



# North Valley News

**"Don't worry about those who talk behind your back. They are behind you for a reason." --Unknown--**

Approved by: Rosario Galvan, Principal

November 9, 2015



**Veterans' Day: Nov. 11**  
**Thanksgiving Break: Nov. 23-27**  
**Schoolwide Accreditation Meetings: 12/9**  
**Benefits Open Enrollment: Nov. 1-22**  
**WASC Visit: April 18-20, 2016**



### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Rosario Galvan

Our "Coffee with the Principal" was very successful. We had a large number of students attend both the morning and evening sessions. As I fielded their questions, it became very clear that our students care very deeply about our school and that they have a lot of good ideas on how we can improve in certain areas. I will be writing a summary of the concerns that were stated and discuss these issues with the Student Council leaders at their regular meetings. The next event will be at Rinaldi and then North Hollywood, East Valley Student Council event will be in December. Overall, I was very impressed with the dialogue and was happy to feel their enthusiasm. It is evident that teachers have worked hard to prepare our students well. Teachers and staff have every reason to be very proud of their work. Enjoy your day off this week, only 26 teaching days before winter break.



### VETERAN'S DAY



**Wednesday, November 11** is Veterans' Day and is a school holiday. School will resume on Thursday, November 12. Veterans Day is an official United States holiday that honors people who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.



### ACCREDITATION

Several surveys have been emailed to staff and we would appreciate your input by answering some of the questions for our accreditations.

Criterion 1: Institutional Mission and Schoolwide Learner Outcomes Survey for all faculty and staff

Criterion 5: Instructional Program needs feedback from CTE teacher

Technology in the Classroom for all teachers

Taking these surveys helps the Leadership Team gather information from faculty and staff for inclusion in the accreditation book.

It is important that everyone has an opportunity to participate and give feedback for in this self-study process.



### 2016 ANNUAL BENEFITS OPEN ENROLLMENT

The Annual Benefits Open Enrollment period for eligible participants begins Nov. 1 and ends Nov. 22 for the plan year effective January 1, 2015. Employees will receive information on the benefits available to them. All employees are strongly encouraged to read their enrollment materials to make an informed decision regarding their 2015 benefits.

During the open enrollment period, employees may access the Benefits Administration website at [benefits.lausd.net](http://benefits.lausd.net) to obtain information on all plan benefits choices and access the online enrollment site and make any desired plan changes. Employees are encouraged to save a copy of their confirmation statement for their records.

### NVSA Counseling/Support Staff Program Group Meeting

There will a Counseling/Support Staff Meeting be held at NVOC in the ASIS Office from 1:30-3:00 p.m. All Advisors, Coordinators, and support staff are invited to attend.

## Sexual Harassment Policy

The Los Angeles Unified School District is committed to maintaining a working and learning environment that is free from sexual harassment. Sexual harassment of or by employees, students, or persons doing business with the District, is a form of sex discrimination in that it constitutes differential treatment on the basis of sex, sexual orientation (actual or perceived), or gender (actual or perceived). As such, any act of sexual harassment is a violation of state and federal laws and a violation of District policy.

Any student or employee of the District who believes that she or he has been a target of sexual harassment shall bring the problem to the attention of the site administrator or Title IX/Bullying Complaint Manager so that appropriate action may be taken to resolve the concern. All complaints will be promptly investigated in a way that respects the privacy of the parties concerned. The District prohibits retaliatory behavior against anyone who files a sexual harassment complaint or who participates in the complaint investigation process. See recent policy updates on this topic in [BUL-3349.1] Sexual Harassment Policy (Student-To-Student, Adult-To-Student, and Student-To-Adult). For assistance with sexual harassment matters involving employees as targets, contact the District's Equal Opportunity Section at (213) 241-7685.

### CASAS/EL CIVICS

**ESL/EL Civics:** Student Gains reports and Class profiles by competency will be distributed this week.

**ABE Reading and Math:** CASAS post testing will begin on Monday, November 9th, 2015. All completed test forms must be returned to the CASAS office by Friday, November 20th, 2015.

CASAS Supplemental materials can be found at <http://bitly.com/wiaresources>.

WIOA/CASAS team can be reached:

NVOC Room 104

818-365-9645 Extension 381

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Gustavo Cubias- [gac84281@lausd.net](mailto:gac84281@lausd.net)

Janis Chow- [jcc39701@lausd.net](mailto:jcc39701@lausd.net)

(Evening at NVOC)

### Friday, November 20

#### **LARAEC Open Board Meeting**

#### **Time & Location**

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Location TBD

**Contact: Lanzi Asturias**

[lla64551@lausd.net](mailto:lla64551@lausd.net)

### *Mission Statement*

*North Valley Service Area offers educational and training opportunities that provide a diverse population of students with skills to participate more effectively in the family, at work and in the community.*

### WIA Tech iPad Use in Theresa Villa's ESL Classes

During October, Sean Abajian visited Theresa Villa's classroom and noticed that her students were using laptop computers. Ms. Villa showed him the CD-ROM that comes with the students' FUTURE series books, and how they are able to do interactive exercises to review every lesson of each unit from their books. He was happy to see that she was supporting the use of technology in her classroom.

Before he left, he asked me if she was interested in piloting using iPads with her students. He talked about a website called Kahoot! It enables teachers to develop and share multiple-choice quizzes, games and activities for students to do in real time with instant results and feedback. Ms. Villa enthusiastically agreed.

While waiting for the iPads to arrive, Ms. Villa reviewed the Kahoot website registering as a teacher (for free), and then explored some of the prepared quizzes other teachers developed. She discovered she was able to use her smart phone with the website and decided to try out the website with her students who had smart phones, those few that didn't, were able to use the laptop computers. The students were excited and thrilled to use the app/website and gave positive feedback. She asked if they were interested in trying the same activity with iPads. The students unanimously responded "yes."

When the iPads arrived, Mr. Abajian showed Ms. Villa how to connect one for demonstration so students could view the screen with the LCD projector. The iPads were distributed and the students were able to use the app just like they had previously on their phones and laptops.

Ms. Villa presented using the iPads in all her classes (levels 5, 3, and 2), and received similar positive feedback. Her 8:00 level 5 class, in particular, loved the sense of competition as they worked to "ring-in" first with their answers. They were so excited to see their names appear in the top-five rankings which changed question-by-question. When the final tally appeared with the top student's name, the students were anxious to take photos of the achievement.

Now the students ask when they will use the iPads again, and she promised at least once-a-week. Ms. Villa sees great potential in using Kahoot as a means for review and even test-taking for preview purposes or post-test review.

Their next endeavor is using an app/website called Plickers that only requires the teacher to use the iPad or a smart phone, and the students use response cards that the teacher scans with the phone/iPad. Mr. Abajian has been very supportive and helpful as she and her students delve into a new learning medium.



If you are interested in being a part of the pilot phase, please send an email to: Sean C. Abajian at [sean.coppedge@lausd.net](mailto:sean.coppedge@lausd.net)

### EVSC Student Council's Busy October Event Schedule

Student Council hosted two festive events in October at East Valley Skills Center. October 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> students and staff celebrated the first Latino Heritage Celebration event on the EVSC campus. Fifteen classes between day and evening programs researched and presented information about famous Latinos to the whole student body. Classes made colorful and informative posters to reflect and share their work. Student Council voted to host this same event next school year, but plans to add additional related activities to enhance the experience for all.

The second annual Halloween class door decorating and student costume contest was also held on October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Music, singing, and dancing was also provided to students and staff courtesy of our own computer instructor, Mr. Gonzalez and Student Council member Oscar Ascencio and his sons Oscar Jr. and George. Ms. Villa's 8:00 a.m. ESL Int High B and her 6:16 p.m. ESL Beg High classes won the door decorating contest last year. The crowd favorite student costumes also were awarded prizes for participation. Reading teacher, Ms. Fasciano's classes surprised the whole campus with their very creative and personally inspired pumpkins that each student decorated. Assistant Principal, Mrs. McCarthy acknowledged the spirited project by inviting staff and the whole student body to walk through Ms. Fasciano's "haunted pumpkin" classroom to view the beautiful project completed by her students. After the event, Student Council discussed adding a pumpkin decorating contest to the festivities for the whole school during next year's celebration. Thank you for all students and staff for making these October events so much fun!



#### **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

Please bring unexpired dry and canned goods to your classroom for our MEND Food Drive through Wednesday, November 18 and donate our items to MEND (Meeting Each Need with Dignity) that serves low income families in the Northeast San Fernando Valley. With your help, we can make a difference for a needy family

**MEND**, located at **10641 N. San Fernando Rd. Pacoima CA 91331** (818)897-2443, offers many services to anyone in need in the community, including: **Food, Clothing, Medical, Eye Care, Dental Services and more**



Family Services are available:  
Thursday – Friday 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. and  
Saturday 9 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

#### **CCAIE 2015 Fall Awards Dinner**



Friday, November 13  
Quiet Cannon  
901 Via San Clemente  
Montebello, CA 90640

Please see the attached flyer for more information. If you wish to attend print the flyer and send your payment U.S. Mail to Martha Peralta at East Los Angeles Skills Center.



## STUDENT VOICES | A SECOND CHANCE

By Jimmy Lane



Left to right: Jimmy Lane and Instructor Mr. De La Torre

I am **grateful** for the **opportunity** to get a **fresh start** at the **North Valley Occupational Center**. After an extended period of time away from the workforce, I am **focused on getting the skills** I need to secure a full-time position as a CNC machinist. I am a new student this semester in Mr. de la Torre's class where I am learning how to safely operate **high-precision machines** which can be used to develop important tools and components. The majority of the students in this class will work for companies that provide parts for the aerospace industry, where there is a major shortage of **trained CNC machinists**.

This is not my first time taking machining classes, and it's certainly **not my first career**. I came to North Valley with credits from LA Valley College's machining department but I am looking to learn everything I possibly can about machining and programming. Unfortunately I have had **some obstacles** along the way, including an **incarceration** on my record. **Mr. de la Torre has motivated me** to consistently show up early for class and stay **engaged every day**. With his help, I am **focused on proving I deserve** a full-time job, **doing work I truly enjoy**.





## 2015 FALL AWARDS DINNER

Friday, November 13, 2015

Quiet Cannon

901 Via San Clemente  
Montebello, CA 90640  
Cannoneer Room

- ◇ Social Hour 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM
- ◇ Dinner 6:15 PM

Fabulous door prizes including one week stay at Grand Luxxe Residence Club in Mexico:  
select from Cancun, Cabo san Lucas, Puerto Vallarta, Acapulco, Mazatlan, Puerto Penasco, valid through Dec. 2016

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### CCAE LA Metro Award Recipients

#### Classified Employee Awards

Rocio Tylor - Harbor Occupational Center  
 Loc Nguyen - Van Nuys Adult School  
 Clarence Stanley - Slawson Occupational Center  
 Carmen Vieyra - Abram Friedman Occupational Ctr.  
 Jennifer Ao - L.A. Technology Center

#### Law Enforcement Award

Officer David Nunez - AFOC

#### Abram Friedman Award

Dawn Koepke - Legislative Analyst

#### E. Manfred Evans Award

Sonya Ramirez - Harbor Occupational Center

Send Payment by US Mail to: **Mariam Staitman by November 6th**  
**East Los Angeles Skills Center, 3921 Selig Place, Los Angeles, CA 90031**  
 Contact Martha Peralta at (323) 276-7000 or [martha.peralta@lausd.net](mailto:martha.peralta@lausd.net) for more info

School/Office/Service Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **CCAE - LA Metro Section**      \$43 per person      (\$45 at the door)      Free Parking  
**C** Champagne Chicken, **B** Prime Rib, **S** Baked Alaskan Salmon **P** Pasta Primavera, **V** Vegan Roasted Veggie Stack

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2. _____	<b>C B S P V</b>	7. _____	<b>C B S P V</b>
3. _____	<b>C B S P V</b>	8. _____	<b>C B S P V</b>
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