

Las Flores *Home Education/Independent Study Academy*

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Home Grown Fun

Mary, Mary quite contrary how does your garden grow? With silver bells and cockleshells and tiny hands willing to sow! Children at the Las Flores Home Education Independent Study Academy have been working the past year to reap what they sow. Under

the guidance of Soinia Burgueno and her crew of green-thumb parents, a raised-bed garden flourishes in a small corner of the campus. Once a neglected patch of weeds in a planter box constructed for an Eagle Scout project prior to the school's opening in 2012-13, the garden has truly come to life since the Burgueno family joined the school in the 2014-15 school year. Throughout the past school year students could be seen nibbling away on fresh carrots and radishes picked by their own hands. The staff lounge often filled with the bountiful harvests of carrots, kale, zucchini, radishes, and more for families to take home and enjoy.

Mrs. Burgueno has big plans for the Las Flores Home Education Academy garden. For the 2015-16 school year, she



Mrs. Soinia Burgueno proudly stands among the flourishing crops of the Las Flores Home Education Independent Study Academy garden.

and her husband Francisco, a local landscaper, intend to build at least two more planters. It is their true desire to eventually fill the entire space with the farming production. The school also hopes to use this project as part of the middle school enrichment program by getting the students in grades 5-8 involved in the planning and development of the expansion. Through this project-based learning opportunity, the students will get real-life curricular experiences as they do such things as measure the space, determine supply needs, and perhaps even write letters to request donations from local businesses.

Mrs. Burgueno plans to hold gardening sessions as part of Enrichment Friday once a month. She recently completed a training program called "Teaching with Seeds" as part of a Community Seed Grant program that is "designed to support the work of educators and those working to enhance the nutritional, social, economic, or environmental health of underprivileged groups in the region, while simultaneously keeping locally-adapted crop varieties alive and in active use in farms and gardens" (<http://native-seeds.org/get-seeds/communityseedgrants>). She is also currently seeking approval from the Bellflower Unified School District's nutrition center to have a lunch time salad bar, so students can have a farm to table experience. Her love of gardening and aspirations for all to enjoy organic foods is one that will help the students at the Las Flores Home Education Independent Study Academy learn not only the value of nutrition but also the lesson that hard work yields delicious results!

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Standard of Excellence; Nothing Less



Home Education Independent Study Academy Grades K-8

The Home Education Independent Study Academy offers homeschooling parents the best of both worlds: the opportunity to learn at home or at the Las Flores Educational Center. In addition, parents have the assistance of a credentialed teacher and access to standards-based textbooks while retaining the autonomy to design their own student's learning based on California standards. Our goal is to assist parents with the implementation of a creative, well-rounded, standards-based curriculum that is tailored to the abilities and interests of their own children.

Bellflower Unified School District Exciting Opportunities for Homeschool Parents

Classic Model

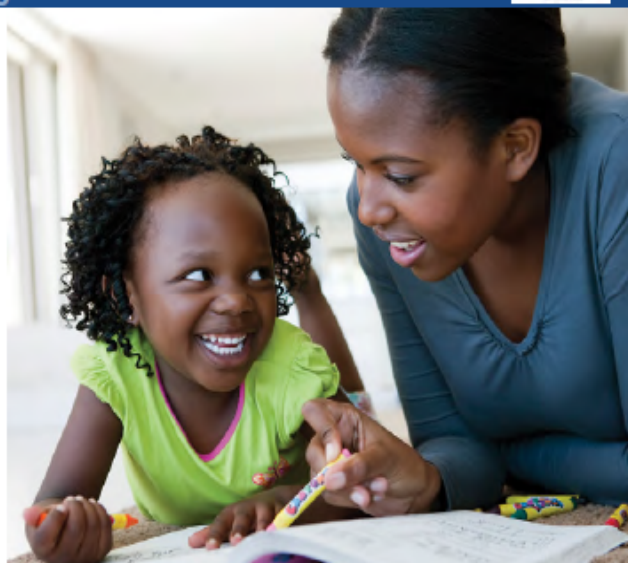
Grades K-8: Parents are the primary teacher five days a week. Students and parents meet at least once a month with a credentialed teacher to review work and set goals. Students may also participate in enrichment learning experiences on Fridays.

Core Model

Grades k-8: Students attend school three full days per week and are taught at home two days. Students and parents meet at least once a month with a credentialed teacher to review the work and set goals. Students may also participate in enrichment learning experiences on Fridays.

Enrichment Fridays

Each week students have the opportunity to come to Las Flores Educational Center for half a day to participate in an engaging, standards-based lesson and activity as well as a music, technology and Mandarin class.



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