A Letter From The Principal

Dear CHAMPS Panthers,

We are pleased to announce that at an LAUSD board meeting on Tuesday, September 24th, CHAMPS was renewed for another five-year term,
The unanimous vote validates the work we have done on behalf of our students and opens the door for future growth.

As part of our renewal, CHAMPS is restructuring and renaming our Liberal Arts Academy into our Global Impact Academy, which will focus on the environment and social justice.

NEW: Global Impact Academy
NEW: Programming & Game Design Academy

A new academy is currently in development under the direction of Ms. Amanda Escott, who will chair Programming & Game Design. The academy will focus on computer literacy, programming skills, and creative storytelling through game design. As the academy’s chair, Ms. Escott aims to turn passion into practice.

If you know of anyone who might benefit from the CHAMPS experience, please invite them to our Open House on October 17th at 6:00 PM. Applications for the 2020-2021 school year will open up this month, more information on pages 3 and 4.

This month, we ask that you continue your support and consider making a donation of any amount to the school. 100% participation in this area helps us in grant writing as we diversify the financial health of our organization. CHAMPS is now utilizing GiveLively as our fundraising platform. Our Panthers would appreciate if you would consider a one-time or recurring monthly donation.

GiveLively affords us the ability to create Academy and Department-specific campaigns so you know exactly where your donation is going. Over the next few weeks, you’ll begin to see campaigns like this one for our Athletics Department. Watch this page for updated links in the coming weeks. Thank you for your support in your child’s education.

Stride with Panther Pride,

Linda Pierce
Principal/Director

This Month’s Panther Spotlight: Mr. David Lee and Yearbook!

Congratulations on raising funds for a new camera!

Our hardworking and talented Yearbook Staff was in need of at least one new camera.

Last year, they were able to produce a beautiful yearbook with only ONE camera for the entire staff. Students often had to bring their own cameras or borrow from the Media Arts classroom.

“We love Mr. Lee at CHAMPS!” -Randy, Sheila and Jagan Fretz

Thanks to supporters like you, their work has been made possible with an additional camera!
This Month in Events

We’re fully into the school year with performances and events in full swing! Congratulations to our Dance Academy’s Solo Night performances this past weekend! Join us for upcoming performances and events from our Written Arts Academy this month!

This Friday is Pen-2-Mic presented by Written Arts. Come see the talent of our students and staff alike through original spoken word! Tickets are $5 and may be purchased at the door. CS-3 and CS-4 will be transformed into a cafe setting.

Bring a friend to Open House on Thursday, October 17th at 6:00 PM! Know someone interested in CHAMPS? Share the RSVP form here.

More student performances at the Sherman Oaks Street Fair on Sunday, October 20th. We’ll have a booth showcasing student work, and performances on the community stage by Dance Academy at 3:00 PM and Music Academy at 5:00 PM.

The Force is strong in Student Government this year. Following a successful PAC Fest last month, October is full of student activities with Spirit Week kicking off on Monday, October 28th through Friday, November 1st and includes our Drag Show event!

Save the Date for our Fall Musical presented by Theatre Academy. This year’s joint academy musical from our performing arts academies is the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee! The show runs from Thursday, November 14th through Saturday, November 16th. More info to come.

Congratulations to our Dance Academy’s Solo Night performances! Join us for upcoming performances and events from our Written Arts and Theatre Academies this month!
This Month
In Events (cont.)

Friday (10/11) Pen-2-Mic presented by Written Arts

Sunday (10/20)
Sherman Oaks Street Fair (open to the public)

Tuesday (10/22)
CHAMPS Board of Directors Meeting (open to the public)

Monday (10/28)
Student Government Spirit Week and Pep Rally

Wednesday (10/30)
Student Government Drag Show

THURSDAY (11/14) - SATURDAY (11/16) 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Fall Musical)
Halloween Dress Code

With Halloween around the corner, we want to take this opportunity to share CHAMPS' policies and guidelines. First, students may wear Halloween costumes to school on October 31, 2019, if they follow the costume dress code outlined below:

- No bare midriffs or “revealing” clothing
- Appropriate shoes
- The student must be able to sit, walk, breathe, see and hear! (ex. no masks that cover the face)
- No pretend “prop” weapons such as water pistols, knives or swords!
- No real weapons
- No offensive or inappropriate costumes.
- Clothing may not be disruptive to school or classroom activities.
- No clown or Joker costumes (clown attire, make-up or wigs)

Students wearing costumes that do not conform to the guidelines above, or the CHAMPS dress code, will at a minimum be asked to change out of their costume.

At lunch, our PTSA will be hosting a variety of activities at the south campus parking lot. We look forward to having a fun and safe day with your student on Halloween.

Meet The Schools During Our College Visits

Check Out Our Upcoming College Visits during October. Students need to register with their college counselor in advance as seating is limited, reservations are required.

University of Southern California
Whittier College
Willamette University

New York University
Mount Saint Mary's University
Los Angeles

Emerson College

Portland State University
Kansas City Art Institute
Plymouth College of Art

How To Get Involved

Check Out Our Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PTSA) And Become A Member.

The Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) is part of the fabric of the education system and a trusted partner to millions of parents, families, educators, and community members, as it advocates for the education, welfare, health, and safety of all children. PTSA has been instrumental in establishing programs and services to improve children’s lives.

PTSA’s next Coffee and Conversation event is Wednesday, October 16th at 8:30 AM. Read more in CHAMPS PTSA’s Newsletter.

Join us in providing our children a bright future by filling out the Parent Volunteer Form! For more information, please visit our PTSA page located on the CHAMPS website at www.champscharter.org under the Families tab.