on the USC football team for 3 years.

Marcus Martin's number is 66 on the USC football team. Marcus' favorite subject in school is history, but he is studying communication and

American Studies.

His favorite color is blue and his favorite ice cream is cookies and cream, yum! His favorite movie is Jack Reacher because it has a lot of action.

On the USC football team he practices from 6:00 AM to 10 AM and he is 6'4", so he is a very good football player. Marcus' worse injury was a

sprained ankle, which really hurt.

Marcus' favorite team to play against is Notre Dame. Marcus wants to go pro but thinks the Midwest or East might be too cold. Check him out on the TV station or at any USC football game.

By Valerie

Alexander Sci. Center School



Guess Who It Is?

He is nineteen years old and is majoring in American studies. His favorite color is blue and he has been playing football for three years!

He is 6'4". Wow, he is super tall and he's only nineteen!

He says he struggles when he plays against Notre Dame, but that is why it is his favorite.

He claims he loves Subway for fast food.

He practices all the time from 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. He must get really tired because that is four whole hours!

His team colors are cardinal and gold. He loves his mom and he says she is his best friend.

He played against the other school (A.K.A. UCLA)

two times. The first time the team lost. The second time he lost. The worst injury he has had is when he got a double sprain and he had to take a long break from the sport! Guess who it is? It is Marcus Martin!

By Metzli

Alexander Sci. Center School



Foshay Goes to USC

Foshay interviewed Isabel Duenas and nine other people about how they went to Foshay Learning Center and then to USC. They told us

about the admissions office that we have to do our homework.

At USC, you can share a room or have your own room. Isabel was great to interview

and said that you need 40 classes to get a Masters degree and AP classes equal college credit.

By Angie

Foshay Learning Center



A Day in the Life of a College Student

We interviewed college students who went to Foshay and are now at USC. They told us about college life. They told us about college credit which means the total points needed to graduate.

They said that in order to get into college, you need 4 to 6 classes a semester. They also told us about visiting the admissions office to learn about what type of students are getting into USC and why.

After that, they talked about FAFSA which is a financial aid application that helps people pay for college.

*By Emily
Foshay Learning Center*

Foshay Kids at USC

Reporters from different schools interviewed different people. Foshay Learning Center interviewed Isabel Duenas and nine other girls. They said that in college, you become a freshman, sophomore, junior, and then a senior. There are people who can change

your classes if you do not like them.

In high school, they told us to take AP classes because AP courses count as college credits. They also said that you can share a dorm room or stay by yourself. Also, they said if you want to live on campus, it is a

lot of money and getting scholarships help so when you want to go it is not as expensive or even free. They discussed the total number of classes you need for a semester, which is four to six classes.

*By Geena
Foshay Learning Center*



Foshay Heads to USC

We interviewed Isabel Duenas and her crew about college life. They said to always, always, ALWAYS do your homework and use a dictionary when you don't know a word. Visit the admissions office and choose if you want to go to that college and

which majors you are interested in doing.

They told us to look for scholarships to help pay for colleges and to sign up for FAFSA to help you with financial aid. They also said that if you get an allowance, to start saving up for college because

it's a lot of money.

You will need to take 4 to 6 classes a semester to graduate in 4 years to get a degree. With these tips, that's how you can be able to go to college already prepared.

*By Dylan
Foshay Learning Center*



Isabel Duenas

College is for Cool Kids

At the *USC Kids News* workshop, we interviewed a bunch of college kids from USC and a photographer, who used to go to USC, named Isabel Duenas. She and the other students talked about the standards you need to get into colleges like USC. We took notes on what she said.

She told us that AP= College Credit and to always visit

the admissions office on college campuses so you can ask questions and get started on your future. And always use a dictionary for words you don't know so you won't skip them.

FAFSA is the federal student aid application that sees how much money the government will give you to pay for college. Another thing is to always save for college!! You

never know if the college you want to go to will be expensive or not. So save instead of buying useless things like ice cream and soda.

Also it also takes 4 to 6 classes a semester to graduate. So always save and think ahead of your future. Remember, we are the future!

*By Jonathan
Foshay Learning Center*

Top Interviews

We interviewed Isabel Duenas. She used to go to USC and graduated in 2008. She is trying to go back to take more classes. She also brought some friends. Some graduated already, and some are in their

first, second, third, or fourth year.

We also interviewed Marcus Martin. He plays with the USC Trojans Football team. He plays center. The USC Trojans fight on and never give up. We

also interviewed Krystin Schilling, Miss High Desert Outstanding Teen, and many others.

By Joseph
Foshay Learning Center



Krystin Schilling

Sarah the Orangutan Lover

Sarah is an 18 year old girl who helps orangutans. Sarah wanted to become an orangutan helper because she loved orangutans. She likes to help the orangutans because they are endangered.

Sarah always loved every single animal. She loves volunteering. She wants people to help animals.

Sarah has a dog named Spike. Sarah is also an orangutan expert. She wants to share

the gift of orangutan to the world. Her number one dream is to help the world and be a better person.

By Liesel
St. Vincent School

Sarah and Her Friends

Sarah is a volunteer for the Orang Utan Republik. Sarah loves animals and that is why she decided to volunteer to help the orangutan.

Sarah likes animals because she thinks they are cute. She said that when she was little, she would get a snail, put it in a basket and take it with her.

Sarah started working with the Orang Utan Republik when she was 13. She found out about orangutans at age 4 watching the Jungle Book movie.

Sarah hopes to go to Indonesia and see real orangutans and hopes orangutans won't be endangered.

Sarah said, "Orangutans have a chance to live."

Her number one dream is to be a great person. She hopes to be a writer or an environmental lawyer. She is eighteen and is an inspiration to kids.

By Jaylene
St. Vincent School



Sarah, youth ambassador for the Orang Utan Republik

Sarah and Her Caring Mission

Sarah loves animals. When she was small she would always get snails and take them for a ride in her bike.

When Sarah was thirteen, she found out that the orangutans were endangered. Some years passed and now Sarah is eighteen. Sarah goes to different schools to talk about orangutans. Sarah and her rescue team do fundraisers to help

the orangutans. Sarah usually goes to different places, for example the Convention Center to have meetings or talk to different people about these creatures.

Sarah told us fact about the orangutan. She said that orangutans are the biggest animals that live in the trees. The orangutans live in Indonesia. The animals are endangered

because people cut too many trees and their homes are destroyed.

Only 7,000 orangutans are left because too many are endangered. The orangutans stay with their moms for about eight to nine years. They usually separate from their mom when they are big.

By Vanessa
St. Vincent School



Sarah's Mission



Sarah is an eighteen year old girl who likes animals. Orangutans babies can weigh three or four pounds. When they are big, they can weigh three-hundred pounds or more. She tries to tell people not to cut down trees, because the animals that live in the tress will not have a home to live in.

Sarah loved animals when she was small. She would pick up snails and put them on her bicycle.

The orangutans love fruit. Sarah goes to school to talk about them. There are only 7,000 orangutans left in the world. The orangutans like to play with each other.

Sarah has been working to save the orangutans for five years. When she was thirteen, she knew that the orangutans were in danger. She also would like to be a lawyer. Some humans killed the orangutans that Sarah is trying to save.

*By Brindy
St. Vincent School*

The Savior of the Orangutans



The savior of the orangutans is Sarah. She was interviewed about what she does for endangered orangutans. She said that she loves animals and that she loved them ever since she was four years old.

Sarah said that the orangutans live in Borneo and Sumatra, and that when they are babies they weigh about three to four pounds, and when they are older they weigh three-hundred pounds. She also said that they are really smart and

only about 7,000 thousand are left.

Sarah wants to save the orangutans, and that is why she is the savior of the orangutans.

*By Alondra
St. Vincent School*

Orangutans Need Our Help



Sarah Collins is a volunteer for Orang Utan Republik Educations Initiative. She started working with them when she was thirteen,

Sarah said, "I want to make an impact in the world."

Orangutans are endangered because their habitat is being destroyed. People are cutting down the trees for palm oil.

Orangutans are a kind of ape. They are very smart, and ninety percent of their DNA is similar to that of humans. Orangutans live in Indonesia on only two islands. There are only about 7,000 left in the world.

When orangutans first born, they weigh about three to four pounds, but when they

grow up they weigh about three hundred pounds. They usually stay with their mom for eight to nine years.

Orangutans are gentle and kind creatures, and so, we should help them.

*By Mia
St. Vincent School*

Sarah and Her Orangutan Story

Sarah Collins is a eighteen year old girl who wants to let others know that the orangutans are in danger of extinction. She believes that it is a very important to care for all of nature, and all the animals that inhabit it. She hopes that they are treated right, and she believes that they deserve to

be here on earth as much as we do.

Sarah hopes to inspire others, because lots of people do not care for animals, but Sarah cares especially for them. She started volunteering in the group Orang Utan Republik at the age of thirteen. When she grows up, she wants to be the

top woman in the world to help orangutans. Her mom bought her a plush orangutan, and its name is Orange Juice! She has already made a big change in this world and has set a great example for our future generations.

*By Claudia
St. Vincent School*

Sarah's Adventure with Orangutans

Sarah is an eighteen year old girl. She is inspired by animals. Her favorite is the orangutan. She is trying to help them. They are endangered. Their DNA is 96 percent that of humans.

Sarah found out that orangutans are endangered at the age of thirteen. She is now in high school. When they are small, they can weigh up to

twenty-three pounds. When they are older they can be up to three hundred pounds. When orangutans are babies, they stay with their mom for nine years. Their favorite food is fruit. Humans have taught orangutans sign language.

There are about 7000 orangutans left. They like to climb trees a lot. They live in Indonesia on two islands that

are called Borneo and Sumatra.

Sarah loves to volunteer. She works with Pressfriends. She tries to let kids know about orangutans. Her dream is to be the first to accomplish what she has been doing. Sarah does fundraisers each year. Overall Sarah is a loving person who cares for orangutans a lot.

*By Nathanael
St. Vincent School*



Needle, Thread, and Your Knitting

Kai George first learned to knit at the age of ten. WOW! That is the age of most of you.

Kai started knitting in a library, and then people had seen her and wanted to learn to do it too. That is how it all started.

Kai stated, "You should set an example for kids, because many kids have many talents." Kai started a knitting club in her Junior year of high school and they donate what they knit.

Kai said, "If I ever entered a non-stop knitting contest, I think I would win."

Kia George believes that helping people that are less fortunate is great for yourself. She was chosen as an ABC7 Cool Kid last year because of what she does. She is now President of her school!

*By Ashley
St. Vincent School*



Kai George

Kai George started knitting at the age of 10. She likes to knit at St. Mary's Academy. Her favorite color is pink.

Kai George was taught how to knit by an older person.

She likes to display the clothes that she knits at school. She gives the clothes she makes to the poor. Sometimes she makes dresses for her puppy. Kai said that it takes time to

knit right. Her favorite food is pasta and her favorite desert is ice cream. She likes to write and wants to be a journalist.

*By Christopher
Weemes Elementary*

The Amazing Knitter

The fifth grade class of Vermont Elementary got to meet a really inspirational teen named Kai George. She is a really good person because she knits clothes and accessories for the poor. After she learned to sew when she was ten, it became a very big part of her

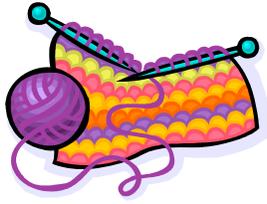
life. She is 17 years old, and began helping the less fortunate when she was 16.

Besides knitting, Kai likes to read (especially the *Hunger Games*) and write, as well as play volleyball, go shopping, and watch movies. She hopes to attend USC for college and was

selected to be an ABC Cool Kid last year for her volunteer work. Some random things about Kai is that her favorite color is pink and she likes to wear high heels.

*By Alejandro
Vermont Ave. Elementary*





Kai George Makes Knitting Cool

A teen that lives locally in Los Angeles, Kai George, has made knitting something cool and helpful. She is 17 years old and has two siblings, and she began to knit when she was ten. She put her knitting skills

to good use by making a school club that knits clothes for the less fortunate.

Besides volunteering, Kai likes to go camping, watch movies (such as *Toy Story*) and loves to admire nature.

ABC's "Cool Kids" recognized her for her community service, and she is definitely is one cool kid because she helps others!

*By Carlos
Vermont Ave. Elementary*

Kai George is a Cool Kid

Kai George was born on March 14, 1995. She has one brother and one sister. When she was younger, she started to think about how she could help people in need. When she was ten, she asked the Governor to help her give

money to the poor. Those people did not have any homes and sometimes did not have families.

Kai decided to open up a store when she turned seven-teen. The store receives clothes from the rich and gives

them to the poor. She sews the clothes if they need to be fixed and helps run the store. She is an amazing lady that many people look up to.

*By Arelis
Vermont Ave. Elementary*



A Girl Who Helps

Kia George helps a lot of people. She makes clothes for the poor people that live near her. She also runs a store where old clothes can be fixed and handed out to the poor. She loves to read and write

too. She writes articles to show people how they can help the poor.

Kai loves to eat pasta and ice cream with the people she helps. She sometimes helps make dinner for the poor peo-

ple. She is a wonderful lady who loves to help people. She is a very good example to young girls.

*By Brianna
Vermont Ave. Elementary*



Kai George

A Helping Hand

Kai George is a lady who helps the poor. She is a big role model for many girls. She started a club at school to get more help for the poor. She started to help people when she was ten. She is seventeen now and has a store.

Her store fixes and mends clothes that are then given to the poor. She sometimes helps make dinner for them too.

Her favorite activity is when she gets to eat ice cream with those people who come to her dinner

She loves to read and write about how to help people. She is very pretty and is also a very good person. She is a great role model!

*By Stephani
Vermont Ave. Elementary*

The Amazing Kai George

At the *USC Kids News* workshop, students met Kai George who is known for her great knitting. She is a senior at St. Mary's Academy.

Her favorite color is pink. Her favorite knitting project was a hat with a matching scarf. Kai learned how to knit and crochet at an elderly home.

After she finishes knitting, she puts her work on display. She also makes outfits for her puppy and wears some of the outfits she makes herself. At ten years old, it did not take her that long to learn how to knit and crochet.

Kai's favorite singing group is Florence + the Machine. Her

favorite food is pasta and her favorite desert is ice cream. Her other interests are designer clothes, writing, reading, and even travel. She has no children but she does have siblings. She is 17 years old.

Kai is awesome.

By *Evamae Weemes Elementary*



Kai George

The Beauty Queen

At the *USC Kids News* workshop, I met a Beauty Queen who also helps others around her. Krystin Schilling was one of the winners of ABC's Cool Kids program. As a high school student she realized that she could use her

talents to help others around her and she started helping teach kids basketball.

She has spread her abilities to help others and being a beauty queen has let her spread her ideas all around the area. She came to *USC Kids*

News workshop to help show us that we can make a difference for someone even in the smallest ways. I hope one day I can be able to make a difference like she has.

By *Victor Weemes Elementary*

Krystin Schilling

To win a Miss High Deserts Outstanding Teen award, one must be generous, loving, and kind. Those are just some of the many words that describe Krystin Schilling.

Krystin is role model to many young girls, but to Krystin her role model is her grandma. Krystin was born on August 23, 1995 in Palmdale, California. She lives with her mom, dad, twin brother, and two older sisters. She wants to

major in psychology at Florida State University. If she had a minor, it would be Communications.

Throughout her years of pageants she has gotten three scholarships, a trophy, and two crowns. She believes that her parents have helped her build her confidence for pageants.

Even though Krystin is an amazing person, she can really get silly and fun. She loves to eat Mac & Cheese or go to

Mexican restaurants. She loves to play soccer or basketball even though her school doesn't have basketball. She is 5'7" and her favorite subject is English. She and her dad love the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Krystin Schilling is an artist and as a star, she shows many people that they can do anything. That is the crown named Krystin Schilling.

By *Miko Alexander Sci. Center School*



Krystin Schilling

TheatreFriends' Tessa and Tyler

For five minutes, we met with Tessa and Tyler outside. They are starting a new PressFriends program called Theatrefriends.

They like many different types of foods. Tessa is half

vegetarian and half a poultry eater.

Both Tyler and Tessa like the color green. Tessa is barely in high school, but she looks forward to becoming a student at USC.

Tessa and Tyler both love theater too. They are very interesting people!

By *Destiny Norwood Elementary*



TheaterFun with Tessa and Tyler



T Tyler is 17 and Tessa is 14. Tyler likes the play *Seussical* and the color green. Tessa's favorite color is also green. They both go to Palos Verdes Peninsula High School. Tyler is

in eleventh grade and Tessa is in ninth.

Tessa speaks Spanish and has black hair. Tyler has blue eyes and brown hair. They are creative, fun, and awesome!

They are starting a new program for kids called TheatreFriends where you can have fun acting, singing, and dancing.

By Adrian

Norwood Elementary

Involved in Theater

At the *USC Kids News* workshop, I had the chance to interview Tyler Barnett and Tessa Southwell. They both have been in theater since they were in elementary school. Tessa started in fourth grade and Tyler started in first grade.

Tyler's favorite play that he has done was *Hairspray*. Tessa's

favorite play that she was in was *Peter Pan*.

Tyler and Tessa's favorite color is both green. Tyler is 17 and Tessa is 14.

Tessa is not a vegetarian, but she does not eat red meat. Tyler is not a vegetarian.

Tyler and Tessa are writing a play and kids like us can try

out for the play when they are done with writing it. They helped found PressFriends and now they started a new program called TheatreFriends. They will have cute costumes, makeup, and sets.

By Emmalee

Norwood Elementary



Tessa as Peter Pan

Interview with the Stars

Today we had the privilege to interview Tyler Barnett and Tessa Southwell. Tyler has been doing theater since he was in first grade. Tessa started in fourth grade. Tessa and Ty-

ler star in many different plays. Tyler is 17 and Tessa is 14. Tyler is in the 11th grade while Tessa is in the 9th grade. They both go to Peninsula High School. Tyler knows a little of

Spanish and Tessa knows a lot of Spanish. Tessa is half vegetarian. Both of their favorite colors is green.

By Giselle

Norwood Elementary

Real Performers

T Tyler is 17 and Tessa is 14 years old and they both like to perform in plays. They are funny when they talk.

Tyler's favorite ice cream is mint chip. His favorite role

was Cornelius in *Hello Dolly*. Tyler likes all of the plays he has been in. Tyler really enjoys acting in front of an audience. Tyler's favorite color is green.

Tessa's favorite role was

playing Peter Pan in *Peter Pan*, because she got to fly. Her favorite color is green too.

By William

Norwood Elementary



Tyler before going on stage in "Curtains"

The Two T's in TheatreFriends: Tyler and Tessa

Interviewing Tyler and Tessa was very interesting and they both love to do theater. This is why they are starting a free theater program for kids called TheatreFriends. They both have

been in a lot of cool plays and played awesome parts. Tessa's favorite play is *Peter Pan* and Tyler's is *Little Shop of Horrors*.

Tyler's favorite color is green and Tessa's is as well.

Tessa is not a vegetarian but doesn't eat red meat.

By Anthony

Norwood Elementary

Interview with Tessa and Tyler

I had an interview of Tessa and Tyler.

USC Kids News: What do you do?

Tessa and Tyler: We are students, but we like to act.

USC Kids News: How old are you?

Tessa: I'm 14.

Tyler: I'm 17.

USC Kids News: When did you start acting?

Tessa: When I was 9.

Tyler: I started when I was 11.

USC Kids News: What was your first play?

Tyler: School House Rock.

USC Kids News: What is your favorite color?

Tessa: My favorite color is green.

Tyler: Mine is green too.

USC Kids News: Which grade are you in?

Tyler: I am in 11th grade.

Tessa: I am in 9th grade.

They were very interesting. Both go to Peninsula High School and both can speak Spanish. They are starting a free theater program called TheatreFriends.

I hope I can be like them. And one more thing, Tessa is vegetarian, but Tyler isn't. That is something!

*By Alexa
Norwood Elementary*



Troy Camp

Troy Camp is coming this year in 2013. Troy Camp begins May 25th and ends on May 30th. Riding horses, doing arts and crafts, swimming, and doing cabin events are included in this program. Troy Camp is

beginning, so if the teacher picks a student, she/he can go to YouTube.com and search on Troy Camp 2012 or just Troy Camp for more information.

Remember, it is third and fourth graders only. Finishing

homework, a student will be sure to make it.

Don't forget to write an essay and get the teacher to sign it.

*By Karima
Alexander Sci. Center School*



All About Troy Camp

What do you do at Troy Camp?

Troy Camp is an organization where kids in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes get to go to this wonderful camp.

In Troy Camp, if you want to go on the diving board, you have to be able to swim.

You do arts and crafts from creating dream catchers to lanyards. Also, there is horseback riding and then you get to go on nature hikes and

see everything from lizards to weird looking creatures. There are also campfires every night and one night there is a time they have a scary story for you that you don't have to listen to. And on the second-to-last-day, there is a big extravaganza but I can't tell you too much and ruin the surprise!

How to get in

Your teacher has to see if you behave well and if you've done

well. If your teacher picks you, then you have to fill out your own application and your parents and teacher have to fill out an application too. Then there is a person who reads you and your teacher's applications. If it is good, they'll give you a letter that says you are going and you get a list of what you need to bring.

Hope you try to go!
*By Dylan
Foshay Learning Center*



The USC Helpers

Ten girls that went to Foshay ended up at USC. They did not want to go to another school, because they

liked it there so much. They want to work during college, so they are working while studying to learn more to be

better people and get good jobs.

*By Mynor
Foshay Learning Center*





Troy Camp

USC sponsors Troy Camp for children at Foshay Learning Center. It takes place two hours away in the mountains. Three people from every third, fourth, and fifth grade class are chosen to go. Around

1,500 people go each year. There are different arts and crafts every twenty minutes. There is a campfire and swimming pool with a diving board. There are s'mores and campers can make dream catchers.

There are also a lot of animals. The campers have to be in bed by 9 p.m. The fifty counselors have really funny names.

By *Daveon*
Foshay Learning Center

Fun at Troy Camp



Troy camp sounds fun. Only a few people get chosen for Troy camp, just like USC Kids News. No one knows who will be chosen, and those people are very excited. The camp is two hours away in the mountains. More than eight thousand kids from other schools can go. There are fun activities like

sports and a swimming pool. The counselors tell facts for everything campers ask them. They also protect the campers from harm or getting into fights. The campers are put in groups with kids their own size and grade. They have to go to sleep at 9 p.m.

There are lots of animals

and trees and a big park. Many people who hear about camp want to go immediately. There is archery, a diving board, and a dining hall.

Several kids who went last year are excited to get their slip for Troy Camp.

By *Mynor*
Foshay Learning Center

Tick, Tock, Time to Learn



In middle school, most students have classes that are equal periods of time in a day. My school has seven periods but all of them are different. At one point you learn art and the next math and on and on.

One thing you need to

know is that Saint Vincent is great because they care about your education.

Most schools teach you to fast or too slow, but Saint Vincent teaches you at the right pace. If it is too easy, you move up, for example, in math. If you

do not know it as well you stay for tutoring. If you excel then you move to accelerated.

Most schools just do not care, but Saint Vincent really does.

By *Ashley*
St. Vincent School

The Secrets of Dance Class



Dance class is about people dancing, but it is also about people expressing themselves. The classes are on Tuesday and Thursday from 1-3 p.m. and the other classes are on Monday and Friday from 4-8 p.m.

Our teacher prepares us for the dance recital and that's when we show our talents. All of our parents come to see us dance. I also interviewed ten people in the dance class.

First, I interviewed Kenya, and she said, "I like dance class

because I love to dance and it inspires me."

Second, I interviewed Briana and she said, "I love to dance and I don't have much time to finish up."

By *Alondra*
St. Vincent School

Super Trooper Activites

Joining in after school activities is great because you can get lots of credit to earn scholarships. You can join sports, clubs, extracurricular activities, and lots more. Most schools do not have lots of choices to pick from, but in others there are so many you can choose.

You might be saying in your mind, but why should we be taking these opportunities? Sometimes you might need to take them, but also might just really like them, or maybe it can be your true passion in life. You might even fall in love with what you are doing with after

school activities. Our school offers to join in some educational clubs like accelerated math, dance, art, music, and more. So we should all try something new and never be afraid to give up!

*By Claudia
St. Vincent School*

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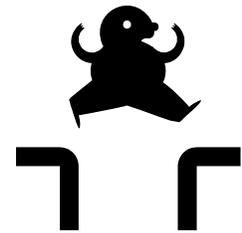
The Secrets of Religion

In our school, religion is our passion, our spirit, our guide. Many people in our school think it is a good thing. Saint Vincent School religion helps us express ourselves about God. We can pray, worship, and learn about Jesus' good ways. We do activities and special

days just for God. Many people agree because we can celebrate the Catholic faith. We can because it helps us become better people and because we can learn about God, faith, and good ways. When you have a good or even wonderful relationship with God, you have a

great life. In life we all have examples besides God. It could be your family or friends. Take a moment during the day to think of who is your example.

*By Liesel
St. Vincent School*



VMY at St. Vincent

VMY is a religious youth group. The students at St. Vincent like VMY because they have fun with the activities they do such as; run walks, donations, fundraisers and workshops for younger kids. They also like it because we usually talk about ways we can help others, donating items, and also keeping them in our prayers.

In this youth group we talk about Mary and who our saints are. Grades three to eight are only allowed to join the VMY group. A first grade teacher, Ms. Munoz is the main leader of the VMY group. There are three students in the VMY that have the spots of secretary, president, and vice president. The name of the president is an

eighth grader named Dion, our secretary is a sixth grader named Grecia M., and our vice president is a seventh grader named Andrea L. Our VMY meetings are every two weeks from 3:15 to 4:00 pm in Ms. Munoz's first grade class.

*By Vanessa
St. Vincent School*



Bad Food at Norwood

Norwood's food is not good. Sometimes it is good, but many times it tastes bad. It takes a long time to get the food and it is not food to beg for. It is better in the morning. The food is cold and

icky. Everybody gets the food and throws it away, that's how horrible it is. The people that cook it seem like they're trying to kill us with the bad food. They must have gotten their recipes from the dump. If the

food was good, I would pay a dollar for it. This is my story about the food at Norwood.

*By Felipe
Norwood Elementary*





The Bad Food at Norwood

Have you ever tried the food at Norwood? If you haven't, then don't. The food is very cold and gross. When I have it, it tastes yucky. What I usually have is a sandwich. All

of my friends at Norwood agree that the food is nasty. When I get the food it's never warm. The only good food at Norwood is the pizza. Breakfast is better than lunch. But I

can't wait to have yummy food in middle school!

By Frank
Norwood Elementary

Candy Gram Sale at Norwood

Norwood Street School sold candy grams to fundraise money for the fifth grade beach trip. Fifth graders made valentine cards to sell. Each valentine card had a lolly-

pop and a drawing. You could buy a card for someone special.

If you can't buy something expensive, then you could have bought a candy gram for \$1. Each candy gram was delivered

on Valentine's Day. Next year, be sure to buy candy grams at Norwood to help the fifth graders. Thank you!

By Carlos
Norwood Elementary



Valentine Grams

Norwood sold Valentine grams to help fund the 5th grade field trip to the beach on the last day school. Each gram cost \$1, and there was a

candy attached to it.

The fifth grade students raised enough money for the field trip! The valentine cards looked great and were made by

our own hands. Kids bought Valentine grams for friends, family and teachers.

By Destiny
Norwood Elementary



Foshay's Big Change

Foshay's new auditorium opened on February 28, 2013. It took place at Foshay, and the grand opening was kept a big surprise.

The auditorium is big and colorful, and it has a balcony with an elevator to go up and it fits more than 200 people. The 4th and 5th grade performed

an opera in the auditorium on in March, and it was a big success.

By Geena
Foshay Learning Center

The Prospector

On March 8, 2013, 4th and 5th graders performed an opera. The opera is about a group of coyotes that are looking for food, and they see a man and he has the coyotes.

The coyotes sing a song about the camp. Then the prospector tells the coyotes a story about an outlaw that was in love with a girl named was Minnie, but the sheriff was jealous.

Students played the coyotes, the outlaw, Sheriff Rance, Minnie, and the prospector.

By Angie
Foshay Learning Center



Foshay's Fun Activities

Foshay holds fun activities, and Field Day is one of them. Field Day is where you get up and exercise. There are many activities like the water balloon toss, the marshmallow balance, the egg roll on your hose, and the hula hoop competition. The school is also having an opera. The people

from LA Opera are coming to help us. The show is called The Prospector. It's about a saloon girl that falls in love with an outlaw. She has to save his life before he's a dead man!

Also there are Camp Troy applications. Many students from different schools go to Troy Camp. They stay there

for a week, and won't count as absentees.

Lastly, our school has the Wolverines. They are a basketball team and have been practicing for a long time. They are winning a lot of their games! So Foshay Wolverines go, go, go!!

*By Jonathan
Foshay Learning Center*



Field Day Rocks

Foshay Field Day is one fun field day doing exercise. First though fifth graders come and we do many fun games like the water balloon toss, potato sack race, and even water games like the water balloon toss and the soap run. For lunch we eat fruits and vegetables. Last you do the tug-of-

war and walk back to school. The best game is the tug-of-war, but it burns you hands so you have to pull, pull, pull!

The water balloon toss is really fun too. You have to toss the water balloon to your partner and if you catch it, you walk farther and farther apart. We also do a race where two

people have to race to the finish line and back. The marshmallow race is tricky. You hold a spoon in your mouth and put an egg or a marshmallow on the end of it, but you can't drop it! Field Day is so much fun.

*By Andrew
Foshay Learning Center*



Fundraising with Valentines Grams

Love is in the air! Well, at least it was around Valentine's Day! Fifth graders stayed after school to work on a fundraiser for culmination at Alexander Science Center (ASCS). This took place in the lunch garden of the ASCS. One of

the awesome teachers at ASCS, Mr. De La Torre, was in charge of the fundraiser. To help out the fifth grade classes, students made heart felt grams. When someone bought a heart felt gram, that someone special received a free red necklace

with each gram. Fifth grade students made the grams with the main colors of Valentine's Day, purple, pink, and red.

Students then wrote their own messages in the card.

*By Miko
Alexander Sci. Center School*



Disney Concert Hall

A couple of classes from the Alexander Science Center School (A.K.A. ASCS) went to the Disney Concert Hall. At the Disney Concert Hall, there were many schools. There were almost only groups from schools. They traveled by bus. When the buses were

really close to each other when they were moving, it looked like a big angry mob of buses.

At the Disney Concert Hall, the Alexander Science Center School saw the performance called, "The Composer is Dead." The reporters say they went there because

they were interested in learning how to play instruments. When they Alexander Science Center School's kids came out and went into the Disney Concert Hall they were very excited.

*By Eryanna
Alexander Sci. Center School*



Minnie Saves Johnson



Foshay 4th and 5th graders did LA Opera on March 8, 2013 at Foshay Auditorium. This story takes place in the desert where coyotes howl and howl harder and this guy, named Johnson, says to the coyotes, "Please don't eat me, there must be better things to eat out here".

The coyotes respond, "Yeah, mules. We ate a mule

back at the miners camp". Johnson asks, "You seen the camp? What is it like? People say there is a big gold strike west of the Rockies". So the coyotes say, "Boy he loud. A couple more like him and they start to dig in the earth real quick, yeah, the three tremblers. They dig the gold out of the ground, they take it to the bank in town, and they do their

good and melt it down. They seem to us like crazy fools and call us dumb animals". The next part is where Johnson comes in and sees Minnie and they dance, but the sheriff likes Minnie. The sheriff shoots Johnson and Minnie saves him! To find out what happens next, you have to come see it!

By Joseph
Foshay Learning Center

The Prospector Goes to School



On March 8, 2013, the school of Foshay Learning Center performed an opera. The 4th and 5th graders are doing this opera in the school auditorium. This opera is called "The Prospector". The

Prospector is about coyotes trying to eat a mule but instead hear a story about an outlaw. The outlaw meets a girl called Minnie, and they fall in love in a saloon. So they start to dance when Sheriff Rance tells her

that he is an outlaw. Minnie tells him to go away but she still loves him.

Foshay did this opera with LA Opera.

By Emily
Foshay Learning Center

5th Graders Take Over Catalina



Alexander Science Center School's fifth graders went to Catalina Island on May 9, 2013. They went by bus to the boat and then on a boat to the island. The fifth graders went because they were almost finished with fifth grade and

wanted to have good memories of fifth grade. They went snorkeling, kayaking, experimenting with octopi, and sleeping in cabins. The fifth graders also learned about herbivores, carnivores, and plants. This was the second trip the fifth graders

had taken because last year they went to Leo Carillo as fourth graders. At Catalina, the fifth graders woke up early everyday to be able to do fun things.

By Valerie
Alexander Sci. Center School

Under the Sea at Catalina Island



Purple Sea Urchin

The fifth grade classes of Alexander Science Center School went to Catalina Island in May! These are just some of the things that the fifth graders did: snorkeling, scuba diving, hiking, and stargazing. Every month an experienced scientist and curator, Dr. Chuck came to prepare the fifth grade class for the trip. Dr. Chuck pre-

pared the fifth graders so they would know about Catalina Island and the animals that they would see. When they snorkeled and scuba dived, the students saw many animals that lived under the sea.

There are many different animals that live on Catalina Island. The purple sea urchin is one of them. It is purple and

has spikes for protection from predators. The keyhole limpet is another one that lives on rocks and in shallow areas. It is squishy and round and has a little hole in the middle that looks like a keyhole.

The students couldn't wait for the big trip in May!

By Metzli
Alexander Sci. Center School

Catalina Island, Here We Come

Catalina here we come. The fifth graders went to Catalina Island on May 9, They stayed there for four days and three nights. All together three



classes went: Room 26, Room 27, and Room 28. The fifth graders went to snorkel, dive, and do other cool things.

Fifth graders took a bus that took them to Long Beach. From there, they got on a boat, and travelled to an island called Catalina. They returned at the end of the week on Friday.

There were a lot of things to pack. Fifth graders brought lots of different things like blankets, tooth brushes, pajamas,

bathing suits, shampoo, conditioner, soap, combs or brushes, and clothes.

Teachers, parents, and fifth graders did an experiment on a two-spotted octopus. Fifth graders also went hoping to see snakes, leopard sharks, sheep head, kelp bass, garibaldi, and other cool things.

Fifth graders were going to sleep in cabins or cottages.

By Madison

Alexander Sci. Center School



Leo Carillo, Hello

The fourth graders went to Leo Carillo State Park for a class trip to look at the stars and have fun.

They built their own telescopes to look at the stars. They are going to camp in tents and four classmates from the class can fit in it. How they are going to get there is in a school

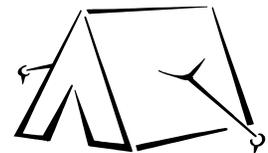


bus. Who is coming are the fourth graders. Students can only could if they have good behavior and good grades.

What they are going to do is see the tides, experience how the Indians lived, and look at the stars.

By Mia

Alexander Sci. Center School



Nothing is Impossible

The honor roll students at Saint Vincent School have worked hard through the past year. Most of the students are in accelerated classes. They can be good with math and not so good in another subjects, and still get in.

Fifth grader Mia F. explained, "I think every student should set their goal to raise their academic standards. One thing you must do is study in every subject!"

These students are on the

honor roll because they participate as much as they can. In our school most students hardly get to watch television during the week, so their daily routine at home is usually study, study, and study. Just like Mia said, everyone should set a goal on something academic.

Another fifth grader, Samantha S. stated, "My goal is to never give up on what I believe I can do. Some kids are not on the honor roll, but that doesn't mean you can't get there!"

Audrey Hepburn has inspired many young people because she said, "Nothing is impossible, the word itself says, I'm possible."

By Samantha

St. Vincent School





A Great Teacher at St. Vincent

Ms. Aguilar teaches accelerated classes and helps out in yearbook. She is very helpful when it comes to finding a book in the library. I hope that Ms. Aguilar enjoys being

part of the St. Vincent community. She cares a lot about us. She even takes to time to explain homework to us. She teaches accelerated math in the library Ms. Aguilar is a strong

helper at St. Vincent School. I pray and hope that she never leaves us and stays in the St. Vincent Eagle family.

By Brindy
St. Vincent School

A Fun Time in Math

Have you met Ms. Aguilar? Well, she is the accelerated math teacher, she does the yearbook and is a veterinarian volunteer. She teaches math grades 5-8. she teaches us every morning. She does all of her work in her math room.



The reason she teaches us is because she likes math, helping children, and she likes the students discovering their passion for accelerated math! We learn from her by taking notes every day, reviewing, and playing games to solve math prob-

lems. From my point of view, it looks like all of us have fun, and that Ms. Aguilar is going to want to do this again for many years to come.

By Jaylene
St. Vincent School

The Adventures in Mrs. Phillips' Class

At Vermont Elementary, Mrs. Phillip's class gets to go on new field trips and adventures all the time. A few of the fourth and fifth graders got slips for the Troy Camp. Every student that got one was so excited because that means that they would attend the California Science Center in LA and see the Endeavor! The Endeavor is a retired space shuttle, and it is now a new



exhibit at the museum. I thought the spacecraft was so big and unbelievable! Everyone in the class really enjoyed seeing it, and they were all shocked on how large it was, especially when they watched a video that showed the Endeavor going through neighborhoods.

Another field trip that Mrs. Phillips went on was to the Getty Museum. The art there

was so magnificent and some art pieces were small, some were huge! One part that the students liked the most was the large gardens filled with flowers of all colors.

The students were all sad when the field trips ended, but Mrs. Phillips will go on an new adventure soon!

By Alejandro
Vermont Ave. Elementary

Marcus Martin (Continued from page 1)

Born on November 29, 1993, the USC football player gave information about his family. He has three brothers, two sisters, and he is the youngest. Also, his mother is an accountant for a film company and his father is a storeowner. His favorite ice cream flavor is Cookies 'n Cream and his favorite drink is water, cold water.



Marcus Martin also talked about football. He has had a double ankle injury. This football player talked about his games against his rivals such as Notre Dame, who burns the USC jerseys because they want to win. What a tragic thing to happen to USC jerseys.

Well, that is enough of tragic events. Let's get to more of Marcus Martin. He also

watches a lot of T.V. and movies, so when someone asked him what his favorite movie is, he said, "My favorite movie is Jack Reacher."

When he is not watching T.V., he is practicing four hours with the USC team and is going to school. Marcus Martin is a very busy football player.

By Karima
Alexander Sci. Center School

The Best Art Teacher

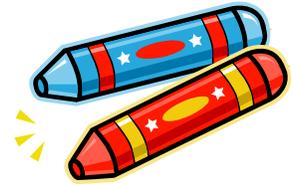
Who is the best art teacher? Well, it is Ms. Jones. She teaches very well. She always explains very well, so no one is scared of learning how to draw. She helps students draw skyscrapers and helps kids draw windows that

look as if they were looking through them.

Ms. Jones teaches her class step by step, so kids do not get lost in their art. Also, so that other people can understand it very well. She is very good. Also, she can teach people how

to draw mountains in seconds. She teaches so well that kids do not have to ask how to do something. Ms. Jones can teach anyone how to draw. She is the best.

By Enoc
Alexander Sci. Center School



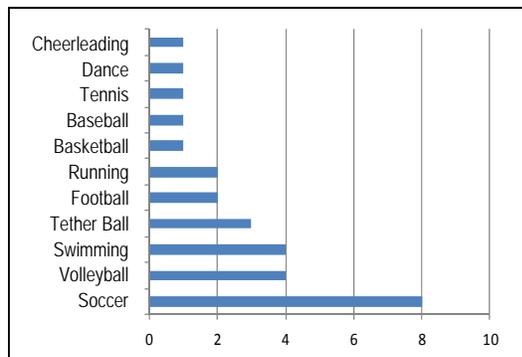
What's Your Favorite Sport?

The most favorite sport is soccer and the least is basketball, baseball, tennis, dance and cheerleading.

USC Kids News surveyed 28 students.

Four students picked volley ball, one picked basketball, one picked baseball, 2 picked football, 8 picked soccer, one picked tennis, 4 picked swimming, 3 picked tether ball, one picked dance, 2 picked running and one picked cheerleading.

By William
Norwood Elementary



One Direction

One Direction is one of the greatest bands in the world. Most of the people who listen to them love their song "What Makes You Beautiful." It is a very popular pop song.

One of the band members named Harry Styles is going out

with Taylor Swift! Harry is the lead singer. He and his band mates are best friends.

There are five boys all together in the band. They have many concerts to show off their songs. The band makes many catchy songs, which is

why every girl loves them. One Direction is the most popular boy band this year!

By Brianna
Vermont Ave. Elementary



Kids Becoming Inactive

Kids are becoming inactive. Why is this happening? Teachers must let their students have more exercise or the kids of today will eat junk food a lot more than they used to. Teachers skip P.E. for edu-

cation. Why?! If kids no longer go outside, they will stay inside with electronics. They no longer play any sports.

Instead of adults becoming inactive, the kids are now. Caution: Parents, don't buy elec-

tronics that stop kids from being active. Teachers, let them go outside at least 10 minutes. People are begging teachers to solve the problem.

By Mariana
Alexander Sci. Center School



USC Kids News Workshop February 9, 2013

Thank you to our speakers and presenters who participated in USC Kids News workshop.



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*Playwright and
USC Professor*



Keynote speaker:
Lisa Richardson
*Senior Deputy for Communications
for LA County Supervisor
Mark Ridley-Thomas*

Presenters



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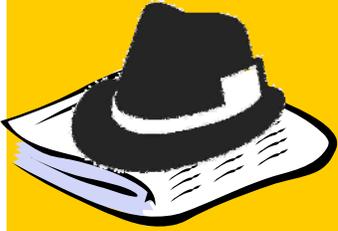


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Note from PressFriends

PressFriends are pleased to be working with the USC Family of Schools and all the great 4th and 5th grade reporters in USC Kids News.

We are middle and high school mentors who work with 4th and 5th graders on writing articles for *USC Kids News*. We also work with 10 other programs in the Los Angeles area and have over 200 middle and high school volunteers.

We want to thank Kim Thomas-Barrios of the USC Neighborhood Academic Initiative for giving us this great opportunity and Bertrand Perdomo for all of his help in setting up the program.

We would also like to thank all of the Facilitators for making this happen. If we didn't include all of your schools' articles, just forward them to

us, and they'll go in the next issue.

Thanks to our Speakers

We really appreciate all those who volunteered as speakers.

Many thanks to our keynote speakers for our February workshop—Professor Oliver Mayer of USC and Lisa Richardson, head of Communications for LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas.

Thanks too to our presenters whom our reporters interviewed: Joey Pallares from the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Barbara Saltzman from the Jester and Pharley Fund, Isabel Duenas from the USC Neighborhood Academic Initiative, Kai George, founder of Threads, Krystin Schilling, youth leader, and Tessa South-

well and Tyler Barnett of TheatreFriends.

We also appreciate everyone at Lucasfilm and Entertainment Weekly who were our interview subjects at *Return of the Jedi*. Our reporters interviewed Lucasfilm's Chris Argypolous, Publicist, Mary Franklin, Senior Events Lead, and StarWars.com's Matt Martin and Dan Brooks.

Our reporters also interviewed Bill Gannon, Managing Editor of EW.com, Geoff Boucher, senior writer for Entertainment Weekly, and Beth Jacobson, director of Public Relations for Entertainment Weekly.

We are really looking forward to seeing you all next year!

Luke Southwell
President
PressFriends