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News Release

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Encinita Elementary School in Rosemead School District Achieves the Franklin Covey[®], 7-Habit[©] Leader In Me[®] (LIM) Lighthouse Status Milestone

Rosemead, CA, August 28, 2015: Encinita Elementary School became an official Franklin Covey[®] 7-Habits Leader In Me[®] (LIM) Lighthouse School and celebrated their milestone achievement on June 8, 2015. Representatives from Franklin Covey[®], Panda Restaurant Group, City of Rosemead, and the Rosemead School District came out to recognize the school for their hard work and achievement. Out of the 2158 Leader In Me[®] Schools worldwide, Encinita now joins the small consortium of 151 schools that have reached the Lighthouse status. The vision of the Rosemead School District is to become the first Lighthouse District. The District has two Lighthouse Schools now, Mildred B. Janson Elementary School and Encinita Elementary School.



Pictured L to R:

Miss Armida Carreon, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Lee Wang, Sr. Director; Dr. Salvador Ardon, Psychologist; Mrs. Evelia Prieto, Secretary; Mr. John Quintanilla, Board Member; Dr. Jennifer Fang, Principal; Ms. Tina Wu, Panda; Ms. Rubina Sohd, Panda; Mrs. Nina Osorio, Panda; Mr. Rob Collins, Franklin Covey; Mrs. Carol Mahoney, ASES Coordinator; Ms. Conni Chavez, Franklin Covey; Dr. Amy Enomoto-Perez, Superintendent; and Mr. John Lovato, Assistant Superintendent.



Pictured L to R:

Mr. Rob Collins, Franklin Covey; Dr. Amy Enomoto-Perez, Superintendent; Ms. Tina Wu, Panda; Dr. Jennifer Fang, Principal; Ms. Rubina Sohd, Panda; and Mrs. Nina Osorio, Panda Restaurant Group, Inc.



Encinita Student Lighthouse Team

Pictured (Left side back row L to R): Mrs. Danelle Kisich, Teacher; Mrs. Julie Diep, Teacher; Miss Sinahi Bojorquez, Student; Miss Viviana Flores, Student; and Miss Angela Ling, Student.
(Front row L to R): Students: Miss Winnie Chen, Miss Ixtaly Salas, Miss Cindy Tan, Mr. Abraham Monroy, and Mr. Jonathan Beltran.
(Right side back row L to R): Miss Valerie Garcia, Student; Mr. Kenneth Ho, Student; Miss Rosanne Huang, Student; and Dr. Jennifer Fang, Principal.

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Encinita's Leader In Me[®] journey began six years ago when the Rosemead School District through a partnership with the Panda Restaurant Group visited A.B. Combs Leadership Magnet Elementary School in Raleigh, North Carolina, who was the first Leader In Me[®] School.

For the past five years, Principal Dr. Jennifer Fang and the entire Encinita Team worked together to create an authentic leadership culture that has transformed the entire school and community. Every single child is a leader on campus with special roles/jobs in every classroom and school-wide.

Becoming a Lighthouse School was no easy feat. The rigorous new process involves 144 criteria that must be met. The areas involved included: lighthouse team, leadership environment, integrated instruction and curriculum, staff collaboration, student leadership environment, parent involvement, goal tracking, measurable results, and leadership events.

Franklin Covey[®] coach, Mrs. Kathy Leaser, provided guidance to the school. The formal Lighthouse Review included a full day examination of the school's LIM implementation. Encinita successfully met the criteria and was awarded the Lighthouse School recognition. Mrs. Leaser said, "We feel Encinita is truly a "beacon" in the community. Student empowerment is among the best I've seen at any school. Encinita students are respectful, kind, confident, and enthusiastic leaders. The entire staff consistently models the LIM paradigms."

During the celebration assembly, Franklin Covey[®] Director Rob Collins shared, "Encinita was a highlight for the LIM Symposiums. Out of the evaluations, you did such an amazing job that you were rated in the Top 3 among all the Symposiums. We had 18 events across the country and you were in the top 3 rated schools that were visited."

Rosemead School Board Member, Mr. John Quintanilla congratulated the students and said, "When you grow up, you will do great things."

Rosemead City Manager, Jeff Allred said, "Rosemead is very proud of all of you. You are great kids and you have great skills. Our City Council Members also practice the 7-Habits[®]. We know you will have great success in your futures."

Dr. Amy Enomoto-Perez, Superintendent of the Rosemead School District said, "On behalf of the School Board and the District, we want to congratulate Encinita School. All of you have done a great job. We know leadership doesn't just end here."

Ms. Nina Osorio from Panda Restaurant Group, Inc. shared, "We are very proud of all of you. We want to acknowledge all of your teachers. Thank you for all of your hard work. And more importantly, thank you boys and girls for actually living out the 7-Habits[®]. We started six years ago with the end in mind that Encinita would become a Lighthouse School and thanks to you, it happened! So congratulations and on behalf of Panda, Andrew and Peggy Chemg, the owners of Panda Express and all of our associates and our stores throughout the country, we are very proud of you and we acknowledge you. You are going to grow up and do great things."

For more information about the 7-Habits[®], Leader In Me[®], or Lighthouse School programs, please visit the Franklin Covey[®] website at www.franklincovey.com.

For more information regarding the Rosemead School District programs please contact Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services Mr. John Lovato at (626) 312-2900 x213 or email jlovato@rosemead.k12.ca.us. The Rosemead School District offers programs as follows and are not limited to: English Language Development (ELD); Instrumental Music program (4th-8th grades); Student in Need program; State Preschool; Transitional Kindergarten; Full Day Kindergarten; Before and Afterschool programs: K.S.A.R.T. (Kinder After School Recreational and Tutorial), A.S.A.R.T. (After School Recreational and Tutorial), A.S.E.S. (After School Education and Safety) program; Migrant Education Program; Gifted and Talented Program

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(GATE); Science Olympiad; Franklin Covey's® Leader in Me® Program and 7-Habits®; Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS); gramMARCH Challenge; and Special Education programs.

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