

**See what's new in ASPIRA...
ASPIRA NEWSLETTER**

CREATIVE SELF EXPRESSION

Students have been learning about the geometric shape known as an ellipse. It's not quite a football shape and not quite an oval. We used this shape to describe the tops of cakes and cupcakes drawn on black paper. Students created tall cakes of stacked layers and chose a theme- the final result is that they look amazing!

Our study of the ellipse continues into December. Look for some beautiful cake designs from your children and for one point perspective drawings starting in January. Happy New Year!



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

This month ASPIRA is teaming up with LMM, NJPAC, and Disney to bring the joy of musical theater to our fourth and fifth graders. We have been working hard as a group to read the text, using close reading strategies in order to understand our characters and the cultural norms of Agrabah as we delve into Aladdin's world.

This month the 6-8 students have been working on poetry that defines LMM's Pillars of Character. Students have had to define the character traits and find words that that will add to their understanding of Fairness and Responsibility while creating acrostic poems.

SCIENCE



It's that time again ASPIRA. It's almost Christmas/Winter break. The weather may be getting colder outside, but ASPIRA Science is just heating up. We have officially kicked off our CHISPA hands on science activities. We've already built our own air planes, designed our own sailboats, and genetically dreamed up our own species of birds. My Science "aspirantes" have been doing an amazing job, with a high level of enthusiasm. ASPIRA science continues to be the BEST part of my school day. I cannot wait to "Jump into January" and kick off the New Year with ASPIRA.

Until next time,
Mr. Fernandez 😊

STEM

Cohorts are exploring what it takes to break into the world of Crime Scene Investigation. Students take a deeper look into forensic science and a potential career in real life crime fighting!



LIFETIME INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

We are all champions here – especially when it comes to discovering how to be a team player! Students are building basketball skills and taking time to also discuss what team work should look like.

POWER GROUP

Students are setting goals for the New Year! Some of us want to do better in school, some of us want to see new places, and develop new skills. All of these goals will surely be supported and encouraged in ASPIRA!

THURSDAY CLUBS AND FUN FRIDAYS



Aspirantes are cooking, learning about nutrition, putting together birthday bashes, and so much more!

A Message from the Program Coordinator:

A big thank you to everyone who participated in our family style celebrations this year! We really do appreciate your time and continuous support for ASPIRA. I feel truly fortunate to work with such amazing students and a fantastic team. We look forward to making 2017 even more unforgettable!

Best,
Ms. Valladolid



2016 rewind!

