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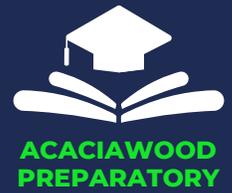
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# EAGLE FLYER

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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This next month is a busy time for clubs, sports, students and parents alike. Here are some of the most notable events to look forward to.

## **Nov 5** **Dining for Dollars**

Thank you supporting the school and enjoying a delicious meal at Chipotle. We raised over \$190 for the school!

## **Nov 11** **Music Performance**

The elementary music program will have their fall performance in the MPR at 7 pm.

## **Nov 18** **Thanksgiving Luncheon**

Students and staff will dine at the annual, all-school Thanksgiving lunch for some delicious food and festive fun.

## **Nov 21** **Game @ Crypto.com**

Boys basketball will play Samueli Academy at the Crypto.com Arena in LA. Tickets are \$35 and include admission to the Clippers vs Spurs game at 7pm.

# FAMILY FUN NIGHT

By: Carissa Kuan and Sarah Bolton



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In the final week of September, AcaciaWood gathered for arguably the most highly anticipated event of the year, Family Fun Night. This year's theme was travel. Classes presented games, kids won prizes, faces were painted, and cookies were contested. The night was complete with auction baskets, bounce houses and a delectable taco dinner. Check out some awesome pictures shot by the yearbook crew.



# KAI PARSONS

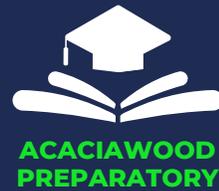
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Fifth grader, Kai Parsons, began his wrestling career one year ago at age 9 with the Hawkeye Youth Wrestling Club. He was encouraged to join by his hero, his dad, who thought wrestling was a sport to which Kai could excel. A thought to which Kai proved correct, as he now garners five bronze, four silver, and numerous gold medals.



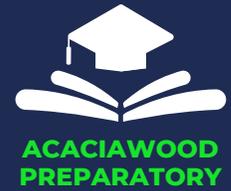
The foundation of Kai's athletic ability derives from his background in Jiu-Jitsu, which he started at age 4. His current training schedule includes waking up for 6 a.m. strength training, Monday to Friday afternoon practices in Laguna Hills, and weekend training, all while maintaining his grades as Mrs. Escobar's pupil.

Two weeks ago, he traveled to nationals and placed 4th, being named an All-American wrestler. In a regional tournament this past weekend, Kai won gold. He has big goals for the future and wants to be a state and national champion. His favorite part about wrestling is... well, all of it! He loves going to tournaments, competing and feeling the thrill of it all. Kai, Acaciawod is so proud of you! We cannot wait to see you grow as an athlete. See you in the 2036 Olympics!



# A HISTORIC SEASON

By: Sarah Bolton and Carissa Kuan



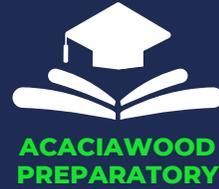
The Lady Eagles' made school history with their 2022-2023 season. Here are the stats. Their final record was 21-10-1 in season and 12-0 in league, earning them the title of league champions for the second year in a row. This is the first year the girls volleyball team has won 20 games in a single season. This year's starters were Carissa Kuan, Sarah Bolton, Rebekah Rosario, Alethea Fong, Silvia Aramburo and Lianna Alvarez Sager, who led the team to victory with support from the enthusiastic bench.



On October 10th, league season concluded with a 3 set sweep against Bethel Baptist. Due to the Eagles stellar record, they advanced to CIF round 1, where the season officially closed on October 20th with a tough loss against Desert Mirage. The Lady Eagles are now shifting focus to the off-season, with hopes of coming back next year to defend their titles.

# FINISH LINE

By: Sarah Bolton and Carissa Kuan



Cross country is one tough sport, and requires stamina and endurance like no other. Our boys cross country team wrapped up their season this past month with two last meets.

At the Crystal Cove Invitational, AWP placed 6th out of 10 schools. Daniel (D Swizzle) Sims set a school record, now coming in at 19 minutes and 51 seconds. Samuel (Queue) Quinones placed 2nd, at 21 minutes and 47 seconds. Cyrus (Sigh) Lee cut his time to 21 minutes and 52 seconds. Paul Lee deserves an honorable mention for cutting his time by 4 minutes and 46 seconds. Sherlock Li, Daniel Nicasio, Emmanuel Quinones, and Issak Villanueva made great strides as well.



In their final meet, 3/4 of the team set new PR's, the top 3 runners being Daniel Sims, Daniel Nicasio, and Cyrus Lee. Congratulations to "D Swizzle" for making 2nd team all-league and to the rest of the team on a great season!

# TEACHER TESTIMONIES: MRS. JOSEPH

By: Phoebe He and Daniel Sims

**Q: How did you find out about AcaciaWood and what inspired you to teach here?**

A: I think I found out about AcaciaWood I-o-n-g ago as I heard saints talking about the school when I would take hospitality in Anaheim during the winter trainings. I had a small aspiration to bring or send my own children here, but didn't think it was possible at the time.

**Q: What was one of your favorite memories as a teacher in AcaciaWood?**

A: I have had many memorable experiences here at AcaciaWood, and I think I really enjoy the fact that I work with many saints and there is always the opportunity to have fellowship and enjoy our Lord with one another.

**Q: Did you always want to be a teacher, if not, what changed?**

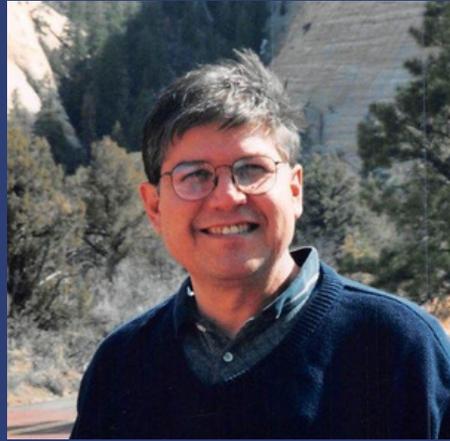
A: I did not always have hopes to teach. I began with a job at a telephone company as a service representative. However, both my mother and father were teachers; so after I began having children of my own, my focus and inclinations changed, and I became interested in teaching elementary students.

**Q: What is one thing you would tell your 15-year-old self?**

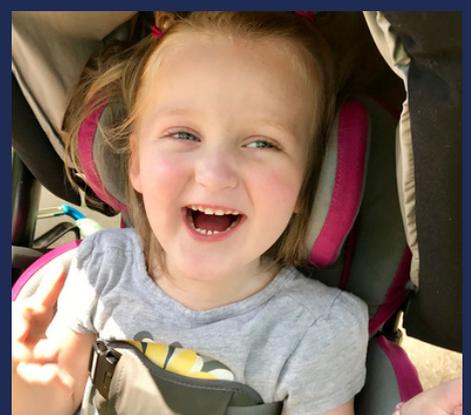
A: I would definitely give my fifteen year old self the advice to ask my grandmother more about her life and spend time listening to her much more carefully and more often. She was a true Christian who read her Bible regularly. She was born in 1900, so the one thing I wish I could have also discussed with her is how she and her family were impacted by the pandemic of her times and how people were changed by it.



This past month has been one of great loss in our beloved community. On October 10th, beloved teacher, mentor and board member, Mr. Pester, passed away. His contributions to our institution stretch far and wide. Known for his mastery of English and witty personality, he supplied and shepherded students academically and spiritually for over 20 years. Mr. Pester was an avid supporter of AWP athletics, as well as a role model and pillar in our community. We will miss him dearly.



Dearest Lily Boswell passed away this October at age 8. She was born with a rare neurological disorder, Alexander Disease. Lily was sweet and strong, bringing light and laughter to everyone around her. On November 3rd, her memorial was held in Rose Hills, where attendees received lily bulbs and were encouraged to plant them in honor of Lily.



Acaciawood stands with the Pester and Boswell families. We send our deepest love, appreciation, condolences and prayers.

Thank you for reading the third edition of the Eagle Flyer! We hope to keep you updated with school events and help you get to know members of our community.

If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions please contact James Kuan at [mrkuan@acaciawood.org](mailto:mrkuan@acaciawood.org). Go Eagles!

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