
New grant to focus on equity and improvement

Excellence in Education Awards hosts 25th annual event honoring 30 Tulare County educators and school employees

Tuesday morning, 30 exceptional Tulare County educators and school employees were honored at the 25th annual Excellence in Education Awards –

Thirty-one students participated from Monache, Porterville, and Granite Hills High Schools.
Under the leadership of UCn

Kings River students bring history to life at Fresno's Civil War Reenactment

Eighteen years ago, students at Kings River Union School began to replicate Early American history on campus. After researching a historical figure, students became that person for a day, experience what it may have been like to live in their time period.

Seeing the students enact their characters, Sharon Hiigal of the Fresno Historical Society asked if Kings River Union students would consider helping with the annual Civil War Reenactment her organization held annually at Kearney Park in Fresno. She ~~enrmed~~ ^{enrmed} a readers' theater based on the writing of children who lived during the Civil War, specifically in Gettysburg. The students performed so well that Kings River students have been asked back for 18 years.



Kings River Union Superintendent Sherry ~~Maria~~ ^{Maria} said, "Our students have covered topics such as Gettysburg, the siege of Vicksburg, the burning of Atlanta, the Civil War's Naval Battles, and Civil War Medicine. This year our script involved what happened to children when war came to their own front doors. Our students always begin and end each performance by saying, 'Some of these events were sweet and tender, and some were like living a nightmare, but all the events are told through the experiences of children, and told in their own words.'"

Kings River Union sixthgrade teacher Patrick Delgado and retired educator Janet Kelly worked together with students and parents to create an experience for audiences visiting the Fresno Civil War Reenactment that makes history come alive. On October 18 and 19, Kings River students performed 24 times, bringing a voice to children who lived 150 years ago. Mr. Delgado reports that Kings River's performances are among the most requested at the annual event because they tell the stories of children often unheard ~~into~~ ^{into}.

Photo above:

~ Students from Kings River Union School are pictured performing at this year's annual Civil War Reenactment in Fresno. For the past 18 years, Kings River Union students have performed original productions based on the experiences of children who lived through the Civil War.

Holocaust survivor Gabriella Karin visits La Sierra Military Academy

On October 18, La Sierra Military Academy welcomed Holocaust survivor Gabriella Karin, who shared her painful story of survival with the cadets and staff. Ms. Karin, a Jew, spent three years of her childhood in a Catholic convent in Bratislava, Slovakia, before moving with family members to a one-bedroom apartment owned by a man who risked his life to house them.

Ms. Karin's presentation was made possible through a partnership the school has with The California Holocaust Education & Resource Center of Visalia (CHERC). For three years, La Sierra students along with many other community members have collected and counted buttons to represent each of the six million Jews who lost their lives during the Holocaust. CHERC has five of the six million buttons it needs for a Holocaust memorial planned for Visalia. To donate buttons through the La Sierra Military Academy, call (559) 33-6963.



Photo above:

~ Holocaust survivor Gabriella Karin spoke to cadets at La Sierra Military Academy about her experiences hiding from German forces that occupied Slovakia during WWII.

Coming Up!

- x October 30
Tulare County Red Ribbon Celebration
4:00- 6:00pm, Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia, Visalia
For more information, contact the CHOICES Program (559) 155.
- x November 1
Planetarium Public Show
6:00pm: The Secrets of Gravity
7:00pm: CAPCOM GO The Apollo Story
Peña Planetarium, 11535 Avenue 264, Visalia

x November 2
Expanding Your Horizons
8:00am-