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# REACH Foundation

### HAPPY FALL!

#### Message from the President

As we continue our mission to enrich, inspire, and engage PYLUSD students, I want to take a moment to thank you for your commitment to this shared vision.

This year, I'd like to draw inspiration from the spirit of the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris, where athletes and paralympic athletes from around the world strive to break records and achieve their personal bests. We believe that every child has the potential to do the same—not only in the classroom, but also in the arts and playing field. Together, we will continue to create opportunities for students to rise to new heights and excel in every aspect of their lives.

The Foundation looks forward to working alongside our community partners, district, and families as we embrace new opportunities with energy and purpose. Together, we can make this our most successful year yet!

Warm regards,

Gisele T. Nguyen, President of the REACH Foundation



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#### Spotlight on Success

#### Jog-a-thon Warrior!

One of our interns, Elizabeth Chan, has been working on the long-awaited Jog-a-thon event for this year! At this event, students have the chance to demonstrate their enthusiasm and school spirit with every lap they run, as the money raised goes directly to their schools.

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Elizabeth is so proud to be able to lead our Jog-a-thon program and give back to the same community she grew up in. Elizabeth always look forward to collaborating with amazing PTAs and our lovely friends at Yorba Linda State Water District and Golden State Water!

#### **Experimental Design**

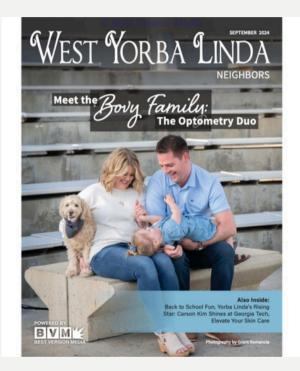


Experimental Design is a program created and supported by R.E.A.C.H. and Girl Up Valencia. Natalie Tang, the club's President this year, is excited for what this year's team will do to serve more students. Natalie loves most when she gets to see kids have their light bulb moment as they're understanding the concepts and engaging with the material.



We are so grateful to Natalie's work with this program and aspirations to expand to more schools!

#### Yorba Linda Neighbors Article about From the Inside!



In the Yorba Linda Neighbor Magazine's latest issue, one of our interns, Emily Pasillas, wrote an article showcasing our last From the Inside event, as well as our foundation as a whole! We are so happy to have showcased one of our best programs to our community and she shares that she has loved working for their publication and was happy to have the opportunity to highlight R.E.A.C.H. and its values!

#### Upcoming Program: Imagination Team!



A new program is being proposed on Oct. 17 called Imagination Machine. This program will be centered around igniting creativity in students and a love for writing. Imagination Team will hopefully be coming to Tynes elementary after school for students to participate in and learn about writing skills. With a perfect mixture of writing and fun activities, this program will create a positive relationship with writing for students and a space for them to explore their imaginations!

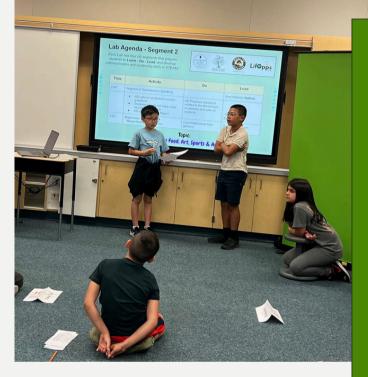
#### First Lego League Leader



Jolie Yang, our First Lego League Director, has been working diligently to make this season successful. As director, she works alongside our coaches and mentors to help the students prepare for the competition in November. Jolie helps coordinate and plan meetings, so every week runs smoothly and all teams are able to be productive while having fun. She also work closely with students to advise them on steps they should take to succeed in competition. Jolie cannot wait to see what each team accomplishes this season!



Upcoming Events and Programs



#### COMMUNICATING WITH CONFIDENCE

The Communicating learning labs at Tynes Elementary offers students a dynamic, hands-on experience to build essential communication skills. By engaging in real-world scenarios, students learn to express their ideas clearly, listen actively, and collaborate effectively. These skills empower them to navigate social situations, present confidently, and engage in meaningful discussions, preparing them for future success. It's an enriching environment fostering both personal growth and leadership abilities.

# FROM THE INSIDE SPEAKER SERIES!

This year's theme, Leadership and Impact: Driving Social Change, will feature influential leaders from diverse fields sharing their personal journeys and strategies for making a positive impact, even when faced with challenges or unexpected change. Don't miss this opportunity to be inspired, connect with change-makers, and learn how you, too, can make a difference. The event will be held at the District School Board room on Friday, November 15th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Mark your calendar!







#### MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY MEET: AMY MADRIGAL INVITATIONAL

The REACH Foundation, with the help of community partners and district leaders, is excited to be sponsoring this event to ensure a coordinated and fun time! It will be on Wednesday, November 20, at 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM at Yorba Regional Park. It will be a 2-mile course, with races for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. The first race starts at 2:45 PM, with an award ceremony scheduled for 4:25 PM. Parking costs \$3.



#### MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY MEET: MSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Date: Friday, December 6, 2024 Time: 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Location: Craig Park in Fullerton. This championship event will bring together athletes from all six PYLUSD middle schools for another 2-mile race. The first race will be at 2:45 PM, with the final award ceremony at 4:45 PM. Parking costs \$3.



Volunteer Opportunities



#### OKTOBERFEST

St. Martin de Porres has their 44th annual Oktoberfest on October 4th through the 6th. They are looking for volunteers to help them run this community event! There are many different ways to help such as hosting booths, ticket booths, or being a floater. Find more information here: https://smdpyloktoberfest .org/volunteer/

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#### INFLUENCEHER SUMMIT

Girls Inc OC is hosing their second annual InfluenceHer Summit on Saturday, October 12th from 8:30-2pm. This event will be held at Santa Ana College. This is a free opportunity for middle and high school girls who want to hear about some female professionals and their experiences in diverse careers. You can earn 10 hours! https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e /IFAIpQLSfyO8knoQdVIJeGH28ca chsZ7avck8gokfJTZHr5E-5YhJdg/viewform

## **Get Involved**

Stay connected and informed by following us on social media and visiting our website regularly. Here's how you can stay engaged:

- Instagram: @REACH4pylusd.org
- Facebook: REACH4pylusd.org
- Website: (www.reach4pylusd.org)

We are excited to see what this school year holds and look forward to working together to create meaningful and impactful experiences for our students. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the REACH Foundation.

Warm regards,

The REACH Foundation Team

P.S. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. Together, we can make this year extraordinary!



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#### REACH Interns 2024-2025

Communications VP & Publisher: Emily Pasillas Intern President: Natalie Tang Executive Team: Elizabeth Chan, Aly Baranick, Carolyn Suh, Evelyn Yao, Lauren Gei, Ashley Gee Interns: Brendon Nguyen



Our Intern program is a transformative opportunity designed to empower students with real-world experience and leadership skills. The Foundation supports selected highly engaged Interns to foster "innovation, imagination and intrapreneurship."

