



EXPLORATION FRIDAY

What is Exploration Friday?

Exploration Friday is a unique program offered at Echo Canyon School (ECS). Exploration Friday enriches the academic atmosphere for our students by exposing them to a variety of workshops that offer hands-on learning opportunities about new and fun topics. Workshops are facilitated by volunteer parents, teachers, and community members. Some workshops offered in the past have included topics ranging from yoga, sports skills, mindfulness, taiko drumming, bee keeping, wood working, and gardening – to cooking, calligraphy, public speaking, leadership, puppeteering, intro to high school, and career exploration just to name a handful of examples...the topics are diverse and vary each time. We ask volunteers to tap into their special skills, talents, and interests that they would like to share with our students. Exploration Friday did not take place last year due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. However, with a few modifications, we are excited to bring Exploration Friday back to ECS in a manner that promotes the safety of our students, staff, and volunteer presenters.

2020-2021 Exploration Friday Schedule

Session One – January 14th

Session Two – March 11th

Session Three – May 6th

Do You Have a Talent to Share?

Calling all parents, family members, and community members!! We are looking for Exploration Friday presenters. What talent or interest can you share with a group of students at ECS? Is there someone you know who might be interested in presenting? You can identify your workshop theme, choose which grade level you would like to work with (K-8), and reach out to start planning by sending an email to ExplorationFriday@echocanyonpto.com or completing this form: <https://tinyurl.com/r3ak3esr> (form can also be found via the QR code at the bottom of this flyer. It is also important that you begin the formal volunteer application process with the SUSD Human Resources department as soon as possible. Check out the application process and link on the SUSD website: www.susd.org/Page/397. Once you have applied online, please alert the school front office and send an email to ExplorationFriday@echocanyonpto.com.

Volunteer Commitment Details

Volunteer Exploration Friday Presenters will arrive on campus at 7:30 am to check in, get their name badge and information packet, and find their assigned classroom/location. You will be expected to teach two 45-minute sessions of your same class that day to two different groups of students. The first round will be from 8:00-8:45 am. The school will then break for a 15-minute recess, and you will use this time to get settled in your second assigned classroom/location. The second round will be from 9:00-9:45 am. Upon completion of your second class, you will fill out your feedback survey and check out for the day. The entire time commitment will be from 7:30 am – 10:00 am on your selected day. You can volunteer for all three Exploration Fridays or just pick one or two dates that best suite your schedule. Once you are signed up, someone from our Exploration Friday Committee will reach out to you to talk through the details.



Complete the Volunteer Exploration Friday Presenter Interest Form Today by scanning this QR code!