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LAEF celebrates 15 years of Summer Enrichment & Hosts a Royal Visit!

(Los Alamitos, CA) The Los Alamitos Education Foundation (LAEF) is thrilled to celebrate Year 15 of its Summer Enrichment Institute (SEI) program this year. Each year, SEI is an essential part of summer for Los AI parents and students alike, offering fun and educational learning opportunities for students, and a much-needed break for their parents. Kids and teachers were thrilled to come together at Lee Elementary School for SEI again this summer.

LAEF's first session of SEI was launched on June 17 and Session 2 began on June 30, offering over 140 fun and academic enrichment classes for K-5th graders. The best part of SEI is the support the kids get inside the classroom with our Jumpstart programs and the fun they have with our variety of enrichment classes like STEAM, cooking, fitness, sports, singing & dancing, art, guitar and new classes this year, like Printmaking! Students can try just about anything during SEI.

Students got a special visit from LAEF's King and Queen, Randy and Diana Hill, this week and were very enamored by their appearance. Students were excited to show our Royals what they were learning! Randy and Diana Hill were crowned at LAEF's Royal Gala during the "Fundraising February for Los Al Kids" campaign because of their strong ties to LAEF and the Los Alamitos community, and their unwavering commitment to supporting Los Al Kids. In fact, Diana Hill served as the LAEF Board Chair during the very first year of SEI fifteen years ago!

The Fundraising February campaign raised over \$150,000 this year. Campaign proceeds will continue to support student mental health and wellness by providing stipends for seven Counseling Interns working in Well Spaces at Los AI USD schools. Funds will also support Innovation Grants for district teachers this upcoming Fall.

"We are thrilled to celebrate 15 years of SEI for Los Al Kids," said Carrie Logue, LAEF Executive Director. "We love to see families returning year after year to take advantage of hundreds of learning opportunities."

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 instruction, as well as igniting new programs and providing valuable resources, to impact all students. For more information, visit <u>www.LAEF4kids.org</u> or call (562) 799-4700 Extension 80424 today!



Students show King and Queen Randy & Diana Hill what they are making in Summer Food Exploration.



Students in Jumpstart First Grade introduce themselves to King and Queen Randy & Diana Hill.