



School News



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Esplanade *Elementary*

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Experiential Learning!

Esplanade Elementary School's third- and fourth-grade students visited the El Modena Nature Center and participated in a presentation about the historical life of the Native Americans that inhabited California. The presentation was funded by a grant from the Kiwanis Club of Orange and was presented by Jacque Nunez, a former El Modena student who graduated in 1970. She and her family are Juaneno Indians, the tribe that historically inhabited our region of California. The students enjoyed hearing Ms. Nunez's stories about Indian life and seeing her artifacts. They learned how the Juaneno tribe used the resources in the region to survive. The day culminated with students making clapper sticks and using them to sing traditional songs.

Other grade levels are also learning through experience! Fifth- and sixth-graders visited the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, sixth-graders visited Santiago Canyon College, fourth-graders learned about the San Juan Capistrano Mission, kindergarteners visited Centennial Farms, and first-graders visited the Orange County Zoo. Our second-graders will soon be visiting Aquarium of the Pacific, our fifth-grade students will enjoy the Traveling Scientist Program from Inside the Outdoors, and third-graders will participate in the Windows to our Wetlands program, presented by the Bolsa Chica Conservancy.

Esplanade students are connecting their experiences to reading, writing, math, and science and having fun at the same time!