## The Frostig Newsroom



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## Frostig School West Hosts Family Breakfast

On Friday, September 24th, Frostig School West hosted it's first family breakfast where parents and family members of all grades were invited to campus! Parents had the opportunity to connect over coffee and pastries while discussing the upcoming school year. Dean Conklin (Executive Director), Carly Bidner (Director of Development) and Kim Petrarca (Lead Teacher for Frostig School West) lead a presentation on the importance of family community in supporting Frostig students.

Carly Bidner commented, "It was great getting to hear all that parents are interested in doing at Frostig West this year! Its amazing to have such a connected and involved community."

#### **Transition Fair 2022**



Frostig's Transition team held our annual Transition Fair on the afternoon of October 14th at Frostig's Pasadena campus. Thirteen plus vendors held tables showcasing their programs with opportunities for young adults. Ability First College to Career, Citrus College, DaniMation Entertainment and Actors for Autism were some of the programs in attendance. Kaiah Catanese, a senior at Frostig Pasadena, described the Transition Fair as, "an amazing experience that helps you understand that there's so much out there. There truly are so many programs and schools that actually want to help and support you."

Frostig students from middle to high school as well as their families had the opportunity to attend the fair in hopes of gaining information and interest in opportunities for students once they graduate.

After her attendance of the event, ninth grader, Siena Nunoz, commented that the transition fair was an, "insightful experience!" She discussed getting to





know some of the opportunities that are out there (although Siena already has big plans of moving to Hawaii and attending Brigham-Young University post graduation.)

Parents and families also enjoyed the inperson event this year. One parent described their experience at the Transition Fair as, "such a pleasant surprise! There were so many great programs here that we have never heard of."

A special thank you to our transition team, Danette and Ana, for all of your hard work putting this event together!

## **Upcoming Events**

Get ready for our 2023 Gala - Celebrating the Possibilities!



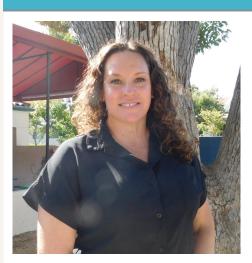
#### Our Speaker Series is returning with an in-person event - details below!





Community film screening with group discussion to follow November 17th @ 7pm Frostig Pasadena in Gates Hall Friends and families welcome!

### A Message From School Leadership



# FSW's Lead Teacher, Kim, Discusses the Upcoming Year

The 2022–2023 school year is off to a great start here at FSW! Our student body has tripled in size since opening our westside campus in 2019, and we have hired additional staff to support that growth. We have so many things happening this year including a student–led Fly By Cafe, an in–person Fall Festival coming up on October 27, and an in–person Halloween Celebration on October 31. In addition to these exciting events at the Bel–Air campus, FSW seniors have also been traveling to the Pasadena campus twice a week to participate in senior activities and additional elective classes to provide them with a special experience for their senior year. I am so grateful for the opportunity to work with our amazing FSW students, families, and community!



# A Note from Frostig School Pasadena's Principal, Jenny

I love this time of year! The heat is subsiding, the leaves are changing colors, and the school year is up and running! Some of the exciting things that are happening on the Pasadena campus include field trips to see Jane Goodall talk about conservation, guest speakers from the credit union to teach the students about money management, and classroom activities such as dissecting owl pellets in biology and completing an escape room to learn about the early explorers. To expand their social skills, the students are also engaged in lunch clubs, social learning classes, and are gearing up for an in-person Fall Festival on October 21st. It is an honor to be here and share those experiences with our students, staff, and families!

