

April eNewsletter

"In the world, you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."
~ John 16:33

Upcoming Dates

April 12: Process March reports (K-8)

April: 2022-23 School Application opens

May: Spring semester payments (9-12)

May 9: Process April reports (K-8)

June 8: Process May reports (K-8)

Coordinator Spotlight



Blessings Partnering For Eternity Friends! My name is Denise Avitia, and I am the coordinator for San Diego Academy's K-8 and 9-12 PFE programs. I am married to my husband Manuel and have a 16-year-old daughter, Sea, and a 14-year-old son, Story. Our family loves spending time at the beach and traveling. This photo is from our road trip last summer. We also enjoy leading a Thursday night book club (currently reading "Christ our Righteousness" by Bill Lehman), and

Friday night "For Such a Time as This" prophetic end times Bible study group. I grew up in Loma Linda, CA and met my husband at Pacific Union College. I recently celebrated my 50th birthday at PUC while touring the campus with my 11th grade daughter, Sea, who is looking into colleges. Somewhere in between those years, I got my masters degree in Psychology, taught psychology at community colleges for 10 years and then stayed home with my children while they were in elementary school. I never stopped learning (and unlearning) and enjoyed coordinating an art program, being room mom, and participating in a cooperative preschool during this time. I've been teaching the Publications class at San Diego Academy for the past four years. Our class creates the yearbook, weekly newsletter and promotional materials for the school. Last year we had

an entire yearbook page dedicated to the PFE program.

Our most recent exciting family news is we took over the Christian Book and Nutrition Center located on Paradise Valley SDA Church's campus. Send us an email if you'd like to be included in the newsletter, order something, or just learn more:

christianbookandnutrition@gmail.com



We believe we were providentially led to be involved in this ministry; my greatest joy is growing closer to God and sharing His love with others, and this store offers

many opportunities to make those connections and share this joy with others.



That experience is also my favorite part about the PFE program: the thrill of experiencing God's love and sharing this with others through service. I have been coordinating this program for the past four years and am continually blessed as I read stories of mentors brought to Jesus, children praying for their mentors, mentors sharing how God is impacting their lives, and touching the hearts of the students. There are many, many, stories that don't directly include God, but the mentor and children pairs are living His life work of ministry through helping each other. I am many times brought to tears reading the way these pairs touch one another. Often the students are so descriptive in the impact their mentor has on them, I feel like I am intimately a part of their journey, experiencing their connection with them.

A recent memorable reflection comment from a high school senior who has been with his mentor for four years, when asked what he has learned from her, said "that we are all the same, no matter what color, sex or choice of partners, we are all God's children and are a family". This particular student has been working on a "book of reflections" where he and his mentor are compiling his reflections along with projects they have worked on together and photo memories into a scrapbook. I really value not only reading reflections, but taking a few extra moments to reflect myself on what these mean to the student and/or the mentor and sharing these comments with them. The comments often circle back to God, His grace, generosity and how He is working in our lives continually. It is rewarding to see the students then orient their reflections back to how God is working in their lives and they share their experiences with Him in prayer with their mentors, or just talking about His working in their lives. God is working on so many levels in so many ways, even in people who do not believe in Him and the PFE program has been such a blessed way to connect others to Him through the beauty of service and a growing relationship. I am reminded of Christ's words in Matthew 25, when those at the end of time will ask when they fed, clothed, took Him in, or visited Him, and Jesus says in verse 40 "...Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

Thank you Ashley and Jackie and each of you in the PFE program who have touched my life personally beyond the blessings from the students and mentors. It is clear that each of you care deeply about service and also about individual's lives. Often your emails and phone calls have come right when I most needed to be lifted up, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the love you have shown to so many, but particularly to speak to how you have touched me personally. The PFE program is a deep blessing to so many and I encourage anyone able to be a mentor, enroll your child or coordinate, to allow God to use you in this honorable and richly rewarding capacity.

School Event Idea

Bass Christian Elementary School celebrated International Women's Day. In an effort to educate our students about this special event we hosted a Tea Party for our girls and a gentlemen's club for our boys. Our girls presented phenomenal and influential women from all different backgrounds and learned how to properly engage in a Tea Party. The girls also painted a picture entitled Walk by Faith. Hopefully, our girls will remember to always order their steps with faith in God and his word. While our girls sipped on tea our boys learned how to be gentlemen. We invited a special guest Nicholas Golden who is the leader of a group called Authentic Manhood. He educated our boys on the characteristics of a gentleman and taught them how to tie a tie. In addition to learning how to tie a tie, our boys escorted our girls to their tea party and served them their lunch.



We are so grateful for our partnership with PFE. The day before we did our Tea Party we received tea from PFE. With this gift we were able to offer more Tea options for our Tea Party. The students were able to try the wonderful African Autumn caffeine-free herbal tea sent from PFE and they enjoyed it. Thank you so much PFE for partnering with us not only to provide financial assistance and mentorship but for providing the sweet taste of tea.



PFE Giveaway!!

Reply to this eNewsletter and tell us about an event that your school holds that you think other schools would enjoy. The first 5 people to respond will receive an Amazon gift card.

What is your favorite season?

Spring

Summer

Fall

Winter

Reminders

- Virtual visits do not count towards PFE time (includes letters, text, Zoom, etc.)
- K-8 parent/guardian must be present for entire visit
- Send us your stories and pictures! You could get featured in the eNewsletter.



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