### THE EAGLE NEST

#### A Peak Into the Eagles' Classrooms



La Vina's First 2023-2024 "It's a Great day for a Great Day"



Do you think 8th graders should have more than one field trip?

By: Emily M.

From the perspective of various students including myself, our current 8th graders believe we should get more than one field trip. Within the 3 years of attending La Vina, our school's current 8th graders haven't had a single field trip. Students at La Vina middle school are guaranteed to have at least two field trips throughout their school years. Most students can agree that we, 8th graders, deserve a trip at the middle of the school year, especially because of the tedious state testing we have to undergo.

Due to the hit of the pandemic, 8th graders weren't able to attend their trip to SCICON. Furthermore, the funding towards SCICON when we were 6th graders was very scarce since school had barely started up after nearly two years into the pandemic. In addition, most of the school's funding went toward fixing the boys and girls restrooms after a few incidents occurred. The school was also busy trying to acquire the materials necessary to help the new coming students succeed.

Even so, there's only one promised field trip for 8th graders; the trip to six flags, which is student paid and more of a graduation trip. Although it may seem like a reward for the 8th graders. determination throughout the school years, most believe that this trip is not enough. An extra field trip for 8th grade would make sure the students stay on track. It would also give 8th graders the extra push they need to motivate themselves towards the end of the year.

For our second trip, 8th graders could go to a museum or even another amusement park like Universal Studios. If fundings is a problem, students can run a fundraiser and sell bracelets or chocolates. Either way, I'm sure students will be willing to fund raise as long as it goes to their long awaited field trip. Students in 8th grade should be allowed the privilege of being able to go on two field trips, just like the rest of future 8th graders. Overall, it would only be fair to allow our current 8th graders the opportunity to brag about their experiences at their two trips.

Some schools, for example Cesar E. Chavez High School, offer appreciation days which is a minimum day where they play games and sell food at school. Students are required to bring their own money, but have countless opportunities to entertain themselves. For entertainment, the school could provide board games, concession stands, music, and more. Class periods could be shortened in order to allow students to fully appreciate and participate in the event.

Finally, the field trips and events could provide a new sense of school spirit, school culture and encourage students for academic success. Rallies could also be considered to provide involvement in school activities, but would have to be something to remember by in order to make them memorable and enjoyable. Overall, there are many things that could be provided to 8th grade students that would make school much more enjoyable for them.



Teacher Talk with Ms. Balistreri

Enrique M: What subject do you teach?

Ms. Balistreri: ELA, writing, and history.

Enrique M : If you weren't an ELA teacher, what subject would you teach?

Ms. Balistreri: Math because it's numbers and games.

Enrique M: What inspired you to become a teacher?

Ms. Balistreri: So, I used to live in San Jose, California. My daughter was in special education and she was in a special day class which means it was a really small group with a bunch of adults. We came to Bakersfield and she was put into a regular classroom and she wasn't fitting well so I had to do a lot of work helping her out, going to meetings, and so I decided why don't I just try to do this myself and help kids like her.

Enrique M : Wow. If you weren't a teacher, what job would you like to have?

Ms. Balistreri : Well, I also own a business so I would be a business owner and cook food.

Enrique M: Have you ever taught somewhere else? If you haven't, where would you like to teach?

Ms. Balistreri: I taught at Fremont for 11 years, 4th grade. That was interesting and fun. I don't know, I did 2nd grade for a summer school session and I felt like that's as low as I can go. I think I like where I'm at now because I've done a little bit of the elementary as well as middle school. I don't think I want to do high school. Those kids talk back too much.



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#### **EAGLE HIGHLIGHT**

In the picture, you can see Bowen, a La Vina Eagle, and Caesar Guzman. Mr. Guzman lost his Samsung Tablet, but Bowen found it and turned it in so that it could be returned to its rightful owner. As a gesture of gratitude, Mr. Guzman gave Bowen a generous reward. Way to go Bowen!

#### Why it is Important to be Honest?

By Jaylynn B.

There are a lot of reasons why people should be honest. Being honest is a positive thing because it allows others to understand that they can trust you. Another reason why honesty is important is because the truth will eventually emerge and can make people upset because you lied. Lastly, if you lie your way into something and that person finds out, there will be major consequences and people will no longer trust you.





# ATHLETES IN ACTION

IT NEVER
GETS
EASIER, YOU
JUST GET
BETTER







EAT
SLEEP
VOLLEYBALL
REPEAT



#### **Keeping Up With The Eagles**

Interview with Audrina G. by Jaylynn B.

Jaylynn: What's your name?

Audrina: Audrina

Jaylynn: What grade are you in?

Audrina: 8th

Jaylynn: How's 8th grade so far and

what do you like about it?

Audrina: It's good so far and something

I like is seeing my friends.

Jaylynn: What teachers do you have

this year?

Audrina: Mrs. Rodriguez, Mr. Day,

Ms. Garcia, Ms. Medrano, and Mr. Pesante.

Jaylynn: Whose class do you like?

Audrina: I enjoy Mr. Day's class the most. Jaylynn: Who is your favorite music artist and

why?

Audrina: My favorite music artist is probably Faye

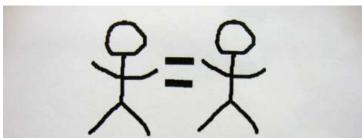
Webster because her voice is really nice

Jaylynn: What's your favorite McDonald's meal?

Audrina: A big mac and a dr pepper.

Jaylynn: Have you ever drowned before and how? Audrina: At my house, when my friends came over and one of them, I was already struggling to swim and my friend kinda pushed me under, and I touched the bottom of the pool and I started drowning, and I was yelling for help.

Jaylynn: Who came to save you? Audrina: Um... I came to save myself.



# TIPS FROM THE NEST By: Enrique M. Treat others the way you want to be treated



Students faces when Thanksgiving break is coming up