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A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Hello, and welcome to the SCVi Leader newspaper. This newspaper will be a vital and interactive part of the learning experience here at SCVi. The goal of the paper is to inform and unite learners of all grade levels, and this is not just limited to readers. Staff will also receive the same inspiration, and will also feel a sense of pride and unity about their creations in the paper. We will be covering important events that not only relate to SCVi, but to the outside world in general. Our articles are created to inspire learners and prepare them for the future.

We will cover topics such as: Entertainment, World Events, School Events, and more! All articles are written with learners in mind, and subjects such as World Events will be focused and based on how they affect the lives and futures of learners.

That said, I hope you enjoy this and every other issue of the SCVi Leader!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hugo Turner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Hugo Turner, Editor in Chief

The Llama Project

By Hutch Siegen

Do you like animals? Do you know what it takes to care for and raise an animal? Well, SCVi will be offering a new fully immersive course in llama husbandry, The Llama Project. That is right, llamas are coming to SCVi this fall 2021!

Inspired by Mr. Kingsley's love for this majestic animal, the Mountain room will be converted to a llama barn, affectionately known as The Llama Palace. Fourth and fifth graders will still have class in the Mountain room, I mean The Llama Palace, although now they will just be working side by side with their llama counterparts. Llamas are widely known as one of the most kid friendly animals. Learners will be assigned their own llama for the school year. The learners will be in charge of caring for the llama and providing for its overall well being as well as creating ILP goals around The Llama Project.

Llama riding will be a mandatory class for all fourth and fifth grade learners. Learners will be able to ride their llamas to and from the Cafe. Ms. Liz stated she will be happy to facilitate the training of the learners' llamas during recess and even create obstacle courses of all kinds to inspire learning. Everyone knows how sure footed the mighty llama is, and they will be used to transport learners up and down the stairs for their elective classes. According to treehugger.com, llamas have been used as pack animals for centuries and can carry loads of up to 75lbs, making them perfect for carrying fourth and fifth graders. If all goes well, the school will be forming an upper elementary competition polo and rodeo team to compete in a special charter school llama league.

Another fun initiative for The Llama Project, under the direction of Ms. Brown will be creating sustainable sweaters, blankets and mittens sourced from the harvested llama yarn. Accord-



ing to nwyarns.com, it takes about two years for llamas to produce six to eight pounds of fiber that can be spun into yarn. This will be made into one of a kind SCVi spirit wear sold to benefit the Scarlet Foundation.

A little known fact about llamas is that they are excellent hummers. In fact, according to seaworld.com, llamas communicate through humming. In knowing this, facilitators are creating a new music elective to capture this behavior and incorporate it into the state's first learner/llama choir. In speaking with Ms. Brown, she stated, "I cannot wait to create a YouTube channel featuring songs of the mighty llamas and the learners. Creating and maintaining the YouTube channel will take volunteers and is a heavy lift, but we are ready for the challenge." Mr. Kingsley also noted that we will need a nifty name for the new learner/llama choir. So please feel free to tell him the fun names you think of.

While there is concern about the llamas well known "spitting" problem, a behavior that is used to establish dominance, according to animalcorner.com. The administration feels that the deep bond between caregiver and llama will be enough to keep

this behavior from being a problem. Although, Ms. Brown stated that safety goggles will be provided during the first semester. Ms. Liz and the rest of the llama team will ensure that goggles are worn during outside activities as well.

The Mountain room will be missed. This new endeavor, The Llama Project, will put SCVi heads above the rest, not only in Santa Clarita, but in California and the world.



This just in from the SCVi News Crew... According to Hutch Siegen, the writer and creator of this article, Happy April Fools Day!