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All the World's a Fair

The 89th anniversary L.A. County Fair ended in October with the second-highest attendance ever – nearly 1.5 million guests. Besides offering family fun and tradition, the Fair serves as the largest stage to highlight the many wonderful education programs of The Learning Centers at Fairplex. Thank you for support - enjoy these scenes from this year's Fair!



Premiere Party

The annual pre-Fair party brought in nearly \$90,000 for TLC programs – a tremendous amount that assisted in bringing the Fair to more than 145,000 students and teachers – at no cost to them.



Fairtime Education

The FairKids field trip program saw a record number of children and teachers come through the gates of the L.A. County Fair – 145,281. The Big Yellow Bus program received a record \$105,000 in donations to provide transportation assistance for schools.



CTEC

The Career and Technical Education Center dedicated the Kids Discovery Trail in Wilderness Ridge on Sept. 24. The trail was created by CTEC students for use in environmental studies by schools who visit Wilderness Ridge during the Fair and throughout the year.



Junior Fair Board

Enveloping themselves in everything Fair, members of the Junior Fair Board took to the grounds with the task of evaluating Fair programming, part of the projects they need to complete for the JFB program. JFB members also assisted with the CDC Auction and the Premiere Party.



CDC Auction

The Child Development Center Auction at the Sheraton Fairplex Hotel raised nearly \$250,000. Nearly 300 guests bid on everything from themed baskets to vacations to jewelry in an effort to support the CDC, one of the top early childhood education centers in the state.



Millard Sheets Center

The Millard Sheets Center brought back a wave of nostalgia with its exhibit, *Elections – The Art of Collections*. The exhibit received one of the highest guest ratings of recent exhibits. From lunchboxes to postcards to electric ray guns, *Elections* was enjoyed by guests of all ages.

In Their Own Words

From students to volunteers to staff, read the words and share the stories.

I loved the Millard Sheets gallery's exhibit this year at the Fair. I think it was because I always associated going to the annual Fair as an American tradition. I especially enjoyed the postcard collection because it demonstrated the various aspects of American culture through artistry, travel, personal collections, and stories. I had an opportunity to speak to the artist and it was great to share stories of our travels and the different routes to take across America, but especially how beautiful and special each state is. In all of my travels in United States and across the globe, it has been my experience that we are truly fortunate to live in United States, and the collections were a great tribute to that.

- Rosie Hoang, Fair guest



My experiences with the JFB are amazing! During the fair both Catherine and I collected items for the CDC auction. We also volunteered to wrap baskets and helped out with the auction itself. At the Fair, we walked around and took pictures of all aspects...we came up with ideas of how to improve the Fair for teens and also researched areas of the Fair that not many people know about to see. Overall I have had a wonderful experience with the Fair!

- Kaly Taylor, Junior Fair Board member

The idea of the docent program was tossed out at one of our committee meetings this past year as we tried to come up with more active volunteer roles. The task at hand was to enhance the experience of many teachers, parents, chaperones and children who visited the Fair as part of Fairtime education. The first few days started with small numbers of students - 3,000 to 4,000 - but the daily numbers quickly grew to a high of 20,000 on our final Friday. It was great to see so many volunteers step up and pull together as a team to support TLC. For me personally it was such a great way to start my day, working with so many dedicated staff members as well as volunteers who cheerfully showed up each day ready to greet a new group of students.

- Bill Fox, LACFA Board director-elect and docent of FairKids Field Trips



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Own Words...

are the experiences of those touched by The Learning Centers.



Over a two day span, Terra Vista Elementary School took approximately 750 students to the Los Angeles County Fair. Kindergarten through fifth grade students along with staff and parent chaperones visited Fairview Farms and other curriculum areas such as Jurassic Planet, California Heritage Square, America's Kids-Surrounded by Science, and Shark Encounter. Our students enjoyed the delicious milk from Moo Market, grinding corn, and making bales of hay. Their faces lit up as they planted seeds, milked the "cow", harvested crops, sold their goods, and purchased items from the Farmer's Market. Many students commented on the gigantic dinosaurs and the cool sharks. Teachers were able to utilize this hands-on experience before and after the field trip to promote wellness and reinforce the curriculum standards. The L.A. County Fair is truly "the World's Largest Classroom."

- Cecille Walks-Peace, FairKids participant

Education was occurring all over the grounds during the Fair, and it really was disguised as fun! Who gets to walk with the elephants, visit Smokey Bear, view great art collections, feed bears and watch baby animals being born? Plus, it was great talking to people during the Fair who did not know about CTEC. A couple and their 5 year old son came by The Learning Centers' building to take the behind the scenes tour because they wanted to see what kind of learning really happens here.

- Margie Shamblin, newly hired Manager of Education



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\$50 supplies a CDC preschooler with writing, drawing and dramatic play materials for one year



\$100 covers the bus costs for 10 local students to attend an educational field trip at the Fair



\$500 provides 45 hours of classes and job skills training for one CTEC student



\$1,000 underwrites one year of a Junior Fair Board member's scholarship