NSLA NOW ENROLLING TK-9TH GRADE!

DON'T DELAY, APPLY TODAY! NEXT ENROLLMENT LOTTERY MARCH 18TH!

Norton Science and Language Academy (NSLA) is currently accepting applications for Transitional Kindergarten-9th Grade as we expand from a TK-8 to a TK-12 school. Apply in time to participate in our upcoming Enrollment Lottery on March 18th!

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Construction to complete our latest addition on Academy for Academic Excellence (AAE) well underway. Late last year, construction began on the location that will soon become AAE’s new Multipurpose Room.

The H.O. Bud Biggs Multipurpose Room will provide students with an indoor/outdoor stage for activities and performances, a large cafeteria with ample indoor dining space, an expanded outdoor dining area, and additional space for middle and high school students to hang out. We hope the new MPR will become a hub of the campus to support all aspects of student life!

by Melissa Mangold

Pictured: Our very excited AAE Principal Valli Andreasen in front of the construction for the new MPR.

Watch Principal Andreasen’s Video HERE.
Norton Science and Language Academy has a new campus in the works and will be ready this August 2021! As we expand from a TK-8 to a TK-12 school, we are accepting applications for TK-9th grade!

Our beautiful, brand-new campus will allow us to offer our students amazing opportunities such as:

- A safe school environment
- Small class sizes
- Biliteracy
- STEM focused learning
- World Languages pathways
- Innovative teachers and staff
- International partnerships
- Exciting field trips
- AP & Honors courses
- Internship opportunities
- and so much more!

Our Secondary Programs will be second to none as our 6th-9th graders will have the option of two pathways: Dual Immersion Spanish or World Languages.

We welcome all students and families to apply today and join us for our Enrollment Lottery that will be taking place virtually on March 18, 2021.

To get quick and ready access to our enrollment application click HERE.

"We are looking to fill our new ninth grade class and want to build a robust waiting list for all of our grades (TK-5). If you know of any families looking for an amazing school, send them our way! I am excited about our up and coming new campus and the new opportunities we will have to grow as a Rocket family," - NSLA Principal, Dr. Fausto Barragan.

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NORTON ENROLLING TK-9TH GRADE!!!
**STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS**

**FERNANDO VARGAS, AAE 11TH GRADE**

"Vargas is in band honors and submitted a phenomenal composition. He is at a professional level in every sense."

- Ken Sockwell

**SOFIA MORALES, NSLA 4TH GRADE**

"Sofia is very hard working and maintains high levels of positivity every day!"

- Toni Preciado

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**STAFF HIGHLIGHTS**

**DARREN DOWD, LEWIS CENTER**

Darren has dedicated 19 years of service to the Lewis Center Facilities department. Holding many roles for our staff and students, he will truly be missed as he has officially retired. Thanks, Darren!

**NANCY KREUSER-JENKINS, GAVRT**

"Nancy does so much behind-the-scenes and she works tirelessly for our staff and students. We are very grateful to have her at Mission Control at the Lewis Center."

- Ryan Dorcey
On January 12, 2021 we had our first NASA in Your Neighborhood program of the year! Dr. William Roberts, Ph.D. virtually presented new developments with Laser Communications Relay Demonstrations to more than 120 students and educators.

Visit gavrt.lewiscenter.org for more info on the next NASA in Your Neighborhood!
What happened in history on January 28th? On this day in 1986, the U.S. space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from Florida, killing all seven aboard.

We look to the monument we have erected in their honor and take a moment to reflect on Challenger and her crew.

CLASS OF '21 SENIORS UPDATE
by Audrey Mayoros

The class of 2021 is having a unique senior year due to extended school closures and resulting cancellations of school events. To help with the loss of a typical senior year, the Senior Leadership Team worked to provide AAE seniors with a holiday drive-thru event, where seniors drove up to the school, talked to teachers and fellow classmates, and received their senior T-shirts.

Students also received a bag of holiday goodies such as hot chocolate mix and homemade sugar cookies courtesy of ASB President, Kate Milson.

AAE senior, Isabel Burns, who attended the drive-thru, had this to say about the event, “It was really cool seeing all the teachers and our senior class representatives come together and do something for us.” With many seniors losing motivation and mourning the loss of their senior year, this COVID-compliant event was just what the senior class needed to raise their spirits.

30FOR30 CAMPAIGN RESULTS
by Brianna Tran

After 3 months, our Lewis Center’s 30for30 fundraiser has wrapped up. In honor of our 30th anniversary, we asked all to join us in continuing our mission by raising $30,000 in 3 months. We kicked off the fundraiser with a two-part documentary of the founding of the Lewis Center.

Thanks to the efforts of our families, stakeholders, and community, we were able to raise over $14,000! These contributions will support our schools and STEM programs. We are so grateful to our Foundation Board for putting this virtual fundraiser together during a pandemic.
AAE's Air Force Junior ROTC covers Yeager in great depth during classes. Our AFROTC unit has watched the movie "The Right Stuff" in class and the aerospace modeling team built a 1/32 scale model of the X-1 Yeager flew through the sound barrier.

AFROTC used the events of October 14, 1947 to explain the aerodynamics of supersonic flight. They have done two field trips to the USAF Test Pilot School that Yeager commanded, and as pictured above, some of our cadets even got to meet him in person. AFJROTC unit commander Colonel Armstrong shared, "It is so sad that Chuck Yeager, the man with the 'right stuff' passed away December 7, 2020 at the age of 97. Back in 2007, five of our AAE AFJROTC cadets met him at the Air Force Ball at Edwards AFB."

Chuck Yeager was a great man and will be missed by many!

- Colonel Armstrong
“These are our communities and we love taking the time to show that we care and to be good neighbors.”
- President/CEO Lisa Lamb

LEWIS CENTER LOVES GIVING BACK!
by Jisela Corona and Brianna Tran

In the High Desert, our AAE staff partnered with our community to give back. Everyday, healthcare workers are risking their lives to battle the COVID pandemic. San Bernardino County has been hit hard with cases and hospitals like St. Mary’s have been working tirelessly to treat those in need.

Our AAE staff and families wanted to show our appreciation for their sacrifices. We were able to donate coffee, catering, and over 100 hand creams to the St. Mary’s emergency department and ICU. AAE Kindergarten Teacher, Heather Biewend, led and coordinated this community project and generated tremendous support through the use of social media.

In the Inland Empire, our NSLA PTO is always prepared to give back to our students and families in need. Not only did they plan and work together with staff and community partners to distribute full-meal baskets for families during Thanksgiving, they were also prepared to share their Christmas spirit.

Our PTO has dedicated generous portions of their funds to ensure our families do not go without. NSLA Principal Dr. Barragan and Dean of Students, Myrna Foster, worked together with volunteers to deliver holiday gifts and cheer all over the San Bernardino area.

Pictured: NSLA Principal Dr. Barragan and Mrs. Foster with student.

AAE donations for St. Mary's staff.
FAMILY PAINT NIGHT
by Brianna Tran

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AAE VIRTUAL EVENTS

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by Audrey Mayoros

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by Melissa Mangold

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PRESIDENT/CEO'S MESSAGE

PRESIDENT/CEO, LISA LAMB

"Although 2021 has not started off the way many of us had hoped, we are encouraged that brighter days are ahead. We eagerly await the opportunity to welcome our students back to in-person instruction as soon as possible, and will continue to share those plans as they develop in the coming weeks."

NSLA PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

NSLA PRINCIPAL, FAUSTO BARRAGAN

"My hope is that all of you continue to be safe and well. I am excited to see what 2021 has in store for NSLA! Thanks to your support and partnership, we have approached everything in regard to educating our students, in the best and safest way possible."

AAE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

AAE PRINCIPAL, VALLI ANDREASEN

"We faced many challenges together this past year, but we remained victorious in our hard work and dedication. Stay strong, and remember to hold fast to your Courage, Generosity, and Honor. Go Knights!"

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