

Dear North Park Academy of the Arts Families, and Community Members,

I am truly grateful for the opportunity of being able to work with all of you in this very special place we call North Park. Thank you for your support and partnership in providing our students with unlimited possibilities in Academics, Athletics, Activities, and the Arts. We should all be proud for creating an extraordinary school that is safe, nurturing, and inclusive.

As the Thanksgiving holiday is upon us, I want to share a couple of events that reflect the spirit of being thankful and giving back that we have going on at North Park.

If you would like to help the victims of the firestorms in Northern and Southern California, that have claimed dozens of lives with many more still missing, our ASB has organized a fundraiser to support our neighbors and firefighters. You may find more information at <a href="http://supportlafd.org/">http://supportlafd.org/</a>

In addition, we are also holding a canned food drive, which ends <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>November 20th</u>. We ask that you encourage your students to bring at least one canned food item. Please no glass items. All food items, which will be donated to the city of Pico Rivera, will be used for the Christmas baskets that are handed out to families in our community.

On behalf of the teachers and staff of North Park, thank you for the countless contributions you make each and every day to the lives of our children. And, from the entire North Park Family, we wish you a safe, peaceful, and very Happy Thanksgiving with loved ones!

In gratitude, Gisela Castanon

Principal