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### **LAEF's Royals Visit and Enrich Kids!**

(Los Alamitos, CA) LAEF's King and Queen of Hearts graced the campus of Lee Elementary with their presence on Friday, July 15. While visiting the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Summer Enrichment Institute, King Matt Herrick of Southland Credit Union and Griffins Grill read to children in the Jumpstart 1<sup>st</sup> Grade class. Queen Adriana Preciado-Ziegenbusch, Seal Beach Lion of the Year, joined the Spanish Immersion Through Art class, where she sang, danced and spoke to students in her native tongue. The children were very excited to meet the King and Queen, and they both allowed many of the children to try on their crowns.

Herrick and Preciado-Ziegenbusch were crowned in February and will reign until the next King and Queen are named at the Royal Ball and Coronation event on February 24, 2017 at The Grand in Long Beach. Community members join the Royal Court and compete against each other to raise as many funds as possible; each dollar counts as a vote. Past LAEF Royalty include Tom Lent (Southland Credit Union), Tina Heeren (LAHS Counselor), Meg Cutuli (Board of Education) and Mike Tannourji (McGaugh parent).

The King & Queen of Hearts campaign funds the LAEF STEAM Initiative, which supports Media/STEAM teachers at all elementary schools, free STEAM project development classes, STEAM Fairs on all nine district campuses, and the district-wide STEAM Showcase.

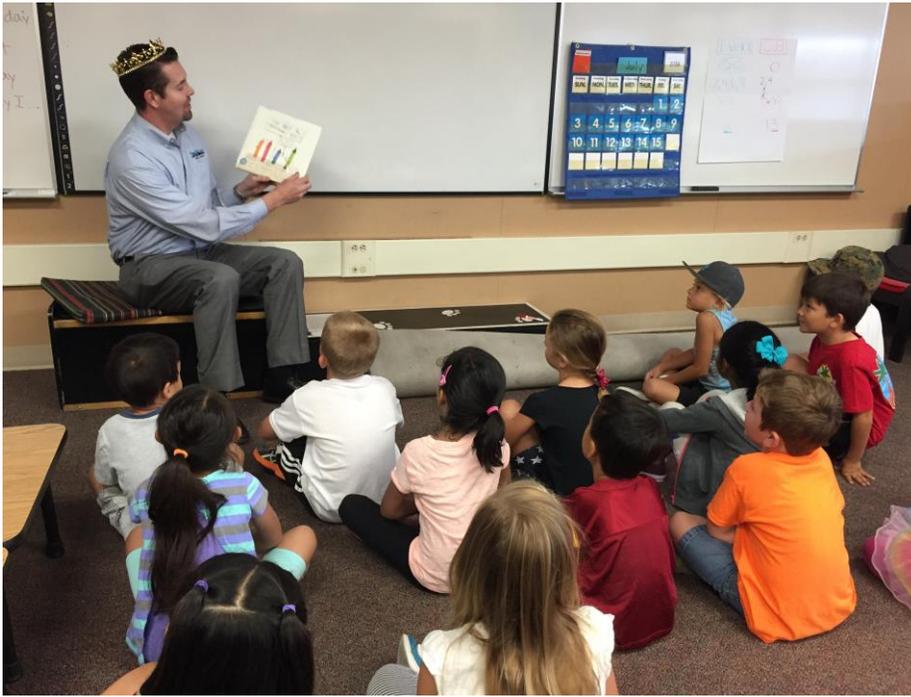
The Los Alamitos Education Foundation (LAEF) is proud to have provided 94 enrichment classes this summer to students in grades K-12. Over 600 students took one or more SEI classes and learned more about reading, writing, math, theater, art, science, technology, physical fitness and much more! Small class sizes (maximum 17 students), which are taught by credentialed teachers and highly qualified instructors in 2-hour blocks, provided the ideal educational environment for students to continue to learn over the summer.

LAEF is the non-profit partner of Los Alamitos Unified School District. LAEF enhances educational excellence by providing after-school and summer enrichment programs to children in grades Pre-K to 12. LAEF provides significant funding for STEAM teachers and instruction, as well as igniting new programs and providing valuable resources, to impact all students. For more information, visit [www.LAEF4kids.org](http://www.LAEF4kids.org) or call (562) 799-4700 Extension 80424 today!

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Queen Adriana Preciado-Ziegenbusch and King Matt Herrick pose with children participating in LAEF's Summer Enrichment Institute.



King Matt Herrick reads to the Jumpstart 1<sup>st</sup> Grade class at LAEF's Summer Enrichment Institute.