



EXPLORING OUR DIVERSITY THROUGH CELEBRATION

Inspiration Jar

by the ECES Diversity Council

The Inspiration Jar is a way for students to share and learn about people from diverse backgrounds and cultures. These are people who have inspired our students and done things that make the world a kinder, better and more enriching place.

That sounds great, but *how does it work exactly?* Just like this:



The Inspiration Jar is a large plastic jar that sits in the Main Office right next to The Caught Being Good jar. Next to the jar are specially made Inspiration Note Forms that students fill out with their name, grade and guided questions to answer about the people who inspire them and why. Once students fill out their Inspiration Note Form, they drop the form into The Inspiration Jar – easy!

How are these Inspiration Notes shared?

The most creative and well thought out Inspiration Notes will be read aloud at Monday Assembly by Principal Chun. The rest of the Inspiration Notes will become part of an Inspiration Wall that will be displayed for all to see at the end of the month.

How does the Inspiration Jar Initiative include a diverse sampling of all of the many cultures and groups that are at Encino Charter as well as out in the world at large?

Because February is Black History Month, this month's Inspiration Jar will focus on individuals of African descent - keeping synergy with what many classes are studying right now. However, the larger plan for the rest of the school year is that February's Jar focuses on Black History and Black culture, other months and periods will have their own Inspiration Jar events dedicated to celebrating and sharing the rich wealth of diversity that makes up the entire Encino Charter Elementary community and beyond.

Please encourage your children to participate this month by submitting a notable individual of African descent! Who knows - their submission might be read to the whole school!

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