



AF° ALMA FUERTE
PUBLIC SCHOOL

Virtual Open House

We Will Begin Shortly!



Executive Director:
Laurilie Keay



Operations Director:
Adriani Leon





Today's Agenda:

- About Us
- Our Differentiators:
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Community
 - Leadership and Core Values
- A Day in the Life of a Student
- Social-Emotional
- Measuring Success
- Questions

Speakers

- Laurilie Keay, Executive Director
- Adriani Leon, Operations Director

Reminders:



- Use the chat
- Visit our Instagram Page
- RSVP to upcoming events
- Complete Enrollment Application



ABOUT

US

Alma Fuerte opened its doors in July of 2017. Our oldest students are currently in 7th grade which means we'll be adding 8th grade for the 2023-2024 school year.

First of all, what is a Charter School and who is Alma Fuerte?

A charter school is a publicly-funded school that operates independently of the district it resides in. Charter schools are created by a group of community members seeking to create change in their local education system. In our case, Alma Fuerte was founded by Anne Lee, a Pasadena mom that did not feel her daughters' needs were being met by local schools.

Who oversees Alma Fuerte? Are your teachers credentialed?

The biggest difference/ freedom that charter schools have is that the school gets to decide how to achieve its student goals. For a charter school to exist in California, it must be authorized and overseen by either a local school board, a county board of education or the state board of education. In our case, our authorization and oversight is done by the Los Angeles County of Education (LACOE). This means that Alma Fuerte must meet standards just like all other LACOE schools as well as present to LACOE proof of teacher credential, mandatory trainings, monthly financial reports, student information and more.

HOW WE

STAND OUT

We are a small but mighty tight-knit community! Every single student gets to know every single staff member and every single person has opportunities to impact the greater school community. Your child makes a difference here.

01. **Entrepreneurship**

- Fun, Creative plethora of Project-Based Learning Opportunities
- Maker Space

02. **Community**

- Parent Input
- Diversity and Inclusion

03. **School Leadership and Core Values**

- Inclusion/ Students First
- Prioritize Classroom Support

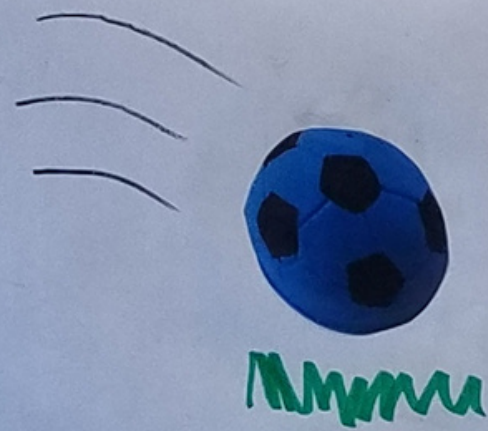
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Alma Fuerte's goal is to bring out the entrepreneur in each child by developing their critical thinking skills, leadership ability, and fostering their unique creativity.

Leadership Skills/ Creative Problem Solving
Teamwork/ Interpersonal Skills
Communication Skills/ Public Speaking
Vision/ Goals
Work Ethic/ Discipline
Flexibility/Adaptability
Self-Advocacy

- Self-Led Project - Students can start businesses individually
- Classroom Projects - Students work with their teacher on specific products
- School-Wide Activities - Students participate in Farmer's Market, Craft Fairs
- Maker Space - Learn and practice new skills (embroidery, stamp-making, paper-making, etc)

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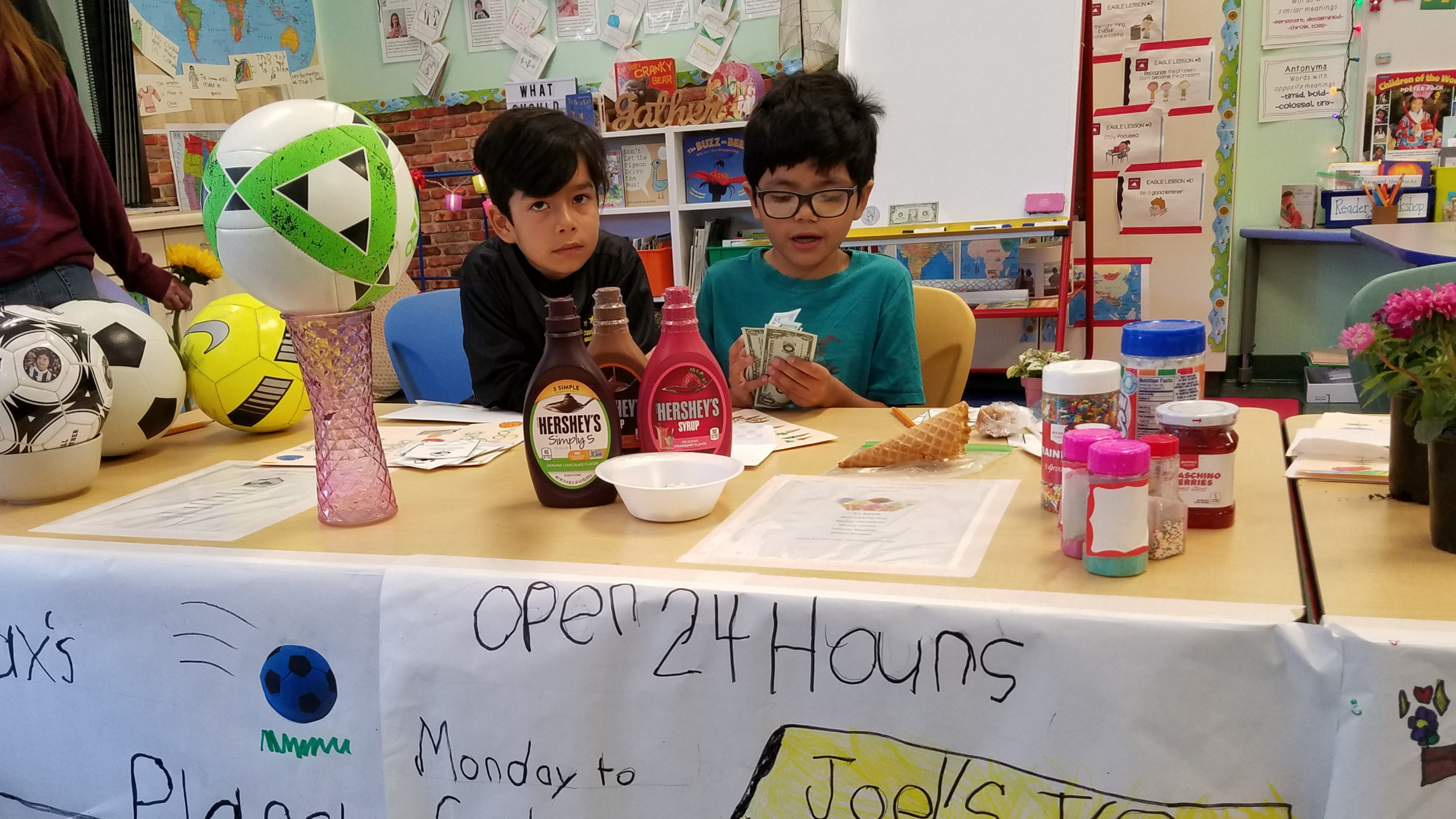


Place

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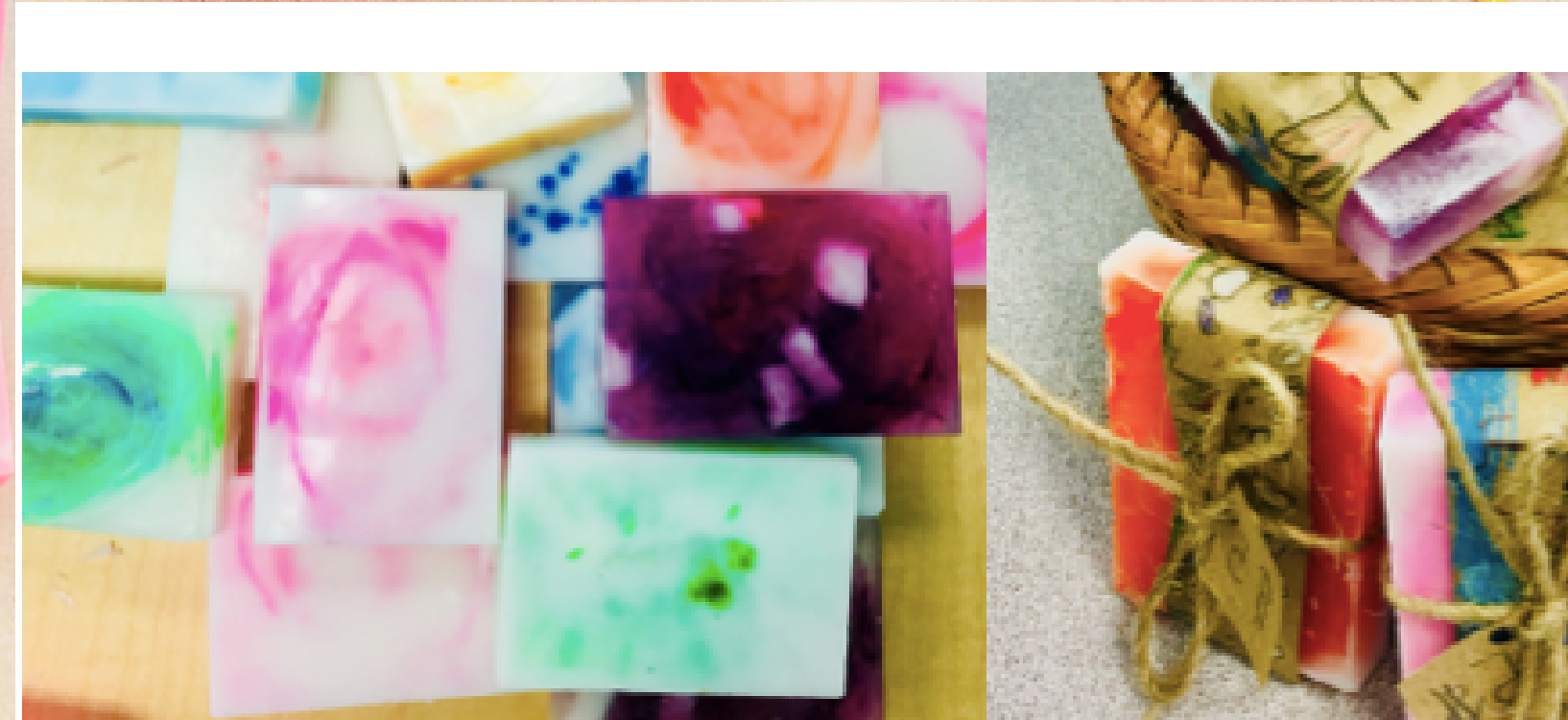
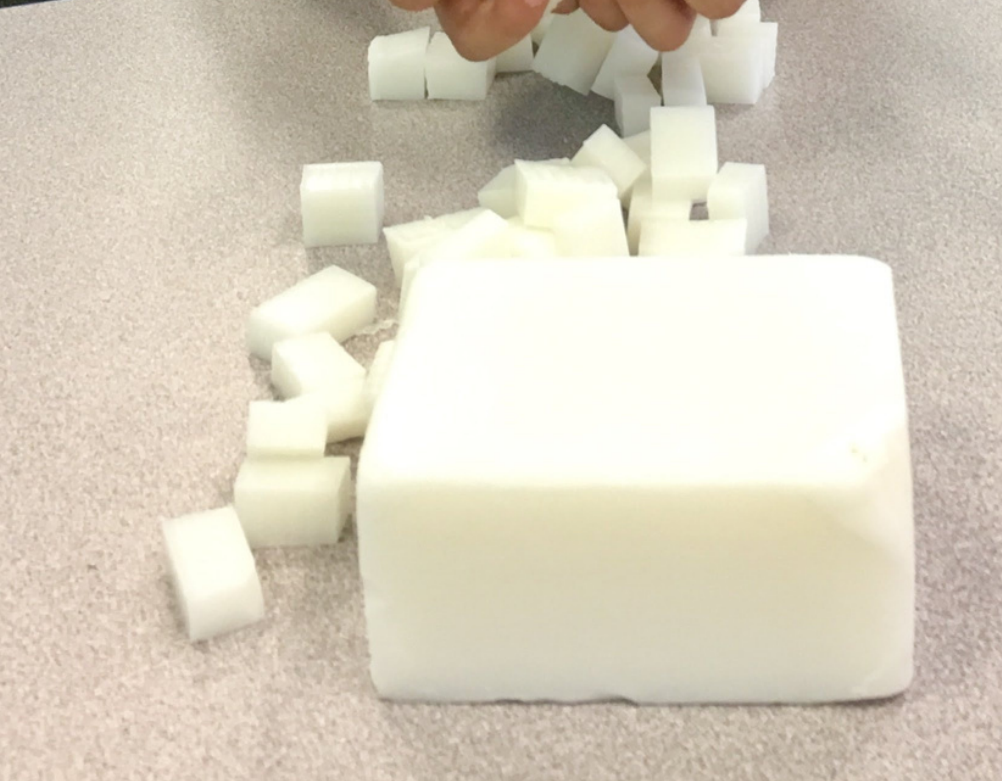
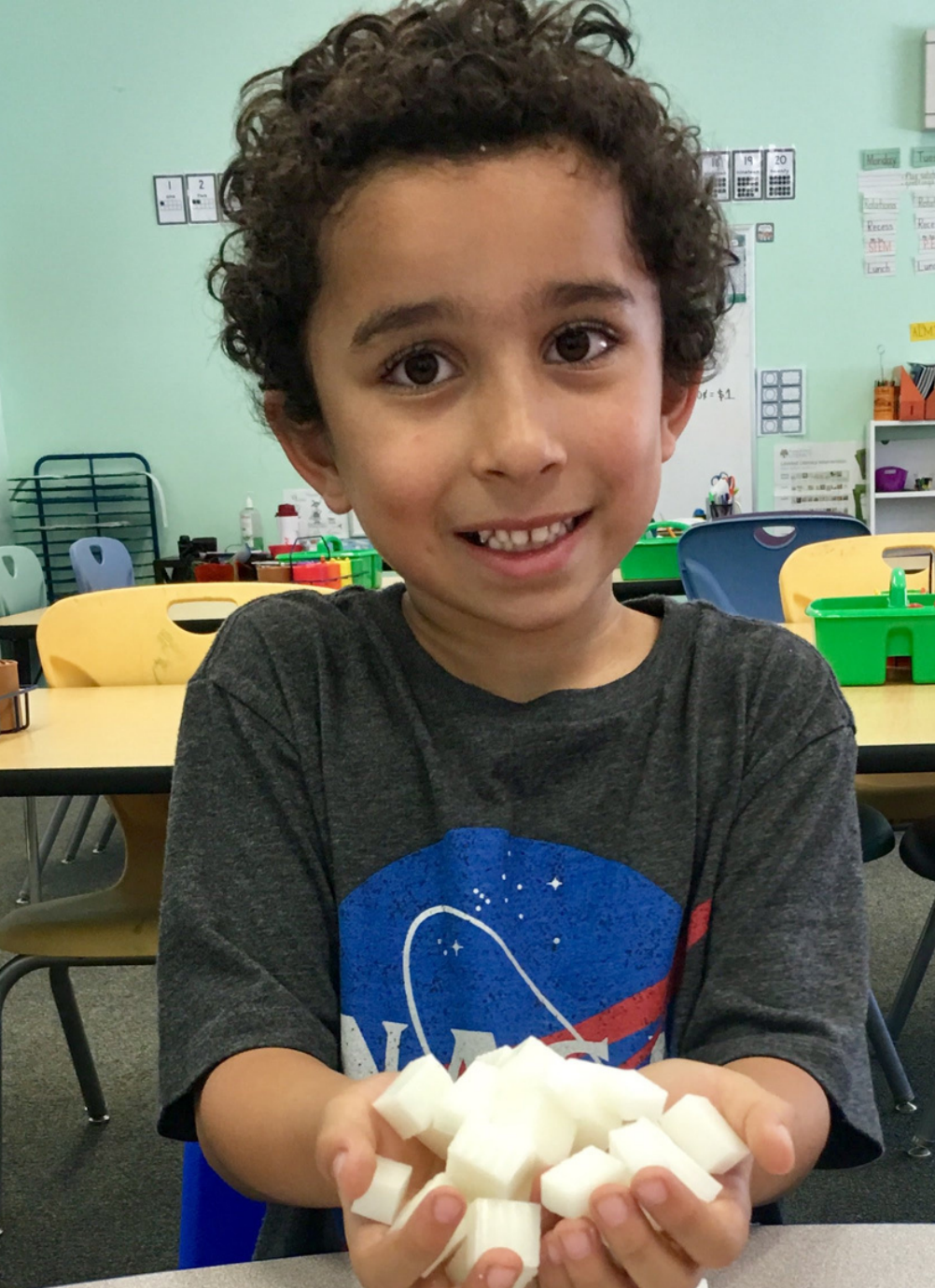
My Business
Emily + Monica
by
Puffins

Business Name: <i>ba x b l a d e d o l t s</i>		
What do you sell? <i>10 \$5</i> <i>Apple + Honey</i>	How much does it cost? <i>\$5</i>	Why should someone buy it? <i>you</i>
What are your hours of operation? <i>pe h wed nes day</i>		



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Pete Hunkley



Support
Young
Entrepreneurs!

ALMA FERIA



**UNINCORPORATED
COFFEE ROASTERS**



Our parents are very involved. Parent input has been an integral part of all large community decisions and have helped shape who we are. Before the pandemic we had at least 2 parent-led initiatives a month. During the pandemic we met online monthly to talk through changes in safety protocols and varying family needs. We are excited to return to our community based events roots in the coming months and share the strengths of our families from delicious chilaquiles and chili to thought provoking workshops led by expert parents.

COMMUNITY

What does diversity look like at Alma Fuerte?

Inclusion

20% of Alma Fuerte Students have Special Needs

Language

32% of our students are learning English as their second language

POC

92% of Alma Fuerte students are students of color

75%

of Alma Fuerte staff are POC

45%

of Alma Fuerte staff are men









Parent:
Why?

School Leadership and Staff

As a small team, we can make decisions and changes fast. When you speak to our Director Ms.Keay, you are speaking directly with the Superintendent. We welcome all perspectives and think through how changes/ ideas impact our community as a whole.

We prioritize classroom support over administrative support in staffing as well as spending. We wear many hats and juggle many priorities. Our decisions are guided by the following core values:

- Inclusion
- Students First/ Open Door
- Community
- Transparency

We empower our staff to advocate for any needs that they see no matter how small. We give our staff the opportunity to take ownership of special projects that develop their leadership skills and professional growth goals.

All grades have a Teacher and an Associate Teacher



A DAY IN THE LIFE

7:45am Breakfast/ Dropoff

8:15am School Starts

2:35am Dismissal

6:30pm End of After School Program



Monday - Grade 1	Wednesday - Grade 6	Afterschool - Grade 4
Homeroom	ELA	Tutoring with Teacher
Art	Math	Gardening
Dance	Social Studies	Snack
Lunch	Lunch	Outdoor Play
Music	Spanish/ Makerspace	Homework
Homeroom	Science/ SEL	Free time
School Assembly	PE	Pick Up

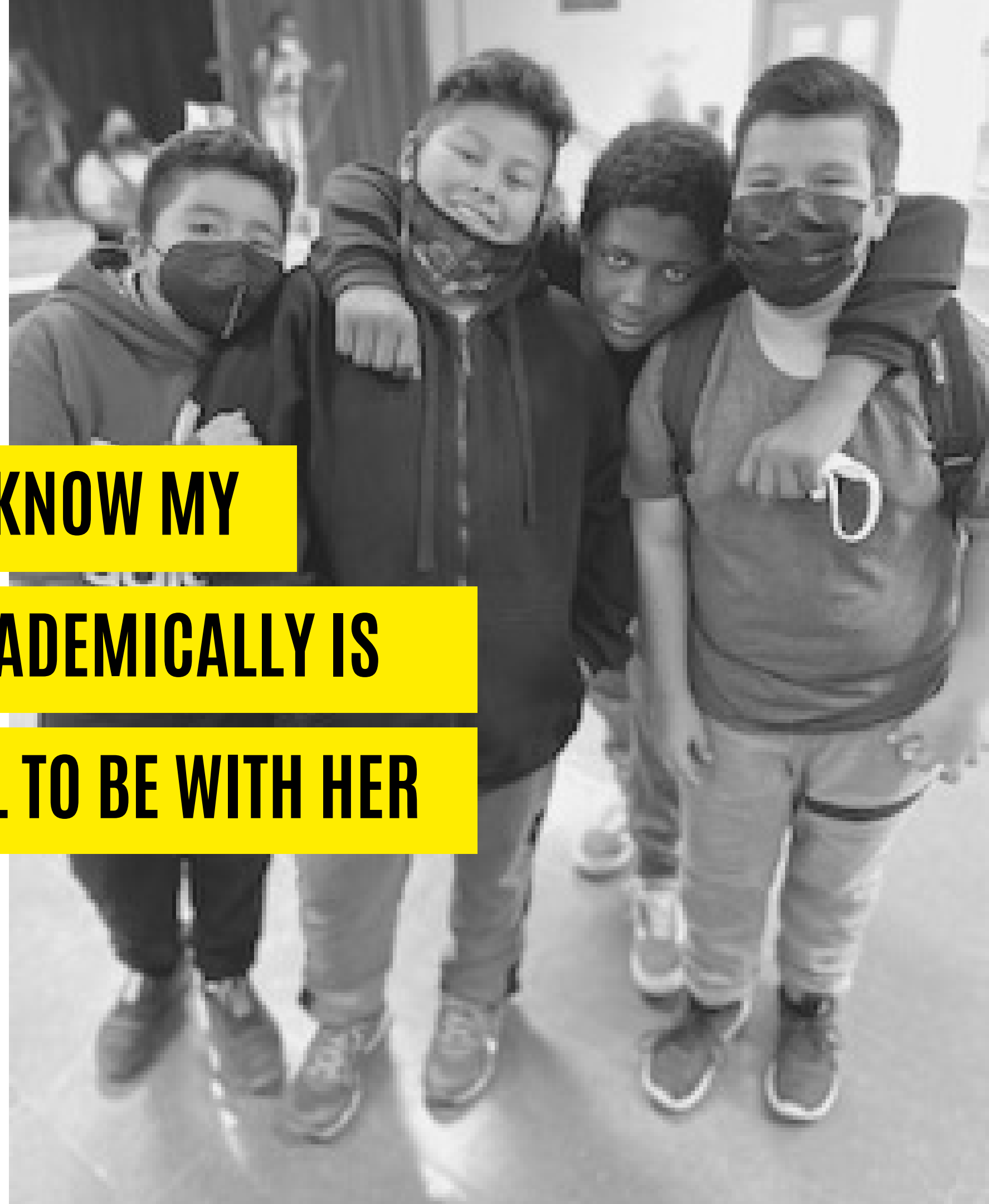
SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL

- Social Responsibility
- Trauma/ Grief- Informed
- Classroom based Social-Emotional Activities
- Counselor
- Weekly Check-ins
- Restorative Practice Philosophy for Discipline



WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

**AS A PARENT IT BRINGS ME DELIGHT TO KNOW MY
DAUGHTER WHO LACKS CONFIDENCE ACADEMICALLY IS
EXCITED TO WAKE UP AND GO TO SCHOOL TO BE WITH HER
PEERS AND HER TEACHERS.**



WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

----- HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH SEVERAL LEARNING DISORDERS AS WELL AS ADHD AND WE HAVE HAD SOME OPPORTUNITIES TO LOOK AT SEVERAL OTHER SCHOOLS THAT WOULD BE EQUIPPED TO MANAGE HER NEEDS.

LUCKILY, WE HAVE NEVER HAD TO MAKE A MOVE AS WE HAVE FOUND EVERYTHING WE NEED AT ALMA FUERTE.

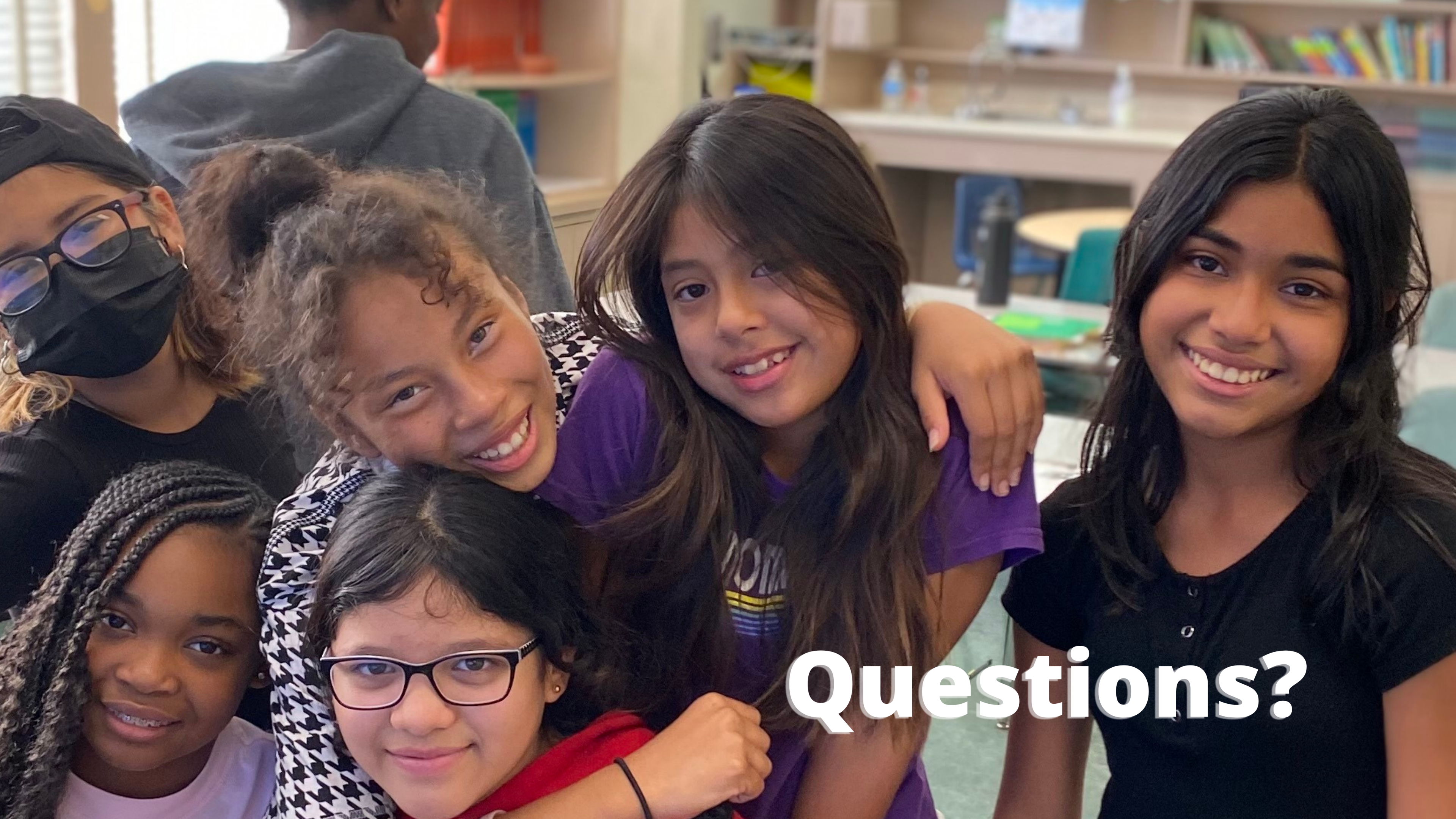
THEY HAVE GONE OUT OF THEIR WAY SINCE SHE STARTED SCHOOL TO HELP HER THRIVE IN THE FACE OF HER CHALLENGES, AND IT IS BECAUSE OF THEM THAT WE HAVE MANAGED TO KEEP HER IN PUBLIC SCHOOL WITH A GREAT CIRCLE OF NEUROTYPICAL CLASSMATES.



WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

**OUR FAMILY ABSOLUTELY LOVES ALMA FUERTE!
WE HAVE BEEN ENROLLED FOR 2 YEARS AND IT IS THE
BEST FIT MY DAUGHTER HAS EXPERIENCED TO DATE. --
---- IS LEARNING SO MUCH AND IS WORKING ABOVE
GRADE LEVEL. THE ALMA FUERTE COMMUNITY IS
SUPPORTIVE AND ENGAGED. WE HAVE SO MANY FUN
FAMILY ACTIVITIES.**





Questions?

ALMA FUERTE PUBLIC SCHOOL

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE!



Next Steps

Complete Enrollment Application
Email to book a tour!

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