



Explorers Update

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DISCOVERY'S MAKERSPACE PROGRAM

Upcoming Events

- 11/11 Veterans Day (no school)
- 11/13 Gelu Truck
- 11/22 Pep Rally/Spirit Wear Sales/ Rush Coffee
- 11/25-11/29 Thanksgiving Break (no school)
- 11/28 Turkey Trot

The Rush Coffee Truck will be at all our pep rallies!



Friday
November 22nd
7:45 AM
in the Solar Lot

Every week your child attends Makerspace, led this year by Ms DePeña. She's busy and excited getting all the robots, iPads and 3D print machines up and running to be used in the spring semester! This first half of the year has been focused on aligning hands-on-learning/high engagement with the Benchmark curriculum. Lately, our younger students have been working on Piet Mondrian (abstract artist known for his squares and rectangles) and primary colors. Second graders have been creating catapults. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders have been working on their cardboard arcade games for Caine's Arcade on December 5th. Our students also focus on developing empathy, seeing the needs and feelings of the students around us, and showing them that we care!

Ms DePeña's hope is to create an environment where students can practice using the valuable knowledge they are gaining in their classrooms and use their senses more deeply. Build, Create, Innovate! Makerspace creates an environment where all students can exercise critical thinking, and be equipped for the technology advances of the future. This year PTO will use \$88,500 of our budget to fund this program through salary and supplies. Your generous donations to the PTO help us keep this program up and running leading to the long-term success of our students. Please visit Ms DePeña's [WISH LIST](#) if you want to further support Makerspace this year.

CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY



- The annual **TURKEY TROT** is back this year on Thursday, November 28th. This time it will begin and end at the Discovery Elementary School parking lot. Registration starts at 8:30am with a start time of 9:00am. It is an event open to everyone! It's a run/walk 5K that is a little shorter in length. There is a **\$5/kid \$10/adult suggested donation** that will go to assist Discovery families in need this holiday season. Sign up for the Trot at www.discoverypto.com/turkeytrot
- Want to **support** Discovery Families this holiday season but without the trot? Please visit our Venmo @Discovery-PTO and leave **HOLIDAY FUND** in the notes.
- We know the Holiday season can be tough, [here](#) are some resources for help.

MONSTER BASH WAS A SMASH!!!

Our Monster Bash on Saturday, October 26th, was a fantastic success! Families enjoyed the haunted house filled with eerie surprises, plus inflatable obstacle courses, a rock climbing wall, Halloween-themed games, and delicious treats from the bake sale and food trucks. Thank you to all who joined us and to our amazing volunteers for making this event so special. We're already looking forward to next year's Monster Bash! Please share your feedback on the Monster Bash event [here](#).



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