

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2023

events This month

Native American Heritage Month/ Indigenous Heritage Month

11/1-11/2 Dia de los Muertos

11/5 PTO Presents: 1st Annual Fall Family Picnic @West Hollywood Park,

10am-1pm **11/5** Daylight Savings Time (Fall Back!)

11/10 NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day

11/12 Happy Diwali

11/15 Wear A Hat Day

11/16 Whole School Feast

11/20-11/24 NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break

LATE STARTS

Don't forget your child's late start day for this month, they may **arrive no earlier than 9am** on that day. This is when your child's teachers have their monthly meeting.

2's: Tuesday, 11/7 3's: Tuesday, 11/14 4's: Tuesday, 11/28



WHAT'S HAPPENING

With November comes a magnificent bounty of gratitude and love that we feel for our school community/family, our world, and the future. We want to thank all of you for being a part of our FDS Family! How will you share your gratitude? What are you thankful for?

With our ongoing partnership with TeachAAPI, we are excited to celebrate Diwali this month! Last month they delivered Activity Boxes to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival, and this month we just received a beautiful book box that will support us in celebrating Diwali along with continuing and expanding our commitment to DEI.

Make sure to look on page 2 of our newsletter to find out more about the TeachAAPI's Little Readers Book Club Subscription program, their collaboration with the independent children's bookshop, Children's Book World in West LA, and what you can do to support diversity in your library at home!

ANNIVERSARY



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Ms. Tori 13 years

BIRTHDAYS 11/7: Mr. Terrance

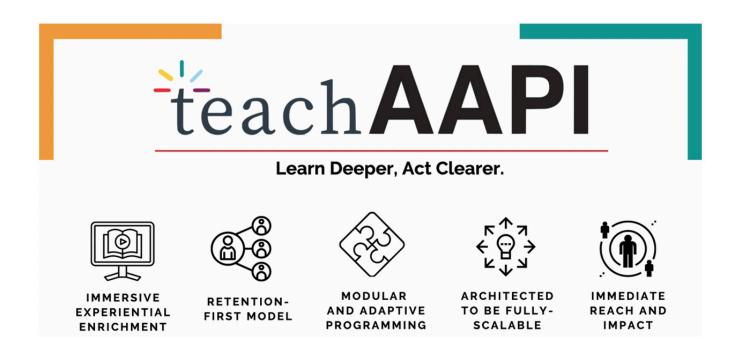




LOOK WHO'S TURNING

3! - Vera C., Georgia G., Ezra C., Emmy K.

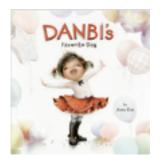
4! - Maya G., London P., Cobie T., Cruz V., Jordan D., Aiden K.



Welcome to TeachAAPI's Little Readers Book Club subscription program!

These stories are carefully curated to be representative of different AAPI countries and cultures, and priority is given to the ones where authors have invested the time and energy into developing engaging activities and experiences to accompany these stories in the classroom or at home. Although the emphasis of this program is increasing the representation of AAPI protagonists and stories in our partner schools' classrooms and libraries, the intent is to create an educational environment for <u>all</u> students featuring diverse characters and stories where students can see their identities reflected ("mirrors"), while also looking into and experiencing the cultures of their peers ("windows").

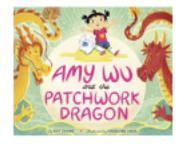
We are very excited to present this in collaboration with <u>Children's Book World</u>, an independent children's bookshop in West LA committed to celebrating diversity, knowledge and enrichment and creating a world where every child sees themselves on their shelves. Should you find these titles interesting, you can order through <u>this dedicated page</u> for pickup at school in order to grow your library at home.



Danbi's Favorite Day by Anna Kim



A Garden in My Hands by Meera Sriram



Amy Wu and the Patchwork Dragon by Kat Zhang



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