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## News Release

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### Rosemead School District Shares the Recognition to Emma W. Shuey Elementary School Students and Staff by The Panda Restaurant Group, Inc. for its Achievements as a Lighthouse School, Through The Leader In Me Program by Franklin Covey

**Rosemead, California:** The Panda Restaurant Group, parent company of Panda Express hosted its 10<sup>th</sup> annual party for local elementary school students on Friday, November 3, 2017, in recognition of their accomplishments as a “Lighthouse School” in Franklin Covey *The Leader in Me*® program.



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This year, Panda chose to acknowledge Emma W. Shuey Elementary School for achieving the “Lighthouse” status within *The Leader in Me*® program. “Lighthouse recognition is awarded by Franklin Covey and a prestigious designation to honor a school for its well-rounded leadership model on staff, students, parents, and the greater community. We are very proud of our principal, students and staff at Shuey School,” said Superintendent Dr. Enomoto-Perez. Shuey School is one of only 347 schools worldwide to achieve this status where schools engage in a rigorous multi-year process to demonstrate their commitment to developing qualities within each student and staff.

All four of our elementary schools have now achieved National Lighthouse status thru the *Leader in Me*® program. Our schools are learning skills that will help them in college, the workforce and life. The generosity of Panda Cares and co-founders Andrew and Peggy Cherng truly exemplifies Panda Restaurant Group’s mission to inspire better lives making this a wonderful and better place for all.

The celebration began at 9:00 a.m. at The Panda Restaurant Group headquarters in Rosemead, California, where over 493 students were treated to a fun-filled day and playing carnival-themed games created by the Support Center associates and a delicious Panda Express lunch.

Through the Panda Cares Foundation, Panda Restaurant Group’s philanthropic arm, the foundation supports the health and educational needs of underserved children through programs such as *Leader in Me*®. *The Leader in Me*® program is a school program that integrates timeless leadership principles with practical character and life skills relevant to today’s challenges. By building self-confidence, interpersonal skills, elevating student achievement and reducing school-wide discipline problems, this program helps children become leaders in their field of interest.

Through *The Leader in Me*® program, students begin to see themselves in a completely different way believing they can make an impact not only on their achievements and progress at school, but also with other people and the community. They take responsibilities for their actions, are active participants in their learning, set goals, reflect on their progress towards these goals, and initiate and implement community action. As one sixth grade student said, “I used to think that only the smart kids could be leaders, but now I know everyone can be a leader,” shared Principal Brydle.

The support that we have received from Panda Cares over the years is invaluable. Children have one childhood, and it is incumbent on all of us to provide students with experiences and memories that will positively impact them. The Panda Cares Fall Festival will be a memory that the children will cherish for a lifetime, and we are very grateful to Panda Cares for their hard work and dedication to the children of Shuey School.

The Rosemead School District Board and Administration is proud to have Shuey students selected and honored during Panda’s annual party. On behalf of Emma W. Shuey Elementary School students and staff, the Rosemead School District thanks Panda Restaurant Group and Panda Cares for the honor.

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**About the Rosemead School District**

The Rosemead School District (RSD) was established in 1859 and is a Local Education Agency (LEA) led by Superintendent Dr. Amy Enomoto-Perez. The District's education program includes students in preschool, transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. The Rosemead School District offers programs as follows and are not limited to: English Language Development (ELD); Instrumental Music program (4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 (GATE); Science Olympiad; Franklin Covey's Leader in Me® Program and 7-Habits©; Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS); Migrant Education; and Special Education programs. For more information about the Rosemead School District, please visit [www.rosemead.k12.ca.us](http://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us). For more information about the programs, please contact the Educational Services Department at (626) 312-2900. Follow Superintendent Enomoto-Perez on Twitter @rosemeadsupt.

**About The Panda Restaurant Group and Panda Cares Foundation**

For more information regarding The Panda Restaurant Group please visit [www.pandaexpress.com](http://www.pandaexpress.com) or become a fan on Facebook. The Panda Restaurant Group, Inc. is the world leader in Asian dining experiences with more than 2,000 locations in 48 states as well as Canada, Guam, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Guatemala, Dubai, Mexico and Korea. Founded in 1973, the privately held chain of fast casual, full service and quick service restaurant concepts includes Panda Express, Panda Inn and Hibachi-San.

For more information regarding Panda Cares Foundation please visit [www.pandacares.org](http://www.pandacares.org). Panda Cares Foundation's mission is to bring hope to children in need. Our purpose is to support non-profit organizations serving the health and education needs of underserved children.

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