

School: Birney Tech Academy

Date: Monday, April 11, 2016

Participants: Grade 3 (3), Grade 4 (3), Grade 5(4) = 10

1. What makes your school a special place?

- Everything is in order; everyone knows what to do.
- There are good teachers here; they are nice.
- The school is nice and clean.
- Teachers are polite to everyone.
- Good recess and lunch schedules. Everyone has their own time separately.
- We have modern technology.
- Teachers always ask if you have questions before they finish teaching and go through things step by step.

2. What 3 things made learning exciting for you this year?

- 3rd =
- Technology has really changed how we learn. We do most of our work on the chromebooks.
- We use lots of manipulatives to learn ideas and work on projects. It's helpful.
- Each year we get challenged more.
- 4th =
- We liked having engineering challenges, like with boats, sleds, etc.
- After we read our books we get to watch movies to compare.
- We get to use notebooks for math and it helps make math easier.
- 5th =
- Our work feels challenging, especially when we do projects, like rockets.
- We love science. You don't know what's going to happen when you do experiments.
- We like the field trips. They are fun and you're learning, too. (Whale Watching, Marine Science, Pioneer days...)

3. If you could improve your school, what would you suggest?

- Have 2-3 field trips each year.
- Want to do Engage NY math. It helped a lot to go through steps to solve problems. We aren't doing it anymore.
- Make empty classrooms into labs, or computer labs.
- PE more often; more than every Friday.
- Longer school day so we don't have to worry about learning everything so fast.
- We need more educational games for the computers.
- We would like swings on the playground.
- We would like to have legos to build.

4. Do you feel your school is preparing you for college and career?

- 3rd = College – yes. We do homework checks to work on being responsible and prepared. Career- no.
- 4th = College – yes. We went to Wgittier College for a field a trip and we talked about colleges afterwards. We learn a lot of math, and our teacher tells us we need to know it for college. Career – no. We haven't talked about it.
- 5th = College- no. We have been more focused on work and projects. We haven't talked about colleges. Career – no.

- We have a career day every year. No one really dresses up like they are supposed to. It's mentioned really quickly and there's no time to get your costume. There's not much that happens with it other than dressing up. You do get to take a yearbook picture. It could be better if everyone went in front of class to share something about their career. We could write an essay about what we want to be and why. We could have guest speakers like police officers, and firefighters, who could tell us about their jobs. We could have an assembly where the kids who dress up share about their career. Have teachers share more careers with us that are different and we might not know about.

School: Durfee Elementary School

Date: Thursday, April 14, 2016

Participants: Grade 3 (3), Grade 4 (3), Grade 5(4) = 10

1. What makes your school a special place?

- We have really kind teachers, and fun activities, and there are always friends to help you.
- We have crazy activities like crazy sock days, and other spirit days.
- Fifth grade activities ---softball game against teachers, promotion dance, and pool day.
- We wear college tshirts on Wednesday.
- Each class is given a college and we were
- The PTO is respectful and help raise a lot of money for our events and teachers. They're on top of it and they take care of you.
- The staff is really nice.
- We win prizes in school for attendance, for working hard in class.
- We like being able to dance in the cafeteria when we are good.

2. What 3 things made learning exciting for you this year?

- 3rd =
- Book reports –non-fiction, focus on characters, with artwork—liked using technology to write facts.
- Field Trips—you actually get to go out and experience things.
- We do a lot of writing assignments, like to write creative stories.
- 4th =
- PBLs ---You get to research history, and you get to be creative.
- Technology used in class, like learning how to do different things on the computer.
- New mathematics—they're different and let us see a different perspective on math, not in a textbook, problem solving as teams.
- 5th =
- A computer science class on Thursdays, we like making our own stories on the computer.
- PBLs –We like being able to pick our own famous person, we get to make a slide show, we will be in a contest.
- Science camp –we went for one week and learned about ecosystems, went on hikes, even a t night. We get to learn more and it helps us prepare for what we need to know.

3. If you could improve your school, what would you suggest?

- In our math class, we would like a math folder with all our lessons instead of copies so we can be more organized.
- More experiments in science that we can see up close and do on our own.
- We would like to learn about more history and what we have done in the past.
- We would like to see more art—drawing, painting, and sculpting.
- More computer time to explore.
- More plants on the fields outside.
- More jump ropes and swings for the playground.
- More movie nights at school.

4. Do you feel your school is preparing you for college and career?

- 3rd = College, yes---We do a lot of writing about colleges; our friends talk a lot about

college because of what we are doing in class. We go to a lot of college websites. Our teachers share with us lots of examples of colleges. Career, yes. When we talk about college, we talk about what we will study and be when we grow up.

- 4th = College, yes. When you walk around school you see all the college banners. We have college boards in our classroom and they share details about all the different schools. Career, kind of---College magazines in our class show what you can study.
- 5th = College, yes---College alumni come visit to talk about being a student and talked about what they were going to be for a career. College tweets in class about facts we learned about different schools. Careers, yes –class groups are set up by careers like engineers, lawyers, teachers, accountants, doctors, nurses, etc.

College Wednesday activities = we do a college-bound pledge, we do our fight schools, we wear our college shirts, we each do our class college cheer/fight song, we have student council- spirit days and we collect points and class gets a trophy.

School: Magee Academy of Arts and Sciences

Date: Monday, April 11, 2016

Participants: Grade 3 (3), Grade 4 (3), Grade 5(4) = 10

1. What makes your school a special place?

- This is a great school, especially since this school year. We have new things and electives, which are fun.
- The constant changing is good. We get new things happening all the time.
- All the teachers and staff are really good at teaching their grade because they have been here a long time.
- We get to move around to new classes instead of staying in the same class all day long.
- We like using chromebooks for our projects instead of paper and pencil. We have iPads, too.
- Our teachers have a lot of experience and they work hard with us. They help us more often.

2. What 3 things made learning exciting for you this year?

- 3rd =
- Having fun teachers with us throughout the day that joke around with us and make learning fun. Very fun having a teacher that helps you like that.
- Technology makes everything fun. When we are learning it with it it makes learning fun and easier.
- We like being able to switch different groups and changing classes.
- 4th =
- We like rotating to new electives so we can learn new things.
- We like having tutoring to get help.
- The electives are exciting and we get to learn about more stuff that way.
- 5th =
- We like going to science camp because we get to be outdoors and get to try things yourselves (hands-on).
- Our special events at school are fun so regular days aren't boring. (Power Hour, Jumprope for Heart, Spirit Week)
- The chromebooks have made learning fun with Khan Academy, presentations, Google docs. We get to be more confident.
- We also like doing our projects (state, inventions, etc.)

3. If you could improve your school, what would you suggest?

- Try to make teachers more strict. Some students just mess around and they distract us. Need the students to pay more attention.
- Maybe we can have times where we can work at our level, and also have times where we can help others learn. (Peer tutoring)
- We need separate recess equipment by grade level. Have soccer nets out more often during recess.
- We need help taking notes – that would help us when we are doing projects on the computer.
- Less substitutes in class. Kids don't listen to them. Also, some are a little overboard in being strict. Substitutes also don't follow our normal schedule or we just read all day.

- Better food in the cafeteria—some of it is greasy. Need more variety.

4. Do you feel your school is preparing you for college and career?

- 3rd = College – yes. Our teachers have been teaching us stuff from upper grades and preparing our homework online so they are getting us prepared for challenging work like college. Career – no. We haven't been learning about careers or talking about jobs at all.
- 4th = College – sort of. We only talked about colleges once, but we are working hard in our math and science, which helps with college. Our rotating is like college and will help us. Career – no.
- 5th = College – not really. Our teacher has talked a little bit about college when we were writing our papers and not copying. Our teachers are preparing us for middle school, but we have not talked about where we want to go or what we want to study. Career – no.
- We would like to have a career day or activities to talk about jobs.

School: North Ranchito Elementary School

Date: Thursday,

Participants: Grade 3 (3), Grade 4 (3), Grade 5(4) = 10

1. What makes your school a special place?

- You get to learn a lot of things.
- We have lots of good friends here. There is no bullying.
- Every month we have a STEM challenge that is a lot of fun. We get to work in teams.
- Student Council is fun.
- Our school is clean.
- The students are nice.
- Teachers are nice and teach us a lot. They help us when we need it.

2. What 3 things made learning exciting for you this year?

- 3rd =
- The STEM Challenges were great.
- We get to learn about so many different things.
- We like time to read about what interests us.
- We like GoNoodle for exercising.
- 4th =
- We love our PBLs. We like to have choices in what we do. We like looking up information.
- We like using FrontRow online; it helps us with math. It is a fun way to learn math.
- STEM Challenge- we get to do things hands on.
- 5th =
- We like doing our biographies and being able to choose someone famous and make a model of them.
- We like computer time.
- PBLs – we like using the chromebooks for research.
- We liked learning about our health.
- We enjoyed doing book publishing.

3. If you could improve your school, what would you suggest?

- We would like to sit and work with our friends more so they can help us.
- We would like some time in class for homework so we can get help. Sometimes our parents aren't home and they can't help us.
- We would like more teachers/helpers in class to help us.
- We would like more PBLs or STEM challenges.
- We want to do more projects.
- We could use tutoring after school to help us.
- More interesting books to read---mystery, history, science, comics, chapter books at lower AR levels.
- We would love to have more field trips, and get to visit places we learn about.

4. Do you feel your school is preparing you for college and career?

- 3rd = College, yes. They are teaching us all our standards to help us get ready. We practice taking notes. Career, not really. One class did write about what they wanted to be when we grow up.

- 4th = College, not really. We do have a career day, and we talk about that. We do know we have to go to college to have a better job and get paid more.
- 5th = College, yes. We had to write an essay about going to college. We did college flags for where we wanted to go. We practice writing essays a lot to help us for college. We talk a lot about never giving up. Career, yes. Some students wrote essays about what we want to be when we grow up, but we haven't all done that. Career Day is coming up.

School: Rio Vista Elementary School

Date: Thursday, April 14, 2016

Participants: Grade 3 (4), Grade 4 (3), Grade 5(3) = 10

1. What makes your school a special place?

- This is a unique school; we have fun things to do like chromebooks and clubs.
- We have lots of friends here.
- Everyone is welcoming.
- Bullying never happens here; when it does, it is stopped.
- Teachers are fun even though they still have rules.
- Teachers are very helpful.
- We are a Blue Ribbon school.
- We have fun school events like costume parades, and spirit days.

2. What 3 things made learning exciting for you this year?

- 3rd =
- We love our special events at school.
- We have had fun projects on family traditions.
- We love our chromebooks and want to learn everything on them.
- We like RTI and playing learning games during that time. We also like learning from another teacher.
- We liked doing our projects on space. It was fun.
- 4th =
- We like using our iPads, and using the fun apps like scootpad and typing our journal instead of writing.
- Math has been fun this year, we like measuring, learning about money, and other things.
- Family nights have been fun. We like getting together with our families and learning together like for reading.
- 5th =
- We like doing projects; they are super fun like the bird project and researching. We like learning new facts about things and doing the research.
- We like watching educational videos and listening to songs to learn concepts.
- We like doing performances and being able to act, sing, and dance.

3. If you could improve your school, what would you suggest?

- It would be nice to have some sports activities during school time like the REACH mini-Olympics.
- It would be great to do engineering, robotics, or chemistry activities.
- We would like more clubs like yearbook or photography.
- It would be fun to go on more field trips.
- We would like to do more projects.
- We need more interesting books about science, super heroes, fiction, and about famous people (celebrities), and sci-fi.

4. Do you feel your school is preparing you for college and career?

- 3rd = Most of us aren't talking about this other than maybe a journal.
- 4th = College, yes. We get hard work and we get pushed to learn it. We do not talk about colleges at all. Career, no. We don't really talk about it. We only had a journal

topic about what we wanted to be when we grow up.

- 5th = We don't really talk about colleges or careers.
- Suggestions: Class discussion and questions answered about what we might want to do. A club about exploring careers and learning about what people do would be fun. We could do a project on what we want to be when we get older.

School: Rivera Elementary School

Date: Thursday, April 21, 2016

Participants: Grade 3 (5), Grade 4 (0), Grade 5(5) = 10

1. What makes your school a special place?

- Most of the teachers are really nice. We are lucky to be here instead of a private school (no fees).
- It is easy to make friends here, everyone nice.
- You are able to learn much more here, everyone helps you.
- The teachers share a lot with us about science and we get to go to science camp.
- We learn to be advanced.
- We have special events—pool party, Harvest festival, lunch with someone special.
- We have fun technology websites –TenMarks and Scootpad.
- We can borrow books from the Middle school library.
- If you are feeling bullied you can go to your principal.

2. What 3 things made learning exciting for you this year?

- 3rd =
- We like doing projects and PBLs like water conservation and solar system.
- We love having “Genius Hour” on our chromebooks where we get to explore and stuff you want to know more about and do a research project.
- Field Trips our fun like the one we went to for the San Gabriel Canyon.
- 5th =
- Science Camp ---we get to be in nature, go hiking, live in a cabin, we got to see animals and plants.
- State Testing Pep Rally – It was fun to ERHS and helped motivate us to be smart and do our best.
- We love our projects like our state float, landmarks. We learn more by researching and making things.

3. If you could improve your school, what would you suggest?

- Make more hands-on activities for our learning---we like to do stuff.
- More examples from our teacher while learning new things.
- More technology apps and learning websites/games!
- Homework—we would like to do learning games, mysteries, more time to complete (not big packets for one night). We’d like science for homework, too---not always math and language arts.
- More reading time.
- More group time—we like to work together to share our ideas and help each other. When we work in groups we have more time to figure things out. When we work with other people we do our work better than alone.
- A waiting list for reserving favorite books.
- We would like to do more art in class or an after school class.

4. Do you feel your school is preparing you for college and career?

- 3rd = Our teachers do help us know learn what we need to know to be an advanced student to get into college. We are not really talking about any colleges, just what you need to know now. Career, no not really.
- 5th = Some of our teachers talk with us about college and we get to go on the websites,

but others do not. We just stick to what we have to learn in school. We are starting to get ready with grades. Careers, we don't talk about them. 4th grade ---we talked about it a little.

- Suggestions:
- Go visit a college.
- Connecting history events.
- College student visitors
- Tell us more about universities.
- Create a website---type in name, grades, where you can go to college (CCGI)
- Career speakers come visit.
- Visit companies to help you think about that career.
- Parent Career Day

School: South Ranchito Elementary School

Date: Friday, April 15, 2016

Participants: Grade 5(10) = 10

1. What makes your school a special place?

- The teachers are fun; they plan lots of activities, festivals, and games in class for us.
- When you don't understand something, the teachers will explain it to you.
- There are a lot of learning apps on our computers, and they are fun.
- The teachers care about us, and what we learn.
- We have fun clubs like in art, computers, tutoring, and music.
- We love our big playground; we have a lot of space.
- Kids are friendly; there are people here to help you if someone is bothering you.

2. What 3 things made learning exciting for you this year?

- We like being able to use manipulatives for our math units. It helps and makes math fun.
- We have lots of computers with fun games like study island and lexia.
- Projects—we had to make our own invention this year and it was fun. We have had at least five projects this year and we like it.

3. If you could improve your school, what would you suggest?

- We would like to use computers more often; right now we use them about 2-3 times a week.
- We would like more field trips –colleges, La Brea Tar pits, museums, hiking.
- More science—more experiments; we want to test stuff.
- We would like to learn more about history.
- We would like more programs for the computers.
- We would like to do plays or skits in our class and after school. Our talent show is only music and dancing.
- We would like more help for learning math.

4. Do you feel your school is preparing you for college and career?

- College, yes. We had a college week and there were posters of colleges hanging on the wall. Some teachers have college flags in their classroom. We talk about who is going to college and we see videos of other kids talking about the colleges they go to. Sometimes we will write about college in our journal. Every Tuesday is college t-shirt day.
- Career, sort of. We wrote an essay one time about what we wanted to be when we grew up. We were able to research online information about those jobs. We didn't do anything more. We might have a career dress up day at the end of the year.

School: Valencia Elementary School

Date: Monday, April 18, 2016

Participants: Grade 3 (3), Grade 4 (3), Grade 5(4) = 10

1. What makes your school a special place?

- Valencia is an arts school and we learn about music and how to draw.
- If you want to learn new things, you can learn it here.
- If you have special talents like in art, you can make it better here.
- The teachers are fun, and nice to the students.
- We have a fun after school program – REACH.
- It's a good school with good friends.
- If you have nay questions, you can always ask our principal.
- Teachers help us when we need it.

2. What 3 things made learning exciting for you this year?

- 3rd =
- Playing learning games for math on the computer.
- We like doing challenges on the white board.
- We liked going to the National History Museum.
- 4th =
- We had a Crazy 8 Math Club where we got to do lots of activities after school.
- We like using our chromebooks, and using different learning programs like "Archademics."
- We like having competitions in class about what we learned.
- 5th =
- We like playing math games like "Around the World."
- We like drawing to learn math –pointillism, perspective, etc.
- We like being able to watch movies to compare to the book we read.
- We liked learning about cells because we got to do a project and make something to represent the cells.
- We went to the Music Center and learned more about playing the violins, singing, and dancing.

3. If you could improve your school, what would you suggest?

- We would like to do more science.
- We don't want to spend so much time on the same stuff. We want to learn new things.
- We want to be able to help each other more, especially in math. We can help each other fix mistakes, not just the teacher. Sometime I can understand it better my friend's way.
- We could use more apps on our computer.
- We could have a recycling plan at school to help Mr. Ray.
- The push-up bars need to be fixed on our playground.

4. Do you feel your school is preparing you for college and career?

- 3rd = College, yes. Our teacher helps us learn all we need to know and will even show us 4th grade stuff. Career, no. We don't talk about what we want to do when we grow up.
- 4th = College, yes. We have two students from HS that talk to us about college. We know there are different colleges we can go to, and what we can study. Career, no.

- 5th =
- College, yes. When we learn new things, our teacher tells us this can be a pathway for what we to learn in college. Our teacher treats us like we are older and helps us learn to be responsible so we are ready for middle school and higher. Career, some. At the beginning of the year, we did talk about jobs we might want to have. We didn't do more than just talk about it, and we haven't done anything else.
- Suggestions:
- We could write essays.
- It would be nice to have people from colleges to come and talk to us.
- It would be nice to know what we have to study to get a certain job and how long it would take.

School: STEAM Academy @Burke

Date: Monday, April 11, 2016

Participants: Grade 6 (2), Grade 7 (4), Grade 8(4) = 10

1. What makes your school a special place?

- We get to do robotics, art, more activities that are different from other places.
- We have more options for electives, and technology. Our electives include game design, choir, PLTW, robotics, and band.
- Teachers use their own time to help their students. You can stay at lunch, nutrition, or after school to help you.
- We have a class that talks about college that we know they have at high school that helps us prepare for the future (AVID).
- Technology is integrated into everything we do. We don't need to buy books or use paper.
- We get to work in groups a lot and can get ideas and help from one another.
- Students are pretty good with one another. We get along.

2. What 3 things made learning exciting for you this year?

- 6th =
- We like our science experiments. We look forward to them. We get excited for them to see how things work and test of what we had learned was true.
- We like all the projects that we do. It helps us learn more about something we are interested in. Our PBL going step by step is good to help us with showcase. It feels good at the showcase to know you have practiced and it looks great and you are successful.
- Technology that we use is cool. We have a lot and its in everything that we do. We use our chromebooks all the time. We write our essays there and don't use papers.
- 7th =
- The way we learn ---we use Kahoot, and other apps in class.
- Our mini-projects for science are fun. We like doing the experiments.
- In Humanities, we like to do plays to reenact what we have learned. It takes you back in time. We can write scripts, make props, etc. We can film during video production and that is fun, too.
- 8th =
- Collaboration and working in groups helps us a lot. It's easier for discussion and getting help from classmates.
- We use technology a lot. If we have a problem at home, we can email our teachers and get help. It's also good for research. We were taught how to use all of it at the beginning of the year.
- Every class (content area) has a different way of learning things. We like to do our science labs.
- Prefer hands on learning, you actually do it, makes you feel more involved, stays in your head more versus looking at a projector and doing notes.

3. If you could improve your school, what would you suggest?

- A new elective like drama would be great – historical context.
- We need more open discussion on PBLs driving question, overall project design, and topics.

- PBL scripts ---we would like them to be more open instead of the same thing over and over. An open project option for students.
- More robotics equipment, more
- One day a week where we don't use technology.
- More after school clubs to get more students involved—gardening, astronomy, etc.

4. Do you feel your school is preparing you for college and career?

- 6th = College - yes. They give us lots of challenges. The counselor during our PE Wednesdays, she talks to us about college. We take surveys about our future jobs (CCGI). She talks to us about what we need to get into college and to graduate. Career - -not really.
- 7th = College – In some classes, we don't talk about it, but in Math and ELA we do. We talk about how high our math needs to be for college and we discuss our writing skills needed for college acceptance. Career – We really don't talk about careers in class, only information we get from the career center (CCGI).
- 8th = College – our core classes don't talk about it, but in AVID we do. We did a lot online and reviewed colleges and financial costs. (No discussion on posters.) Careers – some of the things we do in the Career center doesn't really focus on what we can do more. Need more help knowing which colleges would be best for that particular field.
- No career events. Sometimes we have had to wear a college shirt to school but no discussion.
- We would like to have guest speakers to= talk about where they went to college. Liked going to college night at ERHS.

School: Rivera Middle School

Date: Rivera MS

Participants: Grade 6 (5), Grade 7(2), Grade 8(7) = 14

1. What makes your school a special place?

- We have teachers who are willing to stay after school to help you understand anything you need help with.
- We have a lot of electives like academic academy, STEAM, and art.
- The teachers are understanding.
- We have fun events like dances.
- We have a good amount of technology if you need it.
- We have good students who care about their learning.
- Kids getting into trouble will get referrals. Most kids are responsible and respectful.

2. What 3 things made learning exciting for you this year?

- 6th =
- In Math, we learned so much more this year. We have new lessons all the time. We are getting lots of examples of how to solve problems which helps a lot.
- Academic Academy – It shows us careers and we get to explore what we want to be and what colleges we need to go to do that job. (CCGI)
- In Social Studies, we get to do projects after our lessons. We are currently creating scenes from ancient civilizations. We like being able to show your learning in that way and not just a test.
- 7th =
- We like working in groups, especially in math.
- We like having computer, art, and PLTW electives.
- We like having after school tutoring (Math, ELA, PLTW, ELD) available. It really helps us.
- 8th =
- In Language Arts, we do lots of creative writing.
- It's fun to be involved in ASB. We feel we have a voice and we're learning to work with others like in real life.
- In Math, we work in teams and that is really helpful. We can support one another.

3. If you could improve your school, what would you suggest?

- We need new books for Science.
- We would like to be able to use the computers more, at least two times a week.
- We would like more activities in school like field trips. It's an easier way to learn about new things, and have experiences you never had.
- We would like more round tables in our class for group work. Then we would have more room and not have to move our desks all the time.
- We could use more visuals in class like videos, slides, graphics, examples, etc. Not the teacher just talking to us.
- We could use updated books in your library – entertainment, adventure, sci-fi, horror, books from different movies we have seen.
- We would like to have soccer goals.
- ASB could use more material---paintbrushes, paint, posters, etc.

4. Do you feel your school is preparing you for college and career?

- 6th = College, yes. Academic Academy does a good job with it, but in other classes we don't either than knowing we have to learn our standards. Career, depends. Sometimes we learn about engineering and Math or Science.
- 7th = College/Career, not really. Our classes are just focused on what you need to learn for class. Sometimes one of our teachers will tell us about GPAs you need for getting into college.
- 8th = Yes, if you are in AVID. More students should be able to take AVID. Every Thursday we wear a college t-shirt, but we don't do anything else with it, and not all kids wear their shirts. The banners are just decoration. We could do activities with them so we would think about it more.

School: North Park Academy of the Arts

Date: Friday, April 15, 20116

Participants: Grade 6(5), Grade 7 (5), Grade 8(5) = 15

1. What makes your school a special place?

- We have lots of nice kids here.
- The staff treat you like family.
- Teachers are nice and helpful to kids.
- There is lots of help after school for everything you need.
- You get to have a zero period. We like that!
- We have good elective classes.
- We like all of our special events and performances.
- We like having sports tournaments against teachers at lunch.
- We have WEB students that help us if we're having problems.

2. What 3 things made learning exciting for you this year?

- 6th =
- We like being able to work in groups, and help each other.
- We like working on the computers with a partner.
- We like our clubs where we can focus on our interests, like cooking, art, etc.
- It's helpful to have extra credit assignments.
- We like being able to have classical guitar.
- 7th =
- We love field trips to experience our learning ---JPL.
- We like using our chromebooks for research.
- We love being able to do projects and have hands on learning like in PLTW.
- 8th =
- We like using the technology with cameras, ipods, chromebooks—it's hands-on stuff. We like being able to do movies instead of essays or book reports. We get more into it.
- Integrating art in our learning is fun.
- WEB -We like being able to help sixth grade and show them around and teach them stuff.

3. If you could improve your school, what would you suggest?

- All grade levels should have rotating electives so we can try new things more often.
- We want more elective choices available during each period.
- We would like to go on more field trips. Some kids only get to go on one and others can go on three depending on the electives or teacher that you have.
- We would like to use the nets more often for soccer instead of the cones.
- We need better baseball gloves with more sizes.
- We need more technology ---some classes check out the equipment everyday and then our class doesn't get to use it, or make it more fair.
- Locker rooms get hot and could use fans.
- It would be fun to bring back carnivals after school.
- We need more interesting books in library ---diary of a lonely kid, chapter series, comic books, sci-fi, more about history and science for research.
- Music - we would like electric guitars, keyboards, etc. to play rock.

4. Do you feel your school is preparing you for college and career?

- 6th = College, sort of. We have AVID that teaches you about college, but nothing is said about it in other classes. Career, no. In our electives like music and PLTW, we could be talking about careers like music composers and being engineers, but we don't. Also Career Day is only for 8th grade and we would like to be a part of it, too.
- 7th = College, yes. We get hard work, and our teachers talk to us about college. Sometimes there are presentations in the cafeteria where we can learn information about colleges. Careers, yes. Sometimes in PLTW the teacher will say things like "This is what a real engineer does..." Other classes, nothing is said.
- 8th = College, yes. One of our teachers brings special guests from colleges that teach us lessons. We did (CCGI) in the beginning of the year but nothing more. Careers, yes. We have a career day.
- We could have more assemblies about colleges or careers.

School: El Rancho HS

Date: Thursday, April 21, 2016

Participants: Grade 9, (6)10 (5), Grade 11(7), Grade 12(2) = 20

1. What makes your school a special place?

- All the clubs, and elective choices have been awesome. Parent training (PIQE) really helped parents support students more.
- Love and support to everyone. Lots of spirit. School pride is amazing, doesn't matter if you are the best team or worst.
- Sense of blue pride, family, all the clubs makes school exciting.
- Support system with teachers is helpful. We have counseling if we need it, too.
- Our school has really pushed us to college, and other students really help each other and like to mentor.
- Teachers give us a lot of support. In AVID, we have lots of guidance and support.
- It's like a small town, there's good sense of community. You can talk to someone you don't really know it.
- Counselors are really good; they share a lot of information. They reach out to us as well.
- Career counselor provides information with Q & A, and Be A Leader, EAOP. Guidance counselors for scheduling, grades.
- Programming this year was one to one.
- Appointments are a day or two later. Don't want to miss class.

2. What 3 things made learning exciting for you this year?

- In Spanish, we had conversation groups that were helpful.
- AP Euro, we re-enacted the French Revolution. I still remember everything.
- Socratic Seminar is great, very productive. People have the chance to debate and give your points of view.
- Bio, lab and experiments are great. I can understand better. Being able to touch and feel, I remember more than reading.
- Stats project, developed a driving question, did surveys, research paper and presentations. It was done in college style that we liked. We were respected.
- EMR class, skills are real and make a difference with someone's life. It's hands-on.
- We like working in groups often.
- Young Senators Program --- AP Gov. made connections of what the democratic process is about.
- Choraleers---music major goals, we learn how to read the music. We get to work on our own and with others.
- Learning how to fill out a job application. Life skills are important.

3. If you could improve your school, what would you suggest?

- More foreign language options -Mandarin request. International language.
- Improve lab equipment for Chemistry.
- Math - new textbooks.
- Observe - lecture, answer questions in book, not enough practice time before a chapter.

- Music History elective.
- More options for Freshman, new things for incoming freshman. Only choice was in language.
- AP Human Geo – summer bridge program. How to study for AP, taking notes, writing support.
- Teacher just give work either you do it or do you don't. Really hard. Didn't know it was an option.
- AP support---peer tutoring, being more available from teachers.
- More hands-on projects.
- Field trip opportunities connected to your learning.

4. Do you feel your school is preparing you for college and career?

- Teachers do help for both. We have discussions, but having our tests based on our books are helpful for college tests.
- Career-wise --- Teen Court has helped me establish what I want to do like be a DA.
- We have college nights that help us know guidelines and expectations.
- A lot of our electives and ROP help us think about career choices. We have the ability to make changes to discover different paths.
- Cornell notes are reinforced.
- There are a lot of electives.
- Music history—composition.
- Early Childhood development program ---sad because the program was over.
- Ability to make community support.
- AVID readers --- chance to read to SRDLA students. Relationships with

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- Humanities
- Foreign Language
- Government/Econ
- Early Childhood
- Chicano Studies
- Computer Science
- Mechanical
- Auto
- Drivers Ed
- Counseling 105
- Schedule = Saturdays are best.

School: Salazar HS

Date: Monday, April 25, 2016

Participants: Grade 11(3), Grade 12(9) = 12

1. What makes your school a special place?

- WE are an open minded school
- We are open to all types of students.
- Students are made to feel welcome here.
- Teachers have strong relationships with all their studnets.
- There's more involvement here, everyone works like a team.
- Students and adults try to help each other out.
- Teachers are able to give you a lot more attention.
- More freedoms---treated more like adults. (Trusted more.)
- You get motivated here to do your work, more resources, my goal is.

2. What 3 things made learning exciting for you this year?

- In science we have done a lot of projects which helps us get more involved in our learning.
- Cooking class --- fun to make things and get to eat.
- Most of our teachers its easy to work with them.
- Group time is best if we don't understand.
- Technology access is great.

3. If you could improve your school, what would you suggest?

- Teachers need more training on technology tools so we can use them better and more often.
- Only ASB get to go on field trips.
- Sports opportunities
- More hands class
- Art electives
- More ROP classes - medical field
- Automotive Technology
- Woodshop
- ROTC
- Coding, video gaming

4. Do you feel your school is preparing you for college and career?

- College and Career Day---
- FAFSA Workshop
- Bring CCGI
- We do have general conversations wit h our teachers.
- We have a few teachers that help us with Resume. (Vocational Exploration)

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- Nursing
- Technician Class
- Education courses
- Counseling 101

- Autotech
- Schedule---During the day.