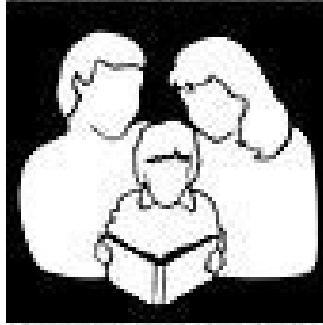


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# GCPEA Winter PEPOR

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## Letter from President



Dear Families,

Greetings and welcome to the new school year! It is both a pleasure and an honor to serve as your President and contribute to the planning of enjoyable activities for all of us to share. As President, one of my primary objectives is to expand the reach of this program to as many new families as possible, as I firmly believe that everyone can benefit from the offerings of this wonderful organization. The unique friendships formed here are

truly special.

So far this year, I am thrilled to share that we have already hosted two successful events—our Chuck E. Cheese fundraiser night and our participation in the Montrose Christmas Parade. Witnessing numerous families, including alumni, having a great time while supporting our organization was heartening. Our Board is diligently planning many more events for the upcoming semester, and I am hopeful to see all of you at these upcoming occasions as well.

A friendly reminder: Upon registering for this free program, you automatically become a valued member of our Glendale Community College Parent Education Association (GCPEA). If there is a specific event you would like us to organize or, better yet, if you wish to contribute to the planning, please feel free to contact me at [president@gcpea.org](mailto:president@gcpea.org) or our Vice President, Kristine Franco, at [vicepresident@gcpea.org](mailto:vicepresident@gcpea.org). We welcome your ideas and would be delighted to have you join our team. Additionally, I encourage you all to attend our association meetings via Zoom, where you can gain insights into how funds raised at our events are utilized and witness the meticulous planning that underlies each of our activities. If you haven't already perused our informational booklet, you can find it, along with the Board's contact information, on our website at [www.gcpea.org](http://www.gcpea.org).

As we embark on another semester together, I am filled with excitement and look forward to reconnecting with each of you on Spring semester.

Warm regards,

Any Moskopian, Esq.

GCPEA President





**Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser Event held by GCPEA**  
**By Arineh Eb Begian**

Pasadena, CA – The Chuck E Cheese fundraiser held at the Pasadena location on 3737 E Foothill Blvd, in October was a success for the GCPEA program. The event brought together a vibrant community eager to support the program.

Participants had the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new connections, all while enjoying a night out with their families. The kids, were treated to a delightful experience, making it a memorable occasion-

Thank you to everyone who attended. These successful events play a crucial role in the success of the GCPEA.





## Halloween at Ms. Valerie's Preschool Class

by Annie Aivazian

Ms. Valerie, a dedicated teacher with a passion for Halloween, orchestrated a delightful celebration in her class for the two and three-year-olds on a lively Monday. The children were engaged in various activities, immersing themselves in the festive spirit.

The highlight of the day was Ms. Valerie's pumpkin carving demonstration, where the little ones eagerly watched her skillfully carve a jack-o-lantern. To make it even more special, some of the youngsters lent their little helping hands to carve out the jack-o-lantern's face.

Throughout the day, the class participated in a range of Halloween-themed activities. During rug time, the children joyfully sang the enchanting "5 Little Pumpkins" song, adding a musical touch to the celebration. Creative crafts and the exciting task of decorating treat bags added to the festive atmosphere.

The preschoolers had the chance to don their favorite costumes and join in a lively parade, spreading joy and laughter. As a delightful part of the festivities, they took turns sharing treats with their classmates, fostering a sense of camaraderie and generosity. The Halloween celebration was not limited to the classroom; parents and children alike reveled in the festivities, creating wonderful memories and strengthening the sense of community. Ms. Valerie's dedication to making learning fun and memorable was evident, leaving both parents and children with a heartwarming experience that will be cherished for years to come.





Some Halloween pics from program's classes:





## Thanksgiving Fruit Salad

by Annie Aivazian

In the true spirit of Thanksgiving, children in Ms. Barbara's Wednesday 2-year-old class engaged in the art of sharing and giving.

Each child brought a zip-lock bag of fruit to class, taking turns placing their portion into a sizable bowl. Ms. Barbara then mixed up the fruit with a big spoon as the kids observed.

The result was a colorful and delicious fruit salad enjoyed by the entire class! Not only was this a healthy snack for the kids and parents, but it also highlighted the importance of turn-taking and teamwork.

Each child's contribution played a role in creating the final product—a delightful fruit feast!





## Montrose Christmas Parade Recap, by Chelsea Brandt

On December 2nd, the Montrose Christmas Parade ushered in the festive spirit of the holiday season, attracting a vibrant and enthusiastic crowd. For many GCPEA students, this was a novel experience, and the day began with a bit of an adventure navigating parking and finding our designated meeting spot.

Participants went all out in decorating strollers and wagons, displaying creativity with a homemade float pulled by a tricycle. The lively atmosphere featured elf hats, jingling bells, various costumes, and an abundance of holiday sweaters and scarves. Some even braved the winter chill with mittens and gloves.

Liseth Mazariegos and her family generously provided cocoa and coffee, adding to the joy of the day. Cookies and holiday music further enhanced the festive atmosphere. The highlight for everyone was the appearance of Santa from a helicopter, capturing the attention of not just the kids but the entire crowd.





The parade procession down Honolulu was accompanied by waves to cheering onlookers, with kids dancing and a diverse array of community groups showcasing their creativity through cars and costumes.



As we passed the broadcasting tent, our presence was acknowledged, and one announcer shared a heartfelt personal reflection on how much our program meant to her as a new parent, emphasizing the enduring friendships it fostered.



In conclusion, the Montrose Christmas Parade proved to be the perfect kickoff to the holidays, fostering a sense of community and camaraderie among our friends at GCPEA!



## Gingerbread House

by Annie Aivazian

In Ms. Barbara's Wednesday 2-year-old class, festive cheer filled the room as the little ones embarked on a delightful gingerbread house-making adventure! With the assistance of parents who generously contributed graham crackers, icing, and an array of decorative candies, each child had the opportunity to craft their own unique masterpiece.

Ms. Barbara ingeniously used milk cartons as the foundation for each house, providing a sturdy frame for the creative process.

The children joyfully honed their skills in spreading icing, assembling graham cracker walls, and adorning their creations with a rainbow of colorful sweets.

It was an enjoyable and delectable art project that not only sparked creativity but also left everyone with sweet memories.



## Stocking Decorating

by Annie Aivazian

In Ms. Valerie's Monday class, the 2/3-year-olds engaged in festive creativity by decorating Christmas stockings.




The young ones had a delightful time exploring a diverse range of vibrant and textured materials such as feathers, buttons, beads, ribbon, glitter, and glue.

Embracing their artistic freedom, each child personalized their stocking by writing their name on it.

These unique creations became cherished ornaments, proudly taken home to adorn the homes just in time for Santa's visit.







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