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Camellia's Canned Food Drive

By: Troy Tang



Camellia Basic Elementary was collecting canned goods, and students want to know why. As a result, I decided to interview our principal, Ms. Moua, to find out more information on Camellia's Canned Food Drive. I got some answers that I think you would like to know.

1. How will you advertise the canned food drive?

Flyers went home, robocalls and emails were sent to families as well. Moving forward, if this is something Camellia wants to continue, we could give our food drive a creative name. Use themes to promote the donations, and have class competitions or set a schoolwide goal.

2. How do you think this could benefit people in need?

Hunger and poverty are real, and this is one first step to raising awareness. Food drives encourage others to help, and it brings the community together to make a difference for neighbors facing hunger. This will benefit families who need a little extra in groceries.

3. Will you consider donating canned food to help?

Yes.

4. Do you believe Covid could limit the amount of donations?

Yes, and that is why there is no competition in Camellia's canned food drive. It is optional for families that have a few extra cans to donate. It would really help those who are struggling through this pandemic.

5. Have you received any donations yet?

Yes, not as much but it's a start. This is our first time running a school canned food drive and it is also a very last-minute idea that came up at the PTSO meeting.

6. How many donations do you estimate?

No estimation or goal in mind. The main purpose is to bring our Camellia community together.

7. How will the canned food be delivered?

SIPP or the South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership Food Closet will be picking up the canned food directly from our school.

As of the beginning of December, Camellia students and families did an amazing job donating canned goods. Thank you for all the people who brought cans.

Wee Bazaar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the raffle winners:

- Victoria Bastias Silva
- Aiden Phouthpong
- Ian Lee-Serrano
- Jasmine Yang
- Sophia Jimenez
- Adalyn Tran
- Austin Saetern
- Avery Tran-Voong
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By: Cassandra Figueroa

One rainy day, I woke up and guess what day it was, Christmas! Many people have creative ways celebrating it! For example, there is Kwanzaa which is celebrated by African Americans. There is Diwali which is a Hindu festival. There is also another one, called Hanukkah! Gracie and I love to celebrate Christmas! We chose the holiday, Kwanzaa to talk about because it seemed the most intriguing! As I had said earlier, Kwanzaa is regularly celebrated by African Americans and it celebrates Unity, Creativity, Faith, and giving gifts! Did you know it was created by an activist named Maulana Karenga, and it usually lasts December 26th - January 1st. Its significance is also celebrating African heritage. There are candles colored 3 red, 1 black and 3 green, and on the last day of Kwanzaa it is quiet. The African Americans usually focus on the true meaning of Kwanzaa. That is an explanation of Kwanzaa! Gracie and I personally love to invite our friends over and we also love giving huge gifts for Christmas. Gracie's favorite gift she ever got was a green fuzzy yarn ball! My favorite gift I ever received was a blue bicycle! What was your favorite gift ever received in Christmas? What holiday/traditions do you celebrate?



Wee Bazaar-Hailey Ho

The Wee Bazaar only comes right before the winter break. It is there for students who want to get other people or themselves a gift. Mrs. Wharton said the Wee Bazaar takes more than 3 hours to set up, another 3 hours or more to clean up, and each item will be about \$1-\$10. There were staff and parents helping. Mrs. Wharton said she really likes the crafts that the classes make and how they turned out. The most popular gifts were "hot chocolate mugs" and "reindeer poop". After the Wee bazaar, all the stuff will get saved for next year. Some of the classes that signed up to help are, Mr. fandom, Ms. stone, and Ms. sparks, some of the crafts include, scarfs, hot chocolate mugs, and painted rocks. The PTSO added more gifts so that there are a variety of gifts for moms, dads, siblings, friends, and even grandparents. Happy Shopping Camellia! Hope you got everything you needed from the Wee Bazaar.

The Amazing Hmong Dancers from HUSA

By: Angelina Li and Tienna Ngo



Do you remember Hmong New Year at Camellia? If you don't, listen closely because we will tell you about Yee and Erika and their club that performed for

us. These two ladies are college students going to Sacramento State University. Their club is called HUSA (Hmong University Student Association). The Hmong dancers did not learn the dances themselves. On top of running a club, taking classes, and working, they took the time to learn a dance routine for us. Someone taught them. Yee is the president of the club, and Erika is the vice president. Both performed for us. They don't get paid for dancing because they just do it for fun. The Hmong dancers think it's fun to dance for Camellia because they can make friends here. Some might be surprised but not all the dancers were Hmong! You don't have to be Hmong to speak the language, learn the culture, and wear the clothing. Happy New Year!



Where do our school lunches come from?

By: Ava Deaver

You are probably wondering where our school lunches come from, well I don't know too. That's why I did a Q&A with the lunch manager, Ms. Patricia to find out.

Q: If there's not enough food for all the students what do you do?

A: "I always have butter sandwiches, and I'm never allowed to run out of food. Every child must be fed."

Q: If there's extra food what do you do with it?

A: "I throw it away, but if there is extra fruits like oranges, I keep the for the next day."

Q: Do you eat the school lunch?

A: "Yes, a lot of times, and fresh fruit is my favorite."

Q: Does the school lunch come frozen or fresh?

A: "Both."

Q: Who makes the school lunch?

A: "Me (Mrs. Patty), Ms. Carolyn, and Ayana. We make them daily, twice a day."

Q: How long does it take to make breakfast? Lunch?

A: Breakfast: 6:30-7:30 am Lunch: 9:30 am- 12 pm. We are always busy.

Q: Where does the district order all the food?

A: "Not exactly sure, but we try to order only local foods."

Q: Who makes the menu?

A: "Central Kitchen."

Q: What happens to those students who have food allergies? What do you provide for them?

A: "We send a form home so their doctor can sign it and tell what the student is allergic to. We just give them the things they can eat."

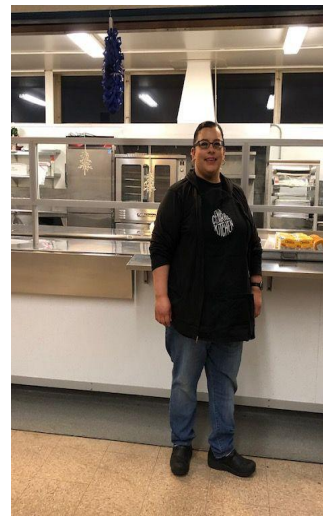
Q: Why do students need to take food from the salad bar?

A: "Because we need to be compliant with federal guidelines in order to get paid for each meal a student takes. One requirement is that they eat healthy vegetables and fruits."

Q: I saw some people taking pictures of our sharing cart, will the district ask other schools to do that too? Or will they not?

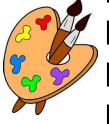
A: "Adults aren't allowed to take from the sharing cart, only students, so they were evaluating or deciding if we should have a share cart and what should happen to that food after lunch."

After talking to Mrs. Patty (our lunch manager) about where our lunches come from, I was quite shocked about some of her lunches. Though I'm curious, what's your favorite school lunch food?



Art Night

By: Priscilla Zarate Sanchez



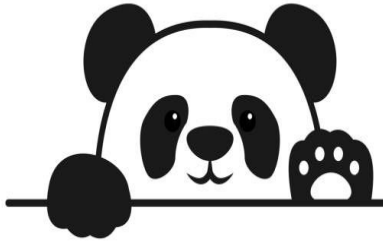
Are you old enough to remember Art Night? It's been over three years since the last time we had Art Night. If you must know, Art Night is fast approaching, so I took some time to Interview Mrs. Bowling about Art Night. Here are her responses: Art night has many purposes. The main purpose is to enjoy art. Of course, Mr. Pannu was the one that started art night like about 10 years ago and that was on 2012. Art Night is usually in January. It is at this time where students display their talent in art. Some artwork included stamping, paper cutting, stickers, painting, and more fun stuff! Students get to pick 1 of their favorite art pieces to display in the cafeteria. Art Night is for everyone, even parents and siblings who don't attend Camellia. Besides the art displayed, teachers will set up different art stations where students can create different kinds of art. It'll be an evening event that begins around 4 and ends around 6. Art Night is one event that students look forward to and get to show off their artistic creations.

Winners & Answers from December's Volume 3

Winners from the Panda Drawing Contest:

Most Realistic: Itzel Garcia Rm 20
Most Adorable: Avery Tran-Voong Rm 14

Honorable Mentions:
 Kenzo V. Rm 21
 Thomas Pham Rm 11
 Sophia Ruan Rm 12
 Kaylin Le Rm 9



Answer Key From the Pokemon Christmas Picture by Khloe Vang:

These were the Pokemon that was hiding in the coloring page in the December Issue:

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| 1. Pikachu | 2. Oddish | 3. Rowel |
| 4. Diglett | 5. Spoink | 6. Bulbasaur |
| 7. Sawbuck | 8. Alolan Exeggutor | 9. Sudowoodo |
| 10. Chikorita | 11. Rhyperior | 12. Eevee |
| 13. Mew | 14. Wyrdeer | 15. Stunfisk |
| 16. Staryu | 17. Snivy | 18. Piplup |
| 19. Zygarde | 20. Roggenrola | 21. Turtwig |
| 22. Articuno | 23. Togedemaru | |

Most Popular Christmas Presents as Per Camellia Students! Story by Eden Ding

1. Electronics (nintendo, ps5...)
2. Giftcards (roblox gift cards...)
3. Fidget toys (fidget spinner...)
4. Clothes (jackets, t-shirts)
5. Art supplies (coloring stuff...)
6. Hot wheels (toy cars...)
7. Legos (Star Wars...)
8. Pokemon cards (EX, GX...)
9. Trip to Disneyland



I hope you all got what you wanted and asked for on Christmas!



Guess Who?

Who do you think this teacher is?
Make your prediction below, cut, and return to Ms. Her. Must be submitted by 1/20/23.

Name _____

Your Room # _____

My prediction is:

*Last month's baby picture was Mrs. Student.