



EOC News

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Being in the Writers Club

by: Martin Garcia

The Writers Club is one of the oldest and the most successful club in our school. This is mainly because of three reasons- we have the most number of members, we are more productive as a group and the most innovative ones. We enjoy working together as a team and are always looking for opportunities to make our contributions towards the club.

Our president is Victor, Barragan, I am the vice president, and we have two treasurers- Mario and Laila. We also have two fundraising coordinators- Omar and Jose. So far we have been able to conduct some rewarding fundraisers, like the Carne Asade Plates we did for Thanksgiving, the Christmas Lunch plates, the Hot Cheetos and Cheese and the Chile Cheese Fries sale. We have saved a good amount of money, which we plan to spend wisely.



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Victor and I - the president and vice president, preside over the weekly meetings. We check the attendance, discuss the past and future sales, assign duties to members and collect information regarding the donations for each sale. Our treasurers keep track of the money transactions and keep us updated on the sale every day. Omar Rodriguez and Jose Urbina our fundraising coordinator, both plan on what to sell for our next fundraiser. After they come up with ideas, they work with Victor and I to decide on what can be sold in our future fundraisers. We put forward the ideas to our team and take a vote on the options. Then we decide the price and the days of the sale.

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Do you Know?

1. Remove the outside, cook the inside, eat the outside, throw away the inside. What am I?
2. It has no top or bottom but it can hold flesh, bones, and blood all at the same time. What is this object?
3. What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a head but never weeps, has a bed but never sleeps?
4. I went into the woods and got it, I sat down to seek it, I brought it home with me because I couldn't find it.

What is it?

5. Jack and Jill are lying on the floor inside the house, dead. They died from lack of water. There is shattered glass next to them. How did they die?
6. What do you throw out when you want to use it but take in when you don't want to use it?
7. Forwards I am heavy, but backwards I am not. What am I?
8. What has 13 hearts, but no other organs?

Complied by: Marcelo Rodriguez

9. What can you hold in your left hand but not in your right?
10. An Uber driver is going the opposite way down a one-way street. He passes five policemen along the way, none of them stops him. Why not?
11. This vehicle is spelled the same from the front as well as from the back. What is it?



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E.O.C. Staff

by: Leilani Rodriguez

Mr. G: Our principal is a great leader; he is creative, determined and resourceful. We also think he is funny and a student-centered person.

Ms. Amber: She is an energetic registrar. Amber is cheerful, open and professional.

Ms. Duly: She is our lunch coordinator and a grandmother to all of us. She is thoughtful, caring, nurturing and generous. She stands up for her beliefs.

Ms. Evonne: She is our special education teacher. She is a very nice person, who is understanding, compassionate, hardworking and adaptive.

Mr. Juan: He is our math teacher. He sings beautifully and greets us with his songs. He is very em-

pathetic, engaging, honest and experienced.

Ms. Kim: She is our substitute teacher. She is a very kind, giving, friendly and devoted person. We miss her, when she is not around.

Mr. Luis: He is our science teacher. He is a very nice person who is unbiased, respectful, flexible and involved.

Ms. Paula: She is our counselor, who is short and pretty. She is fun, happy, organized and hopeful. Her voice and laugh rings through the hall way.

Ms. Prabha: She is our English teacher.

We call her "Nair Bear". She is very helpful, dedicated, loving and concerned. She is also our club's adviser, we enjoy working with her.

Ms. Virginia: She is our paraprofessional staff. She mostly works with ELL students. She is proactive, tenacious, invigorated and committed.

Mr. William: He is our social studies teacher. He is very calm and collected. We think he is very knowledgeable, supportive, humbled and patient.



Insight to Our Team Members

by: Laila Sullivan

Aceves, Marlea: Has a serene, retiring temperament but with a keen sensitive perception.

Barragan, Victor: possesses a cheerful and easy-going disposition. He treats his friends with sincerity and teachers with respect.

Buchan, Mckenzie (Lily): Is a conscientious worker; is capable of holding responsibility. She is methodical in her work.

Davis, Lorenzo: Has a good executive ability and is reliable. He is a respectful and dutiful student.

De Santiago, Mario: Has a kind and gentle dispo-

sition. He possesses strong power of determination.

Garcia, Martin: is an energetic and outspoken person, His is industrious and eager to learn. He is well liked by his fellow students for his enthusiasm in serving others.

Luevanos, Cylas: is a polite, cheerful and pleasant student. He is co-operative and willing to learn

Rodriguez, Leilani: is a well-behaved and industrious student. She has a strong sense of responsibility and strives hard to do her best.

Rodriguez, Omar: has a pleasant personality. He is a helpful and active member of the class. He is serious with his schoolwork and has shown steady progress.

Sullivan, Laila: Is faithful to duty and enthusiastic in work. Has a generous nature, is sociable and gracious.

Urbina, Daniel: has a positive attitude towards his studies. He has a strong sense of responsibility and strives hard to do his best.

Urbina, Jose: is a good-natured and well-disciplined person. He has a positive attitude towards his studies and always tries to better himself.

A Chat With Cesar

by: Martin Garcia

Caesar Lopez, a graduate of EOC Charter High School was a hard working student who was determined to succeed despite many obstacles that came his way. For two years, Caesar earnestly went out of his way to go above and beyond with all his classwork, assignments, and participation.

According to Cesar, his experience at EOC Charter was good and helpful for him. Although, Caesar managed to reach his goal, it wasn't easy for him. He struggled a lot with his classes, but with the help of his teachers and family he managed to pass and graduate.

After graduation, Caesar plans to be a success-

ful and responsible person, who can take care of himself and his family. He has great plans for his future and wants to be a kind of role model to his family members. He wants his family members to be proud of him.

In his free time Cesar said that he likes to work out and play football.

When asked about his message to the future seniors, Cesar said - "Nothing is impossible, you can do it." He added, "If I can do it, you can too!"

We wish Cesar the very best in all his future endeavors.



Cesar, Lopez with Martin, Garcia

Getting to Know Our Principal

by: Lily Buchan

Lily: Mr.G, what is the reason you enjoy teaching?

Mr.G: "The reason I enjoy teaching is because I love being around students- I mean, plain and simple. I mean you guys make it worthwhile."

Lily: How long have you been teaching?

Mr.G: "I've been teaching for 30 years."

Lily: What are your hobbies outside of teaching?

Mr.G: "Um- I have my animals which are horses, goats, a pig, a duck, and tons of chickens. And then also, I like games. I play games, I am a gamer".

Lily: What is your favorite game?

Mr.G: "My favorite would either have to be 'Halo' or 'Call of Duty' - And now, I know this may not be school appropriate, but I do like

to run over people in 'Grand Theft Auto.'"

Lily: From when the school opened to now, what's the biggest difference you see in both staff and students?

Mr.G: "There isn't much difference in staff; I mean our staff has stayed pretty consistent. Um- other than Ms. Estes and Mr. Valencia, every other staff person has been here at least 7 years or longer. Mr. Lerma and I have worked together for probably 30 some yrs. now. Ms. Nair, has been here for 12 yrs., I think Rhodes is on his 7th year, Amber is on her 10th yr., Paula has been here 6 or 7yrs.. We've seen a change in students. I don't want to be too negative, but the students we have now are not that- not as dedicated as the students we used to get.

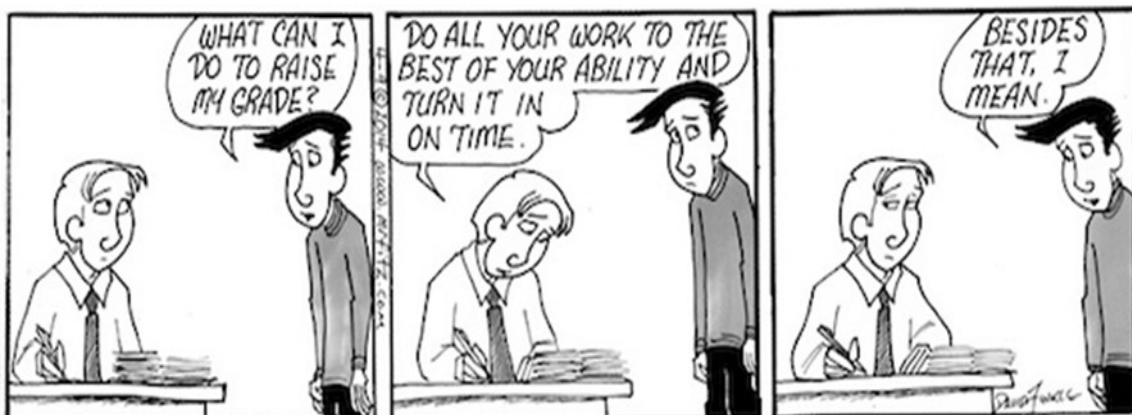
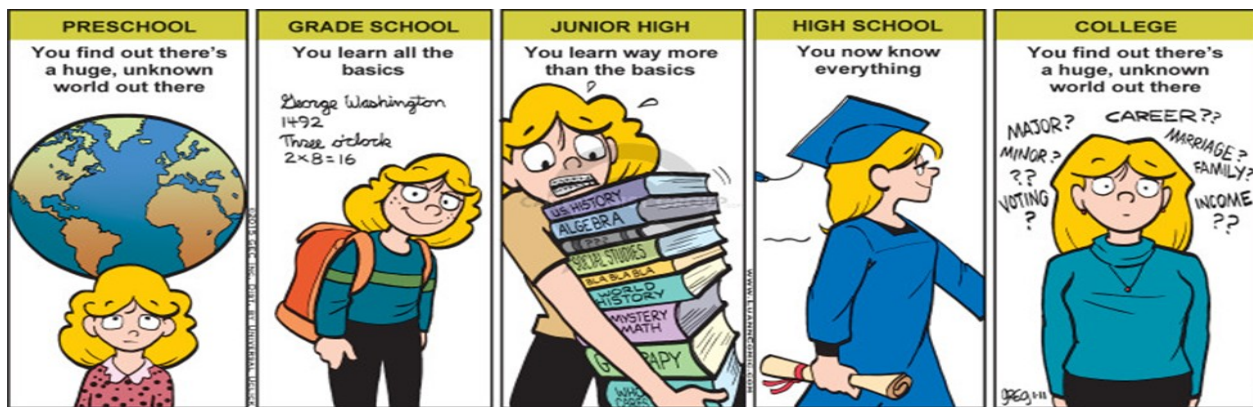
Lily: "What are your hopes for the future of the school?"

Mr.G: Alright, what do I hope for the future of the school- the first and foremost is that we get back to- we get back to the mentality that education is important. But I also realized that can't come from a student standpoint. It also has to come from what we do here as teachers.

Lily: What is a message that you would like to tell the students of EOC. Charter School?

Mr.G: "We love you... I love you, we love you"

I know what he meant was that he loves all the students of EOC. Charter. Our principal is a very different kind of person. He loves his job and is compassionate, innovative, and a visionary. He puts in more time towards the school, to make sure that the school functions smoothly. I really enjoyed our conversation and hope you too could know him a little more than we already do., after reading this article. The only thing I would like to add is that "We Love You Mr. G"



Q: Why did the freshman eat his homework?

A: Because his teacher said it was a piece of cake.

Q: When do you need to climb the ladder?

A: To get to High School.

Q: Why were the teacher's eyes crossed?

A: She couldn't control her pupils!

Q: What do you call a bee from America?

A: An USB



Q: What's another name for Santa's elves?

A: Subordinate Clauses.

Q: What happened when the principal tied every ones laces together?

A: They went on a class trip.

Q: Why did the robber wear blue gloves?

A: Because he didn't want to be caught red handed.

Q: Why can't you trust an atom?

A: Because they make up everything.

Italian Wedding Soup

compiled by: Marlea Aceves

Ingredients for Meatballs:

- 8 oz. lean ground beef
- 8 oz. ground pork
- 1/2 cup fresh hearty white bread crumbs*
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1 1/2 tsp. minced fresh oregano
- 1/2 cup finely shredded parmesan
- 1 large egg
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Soup

- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 1/4 cups 1/4-inch diced carrots
- 1 1/4 cups diced yellow onion
- 3/4 cup 1/4-inch diced celery
- 4 cloves garlic , minced (1 1/2 Tbsp.)
- 5 (14.5 oz.) cans low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 cup dry acini de pepe or orzo pasta**
- 6 oz. fresh spinach, chopped
- Finely shredded parmesan, for serving

For the meatballs:

Add beef and pork to a large mixing bowl. Add in bread crumbs, parsley, oregano, parmesan, egg, 1 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. pepper.

Gently toss and break up mixture with hands to evenly coat and distribute. Shape mixture into very small meatballs, about 3/4 inch to 1 inch and transfer to a large plate.

Heat 1 Tbsp. olive oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Add half of the meatballs and cook until browned, turning occasionally (to brown on 2 or 3 sides), about 4 minutes total.

Transfer meatballs to a plate lined with paper towels while leaving oil in skillet. Repeat process with remaining meatballs (note that meatballs won't be cooked through at this point, they'll continue to cook through in the soup).

For the soup:

While meatballs are browning, heat 1 Tbsp. olive oil in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add carrots, onions and celery and sauté until veggies have softened about 6 - 8 minutes, add garlic and sauté 1 minute longer

Pour in chicken broth, season soup with salt and pepper to taste and bring mixture to a boil. Add in pasta and meatballs; reduce heat to light boil (about medium or medium-low).

Cover and cook, stirring occasionally until pasta is tender and meatballs have cooked through, about 10 minutes, while adding in spinach during the last minute of cooking. Serve warm, sprinkle each serving with parmesan cheese



Dear readers, it gives me immense pleasure and is a matter of great honor to write about the two outstanding members of the Writers Club, who are also going to graduate this school year- Martin, Garcia and Laila, Sullivan. I have known them for more than a year. Both of them have made outstanding contributions towards the club.

Martin is the vice-president and a very hard-working, sincere, enterprising and a fun loving student. He is dedicated and committed to the club. Everybody have great regards and liking for him. He is very organized in his work and likes to keep all documentations updated. When given a task, Martin has never failed to do his best and to go over and beyond our expectations.

Laila is responsible, enthusiastic, eager and a reliable member of the club. She brings with her the positive energy, which brightens up the spirits of the members.

She is very good in motivating students and getting them to do things that's best for the club. Laila has never failed to do anything that she was asked to do for the club. Who can forget the 24lbs. of Carne Asade that she had grilled for our lunch plates!

Both these students have a bright future ahead of them. After graduation, Martin wants to learn welding and construction business, and Laila is yet to make up her mind on what she actually wants to do, but she plans to travel around with her family for a year.

From the Writers Club team, I want to let them know that we are proud of them. *Being a graduate doesn't mean that you know everything – but you are better prepared to learn what life has in store for you. Many dream, some try, but only a few achieve. You have achieved! Good luck and happy graduation!*

Meet the New Members of EOC Charter Family

by: Jose Urbina

Hello! I am Jose Urbina, a junior from EOC Charter High School. Few days ago, I got a chance to talk to some of the new students of our school. These students have been here for less than 3 months. Here is what they had to say about their old school, their current experience here, and their future plans.

Me: What high school are you from? Let us know about your experience there and the reason why you came here?

Luis: I am from Kofa and Vista. My times at other schools were good. I came here so that I can get my diploma.

Leilani: I am from Primavera Online. It is a good school, but everything is online, I can't learn online, so I came here.

Miranda: I am from Kofa and my experience there was okay. I came here because I could not earn any credits there.

Lorenzo: I come from Cibola High School. Teachers over there never cared about me, they never noticed my work. So I just gave up and came here.

Me: How do you differentiate this school from your previous one?

Luis: This school is much smaller than the other schools in size.

Leilani: The staff and teachers here are more committed and are pushing us towards our goal of graduation.

Miranda: This school is a lot better because they focus on getting you out of high school faster and into college right away.

Lorenzo: This school is so much better; it's like a family here.

Me: How did you hear about this school?

Luis: My mom just got me here.

Leilani: I heard about this school from my friends.

Miranda: I heard about this school from my sister Maggie, who is an ex-student of this school.

Lorenzo: My friends Daniel and Jose, who are students of this school, told me about it.

Me: What do you have to say about the EOC Charter staff?

Luis: I like them all!

Leilani: All staff members here are great, they push you to learn and do better.

Miranda: They are nice and helpful.

Lorenzo: Oh! The teachers over here are very nice; they help you and are good to you especially Ms. Estes and Ms. Nair.

Me: Tell us about the thing you like about this school and some things that you would like to be different.

Luis: I like how small it is, wish there was more space for other activities, though.

Leilani: I like how small it is but wish there were more extra-curricular activities

Miranda: I like everything here but I wish the Physical- Education class would have been different.

Lorenzo: I like it here, only wish I had a better 3rd period class. :)

Me: What do you plan to do after graduation?

Luis: I want to have a stable job and maybe go to college.

Leilani: I would like to earn a certificate in Cosmetology and open my own salon.

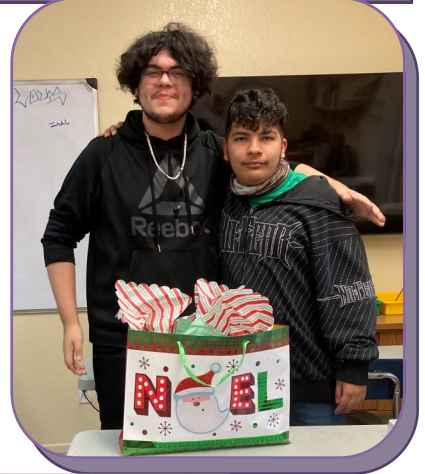
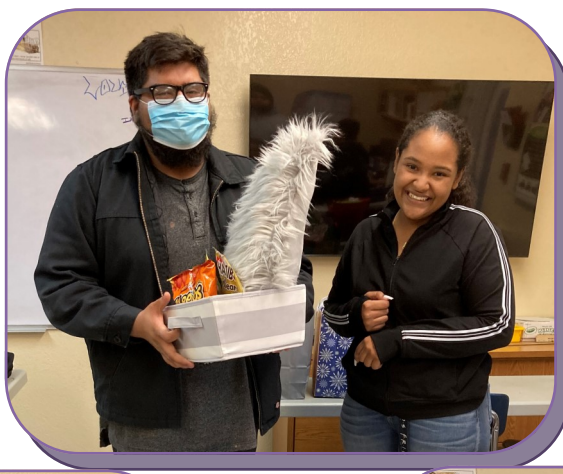
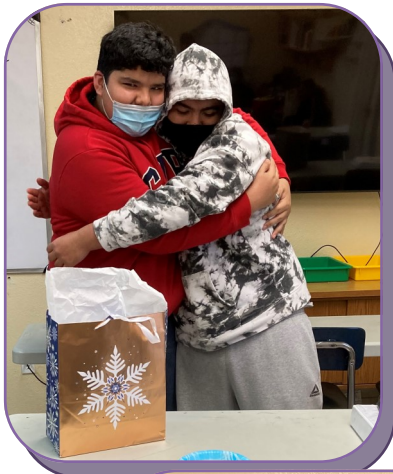
Miranda: I haven't thought about it yet.

Lorenzo: I want to go into the marines' after I graduate.

It was a great pleasure talking to these students, and knowing how they feel. This will help us understand them better and make them feel welcome. We wish them all the very best in life!



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An Interview With Mr. Luis Valencia by: Daniel Urbina

Daniel: How would you introduce yourself to our readers?

Mr. Valencia: I would like to introduce myself by talking about my qualifications. I graduated from the University of Arizona which is in Tucson. I got my Bachelor degree in Education and Psychology. Currently, I am pursuing Master's Degree in Education from NAU. I started teaching middle school soon after my graduation and this is my first experience in high school.

Daniel: Tell us something about your job experience here at EOC Charter?

Mr. Valencia: As you know, I am the science teacher here. I teach Forensic Science in the first period, Biology, in my second, after break, I teach Life Science in the third, and in the fourth period, I teach Physical Science. I enjoy teaching, interacting with students, helping them with questions, planning and the staff meetings. Through Professional Developments we learn the ethics of our profession, strategies of classroom management, tailored strategies to support our students and everything that we need to be a successful teacher.

Daniel: What are your hobbies?

Mr. Valencia: I like to spend a lot of time with my family and friends. I like to hang out with them and just be there for them. I also like to take care of my pets. I do not have that much time outside school as I am pursuing my Master's Degree, but on the whole, I just like being with my family and friends.

Daniel: Tell us something about your high school experience?

Mr. Valencia: "I honestly did not have many things that stood out for me. I really did not have the greatest or the baddest experience at high school. It was kind of neutral. I showed up every day I never liked to miss a day of school and do my work. There was nothing outstanding about my high school experience. But now when I am a teacher, I want to connect with students and work with them, something that I never did with my teachers when I was in high school.

Daniel: As a new member of the EOC family, what is your message to our readers?

Mr. Valencia: As a science teacher, I think you are constantly learning and growing as a person, as a human being. You must show up and demonstrate to the students that you can achieve greatness with a solid base



My Experience as a Treasurer of Writers Club by: Mario De Santiago

I and my brother Omar Rodriguez are the treasurers of the Writers Club. Our job is to keep track of all the incoming and outgoing payments. We keep track of the money during the fund raising events. We maintain a record sheet for each sale and balance the account every day after the sale. Once we have sufficient funds, we prepare the cash verification sheet. In the cash verification sheet, we enter all the money we have before we take it to the accounts department at YPIC. The accounts department verifies the amount and gives us a yellow slip stating the amount deposited. This helps us to keep track of how much money we have at our disposal.

We had many successful fundraisers. Our Thanksgiving and Christmas Lunch Plates were a hit! Our

regular fundraisers get us about \$150-\$200 per week. Our one day sales have got us up to \$550. We like to sell things during lunch and after school. This is because students are always asking teachers for food during the day.

Based on the money collected from the fundraisers, we decide- with the approval of the club members, what we can do with the amount in hand. Last month we had a field trip, we also got T-shirts for all our members. We are currently planning another field trip before the end of the school year. We also plan to reward each of our member graduates with a gift card.

On the whole, the Writers Club is a very organized group. We plan things in advance and all members cooperate to make every fundraiser

a success. Come join us if you want an exciting high school experience.



Do You Know Answers: acorn, a ring, a river, a splinter, Jack and Jill are fishes, an anchor, Ton, a deck of cards, Your right elbow, the Uber driver was walking, A racecar