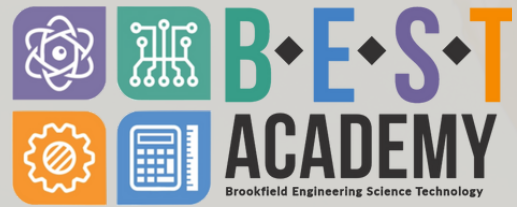


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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We are excited to share another edition of our charter school newsletter with you!

We have fantastic news to celebrate this month—BEST Academy has been granted NCAA Approval! This recognition further solidifies our commitment to providing a high-quality education that supports our students' academic and athletic aspirations. NCAA approval is crucial for student-athletes as it ensures that our courses meet the educational standards for eligibility at NCAA colleges and universities. This means our student-athletes have more significant opportunities to compete at the collegiate level while receiving the education necessary for long-term success. Additionally, we are proud to be WASC and A-G approved, ensuring our programs meet the highest college and career readiness standards. Thank you for being a valued part of the BEST Academy community. We look forward to celebrating more milestones with you in the future!

Warm regards,

James Mays & Alejandro Soriano
Executive Directors
BEST Academy

ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

The Game Is On!

Your challenge has begun and your mission is to continue earning up to \$300 in OPS funds by completing your goals at Clever Apps! Every goal you reach earns you funds and gets you one step closer to hitting that target.

Use your OPS funds to explore new skills, master a talent, excel in sports, or reward yourself with the materials you need to help you succeed.

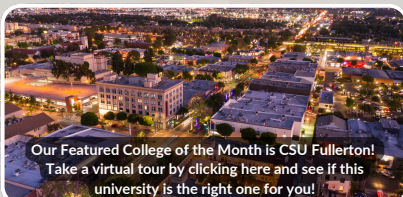
The clock is ticking and this academic challenge won't last forever. Are you ready to take it to the next step and see your funds grow? Keep going; you've got this! Let the game continue!

BEST RESOURCE HUB

What's New at RLL?

Sports are on the menu this month at the Resource Learning Library! While academics have such an important role at our school it is also important to take care of ourselves physically! One of the best ways to do this is sports! Here at the RLL we have plenty of books that focus on sports and the many things related to them. One of our favorites is, "I like Sports... What Jobs are there?" This title focuses on the jobs that are tied to sports aside from being a sports star. Maybe you want to learn how to be a sports photographer, an athletic trainer, or many more careers you may have not considered in the world of sports. We also are stocked with books about sports like football, hockey, baseball, BMX, and many more! Give them a read and become a superstar!

[Click here](#) to check out the books and resources we have available.



Our Featured College of the Month is CSU Fullerton!
Take a virtual tour by clicking [here](#) and see if this university is the right one for you!



BEST Academy students took to the skies when visiting the Lyons Air Museum in Santa Ana!

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



March 2, 2025
[Flower Fields in Carlsbad](#)



March 4, 2025
[USS Midway Museum](#)



March 5, 2025
[Coffee Chats w/ Counselors](#)



March 9, 2025
[New Children's Museum in San Diego](#)



March 11, 2025
[English Learner Advisory Committee Meeting](#)



March 11, 2025
[Birch Aquarium at Scripps La Jolla](#)



March 15, 2025
[Pete the Cat: The Musical](#)



March 18, 2025
[Internet Safety Presentation \(English\)](#)



March 19, 2025
[Living Coast Discovery Center in Chula Vista](#)



March 19, 2025
[Coachella Valley Firebirds Hockey Game](#)



March 20, 2025
[Internet Safety Presentation \(Spanish\)](#)



March 31, 2025
[San Diego Botanical Garden](#)



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THE COUNSELOR INSIGHT

How Do Counselors Support NCAA Student-Athletes?

Counselors are crucial in guiding student-athletes through the journey of meeting NCAA academic eligibility requirements while balancing their athletic commitments. Their support ensures that student-athletes remain on track for graduation and college athletic opportunities.

Academic Planning

Counselors help student-athletes select courses that align with NCAA eligibility standards, ensuring they meet course requirements. They monitor academic progress and provide strategies for maintaining the GPA needed for NCAA qualification.

Understanding NCAA Rules

The NCAA has specific regulations regarding eligibility, recruiting, and scholarships. School counselors educate students and their families on these guidelines, helping them navigate processes like registering with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Time Management and Support

Balancing academics and athletics can be challenging. Counselors offer time management strategies, study resources, and stress management techniques to help student-athletes succeed both in the classroom and on the field.

College and Career Readiness

Balancing academics and athletics can be challenging. Counselors offer time management strategies, study resources, and stress management techniques to help student-athletes succeed both in the classroom and on the field.

By offering targeted academic guidance, emotional support, and NCAA compliance knowledge, BEST Academic counselors play an essential role in helping student-athletes succeed in high school and beyond.

Contact your counselor at: counselors@bestacademycs.com



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Kimberlee Shults

Kimberlee has been in education for 15 years, with the past 3 dedicated to teaching English Language Development (ELD) at BEST Academy. She is passionate about helping students connect their learning to practical, everyday experiences. Beyond the classroom, Kimberlee is deeply committed to swimming instruction. As the founder of a nonprofit organization dedicated to water safety education, she has merged her passion for reading and writing with her love of swimming to create a children's book about learning to swim. An avid traveler, Kimberlee has explored diverse cultures around the world, enriching her ability to connect with and support her students. In her free time, she enjoys hiking and spending time outdoors.

ELD SHOWCASE

On the Road to ELPAC Victory!

We're off to a great start with in-person ELPAC testing! Our K-2 students have been showing up and putting in their best effort; we've already tested over half of them! Teachers also use this time to build connections with students and support parents with learning goals.

Next up: 3rd-12th grade testing begins March 11! To help students prepare, we are hosting "The Road to Reclassification" workshops to boost their confidence and performance.

Summit K12 Success – 40 students (29%) are already on track to reclassify!

Let's keep the momentum going!

NHS BEHIND THE SCENES

Putting Community First!

In February, the National Honor Society demonstrated their dedication to the community through two impactful food drives. The first event was held in National City during the NWEA Map testing. This initiative saw participation from students and staff, resulting in a collection of food boxes. The next drive took place at Montgomery Waller Park. The NHS students rallied together, showcasing their commitment to helping those in need. The collected food boxes will be donated to victims of the Los Angeles fires. These efforts provided support to those affected while reinforcing the values of empathy and community service that are central to our mission.

ENRICHMENT CLASSES



Piñata Craft
Mondays at 11:30am



Science on Display
Mondays at 12:30pm



Self Expression In Art
Tuesdays at 11:00am



Coloring for Comfort
Wednesdays at 9:00am



Picture Book Creation
Wednesdays at 9:00am



Art with Arcs
Wednesdays at 10:00am



Knitting with a Loom
Wednesdays at 10:00am



Editing on Adobe Express
Wednesdays at 9:00am



Yoga
Wednesdays at 11:00am



Lines and Shapes
Wednesdays at 10:00am



Graphic Design: Brand Identity
Thursdays at 11:00am



Directed Drawing for Beginners
Thursdays at 11:00am



Art in Space
Thursdays at 11:30am



Creating and Editing Videos in Canva
Thursdays at 12:30am



Popular Music in America
Thursdays at 1:00pm



Collages and Science
Fridays at 8:30am



Digital Photography and Videography
Fridays at 10:00am



Chicano Latino Art History
Fridays at 1:00pm



Rock Kindness Project
Wednesdays at 8:30am



Tessellation Art
Tuesdays at 11:00am



Alphabet Animals Directed Drawing
Tuesdays at 11:00am



History of Opera
Fridays at 10:00am

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