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What Happened to the Garden? Part 1

by: Eden Ding



The community garden is a calm, beautiful, and peaceful place. But what happened to the garden when we were all gone, learning behind screens? Who worked in the garden during the summer and covid? Many classrooms worked in the garden before the pandemic, but what about now? Today, I'll answer all those questions and more with Mrs. Butterworth (retired teacher), Ms. Myers, and Principal Moua.

What happened to the garden during Covid-19? After I questioned Mrs. Butterworth about the garden, I found out that during the covid pandemic and summer, Mrs. Butterworth used four garden plots. "No students were at school so Mrs. Butterworth used four plots to make a summer garden." I also learned that Mrs. Butterworth, Mrs. Meyers, and a few other friends worked in the garden all year. That is a big sacrifice. Spending your retiring doing work instead of relaxing is a big sacrifice. Would you do it?

Next, I interviewed Mrs. Myers. "Do you like working in the garden?" "Yes. It's a lot of work, very satisfying, relaxing, and makes me happy." "How much longer will you be tending the garden before you retire?" "I'm retiring this year. I'll probably come back and work in the garden after I retire. Plus, I need to take care of Fred and Gracie." "Would you encourage others to volunteer at the garden in the near future?" "Absolutely. I think gardening makes everyone appreciate food at the store because of how much work goes into it."

As I was asking Mrs. Myers a few questions about the garden, a new question formulated in my mind. "What animals or insects did you encounter?" "Lots of black widows, cats, mice, and tons of cockroaches. Not the bad kind that shows up at your house. The good kind that helps decompose things. I also saw bees, which are good. Pillbugs (rollie pollies) are bad and eat all the vegetables. Aphids, which got on the kale. Fat, white grubs. The kind that chickens like to eat." "Why does my plant keep dying? What do my plants need?" "Lots of nitrogen. Rich soil, manure, compost. It needs well-drained soil (not too much water) and crop rotation."

All those answers are good, but what are the plans for the garden in the future? I'll ask Principal Moua regarding the future of our garden and get back to you in our next edition.

Getting to Know Ms. Moua, Our New Principal

by: Angelina Li & Priscilla Zarate



As you already know by now, we have a new principal. So we took some time to sit down with Ms. Moua and ask her a few questions and have collected some notes to help us get to know Ms. Moua better.

Ms. Moua's first name is Autumn. She likes math and science because she likes things that she can build with. She also likes the drink that my mom gets from Starbucks. This special drink is called salted caramel cold brew. It has two pumps of mocha and extra ice in a venti cup. She also loves food like Chicken Alfredo, chocolate and ice cream. She likes is red bean ice cream from the Asian store. Then, she likes to talk to the kids from Camellia so she gets to know what they want to be when they grow up. She loves going on road trips. She has visited 14 states as of this summer.

Ms. Moua has been a teacher in Sacramento City Unified District for about 18 years. She has also worked in Natomas Unified as well. This is her first year as a principal. She hopes to help teachers and students.

Red Ribbon Week at Camellia

by: Aliyah Le

Curious about spirit week? Well let me tell you! Cassandra Wallace known as the speech teacher, made all these beautiful fun spirit week outfits possible! How she got all these outfits ideas is from national websites, and picked the best ones. You may or may not know that every year at Camellia Basic, there are different cool outfits for Spirit Week! Just a little different from each year though. This is also Mrs. Wallace's first year of being in charge of Spirit Week outfits! To the people that didn't know, (I myself sadly didn't know) Spirit Week is ALWAYS the same days in October. For Spirit Week, Mrs. Wallace created the flyer using her computer! You most likely know this, but Spirit Week is most known to fight drugs. It is also a week to get children to become aware of drugs and the dangers of smoking.

The spirit clothing this year was: Monday's clothing was to wear all black. Tuesday was a hat or crazy hair and socks. Wednesday was sports team or superhero. Thursday was PJ's. And lastly, Friday was neon clothes. If you want to hear about my true opinions about spirit week, keep reading! I liked Monday because I had LOTS of options. Tuesday was cool but I just didn't have many choices. Wednesday to me was very cool! I loved it. Thursday seemed super cool! I love PJ's! Friday was very cool. Lots of bright clothing!

Door Decorating Contest

by: Khloe Vang

You all must be wondering, "What's the point of Red Ribbon Week?" "Why is it so important?" and "Why do we even have it here at school?" You see, Red Ribbon Week is about giving kids the opportunity to learn how tobacco and other drugs can affect the body. Kids need to be aware of the dangers of tobacco and other drugs. Red Ribbon Week is to have fun and have friendly competition with other classes. The purpose of Red Ribbon Week is to create a community and connection to Camellia. Tobacco has always been the District's theme.

You must be thinking "Ok we get it about Red Ribbon Week now. Why decorate the doors? What does the winner even get now?" and "How are the doors judged? and Who judges the doors?" You see the district personnel comes out and judges the doors this year. On Halloween, five ladies from the district came to look at our doors. On November 1, we all went around to look at all the doors too. If I were you, I would get my game up to become the class with the best door for next year. Who will win this year? Stay tuned to find out.



Carnival Fun

by Kassandra Figueroa

At the Carnival, I observed that there was a bunch of people! These people were former students and some current students. All the students brought their siblings and parents as well. There was also some generous parents who volunteered to help at the Carnival. This year, there were some new games that we've never seen before. They were "Guess the Pokemon!" and "Mario Cart" There were plenty of yummy packaged treats and popcorn, and you can't forget nachos, cotton candy, and our delicious snow cones! There was also a new feature which was BOBA! Pretty much everyone's favorite drink during the carnival. In my opinion, the best feature of the carnival was the Silly String area. I was severely attacked by some 6th graders. They sprayed me everywhere and then proceeded to pick up scraps and dump them on me. As expected, I didn't play much games but I realized that if you win in some games you receive Camellia Cash. With the Camellia Cash, you get to spend it at the prize area. And, there was even a cakewalk and basically you have to walk around a trail and if you land on a number you earn a cake! I really enjoyed the carnival and hope to go again next year.



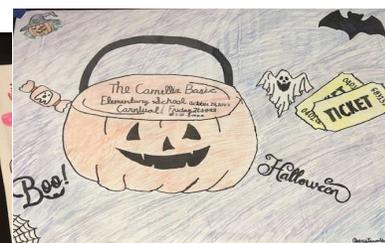
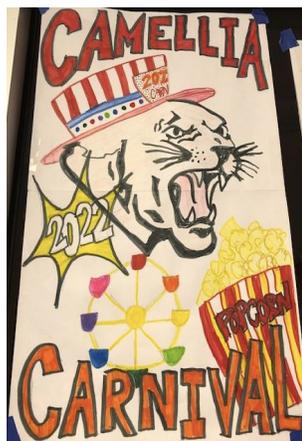
Poster Contest

by Ava Deaver

Even though the poster contest is over I would still like to talk about it as you might need this information next year. Some of the main things that the judges were looking for in the posters were fall themed type of things, Halloween vibes or decorations, and things you might see at the carnival. Like you could have added food or drinks cart, silly string castle, knock over the bowling pins, balloons, go fishing and get a prize, prize room, or buy tickets. Winners received 10 tickets to play games or buy food. All the students who entered got the best prize of all. That is having their poster displayed in the lobby for all to appreciate. Great job Camellia Cougars!

Poster Winners

Kinder: Delilah	First: Evangeline Elai	Third: Iridessa Payton
Fourth: Sophia Ayda	Fifth: Kassandra Gia	Sixth: Eden



More from Spirit Week



Intermediate Exchange

by: Hailey Ho

Pretty sure all intermediate knows about the exchange by now. The exchange is where the teachers would exchange students for one hour before school ends and teach different subjects like art, science, social studies, writing, and more. Although the exchange can be weird, most people like it.

After interviewing some of the teachers, Ms. Stone, Mr. Morehouse and Ms. Pham, I found that most teachers like the exchange. While I was interviewing them, I asked what they would change about the exchange. They suggested possibly changing the times or subject areas. However, the teachers also said that they think it helps the students learn more subjects and learn different teaching styles.

After I interviewed most of the students, I found that basically everyone likes the exchange. Obviously, there are some students that don't like it, but I'm not including that today. Most students do think it's good and helpful. It helps them learn new things. About 80% of the school likes the exchange, and I don't blame them. I personally think it's fun.

Our First Issue

by Journalism Club

Today we release our first issue of our school newspaper. Thanks to the Journalism Club for working hard to bring you stories from Camellia. These wonderful reporters that make this possible are Eden Ding, Khloe Vang, Priscilla Zarate, Ally Lulo, Ava Deaver, Hailey Ho, Tienna Ngo, Angelina Li, Cassandra Figueroa, and Aliyah Le. Every month, we will pass each student a copy of the school newspaper. If you have ideas of stories you would like for us to cover, please share your ideas with your teacher and they will pass the story ideas along to us. Thank you for taking the time to read our stories.

Guess Who?

Who do you think this teacher is?



Make your prediction below, cut, and return to Ms. Her. If your prediction is correct, you'll receive 3 Good Worker Tickets.

Your Name _____

Your Room # _____

My prediction is:
