



Elite Academic Academy launched a 10-day Songwriting and Creative Writing Intensive Workshop with Singer/Songwriter/Producer and Educator, Derik Nelson, who appeared as the lead guitarist on Fox's Glee on a regular basis and helped to shape the curriculum for the University of Southern California's Popular Music Degree Program.

Nelson worked with two cohorts of students, helping them craft and create their own songs, but also helping them with building self-confidence, working together as a team, and more. Each student created their own song, with their performances debuting live as a Student Showcase on YouTube.

"In the beginning, I was really nervous about singing, but now I feel a lot more comfortable with being open with people and having my camera on, during a zoom," said Dafnee B., a student who was a part of one of the cohorts. She said that Derik has boosted her confidence in the school itself and he offered his own advice to all of the students about things in school and life, which helped to get their creative energy going to write their own songs. We're so honored to have Mr. Nelson working with our students. Be on the lookout for more music opportunities from Elite soon!

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### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Brady C.

Brady is a third-grade student who is passionate about Navy ships. He has been learning all he can about them by using an encyclopedia.

With his research, he made the decision to create a book with all of the ships he was learning about from his research. His book is a collection of free-hand drawings and written explanations. Brady took his project a step further and engineered and designed his own Navy ship using Legos.

His teacher, Ms. Wright, also said Brady has grown tremendously in his reading and writing skills.

### Way to #BeElite, Brady!



# **RE-ENROLLMENT IS HERE**

It is time for our current students to reenroll for the 2023/2024 school vear!

Parents/Guardians should have received an email survey from our admissions department asking for your plans for the next school year. We're looking forward to having you back for the 23/24 school vear!

Please be sure to complete the survey as soon as possible. The state is requiring all schools to collect proof of residence this year for returning families, so please be sure to have a current utility, cable, or garbage bill ready to upload into the survey.





Parents can sign up to join a local ParentSquare group! You can post, comment, and plan meet ups with Elite families that live near you. Scan the QR code for a quick tutorial!



### **K-8 YEAR-ROUND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

### SUMMER GROWTH ACADEMY

**Incoming 1st-**8th graders are invited to participate in Elite's Summer Growth Academy and receive an exciting selection of books in the mail to read.



These students meet with an Elite educator every Tuesday and Thursday from July 6th to August 3rd, building community, discussing their reading, and having fun while learning! If you receive an invitation to participate, please respond by April 28th.

## S.O.A.R.



**S.O.A.R.** is the perfect space for our incoming 1st - 8th graders looking for extended opportunities to explore and challenge themselves this summer.

Students who participate will jump into dynamic game development courses provided through Stanford University's Digital Literacy Academy from July 5th to August 4th. Students will meet every Monday and Wednesday with an Elite educator who will guide and support them through the lessons! If interested, please complete the S.O.A.R. Google Form by April 28th to sign-up.

Look for year-round opportunities for our high school grades in the May newsletter.

# **ELITE OFFERINGS**

Elite Academic Academy has a lot to offer our students, including:

### **CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)**

Career Technical Education provides students of all ages with technical and academic skills that are necessary for students to become lifelong learners and prepared for future careers. Students in CTE courses are introduced to workplace competencies which gives the students an opportunity for hands-on practice. Students within the CTE courses are also able to earn industry-recognized certificates and leave high school ready for post-secondary education or careers.

Elite Academic Academy is proud to offer several industry pathway courses for students in the study of:

- Marketing
- Hospitality, Tourism & Recreation
- Software and Systems Development
- Early Childhood Education
- Public Safety
- Sports Medicine
- Entrepreneurship
- ESports

# **FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS**

At Elite, we offer a variety of field trip opportunities to our students every month. All students and their families are encouraged to attend in-person and virtual field trips. Field trups are a great opportunity for students to learn inspiring new interests and connect the bridge of academic learning to relevant real world concepts.



You can sign up for our events and field trips on ParentSquare.

## **PEAK PERFORMANCE ATHLETICS**

Peak Performance is a cutting-edge athletic program that offers a unique opportunity for students to customize their education and athletic development. Students are supported by a teacher of record, Sport Performance Coach, and an Athletic Lead. We offer a unique opportunity for students to track their post-secondary collegiatelevel education by using the Honest Game application. Be sure to check out our Athletic webpage for more information!



# LEARNING LABS

Learning Labs provide a safe, positive, and supportive environment where students can work on their foundational skills. Students can join a small group with their peers and practice skills with the guidance of a highlyqualified academic coach. "Learning Labs are tailored to meet the needs of students with learning gaps, by providing targeted support and guidance to help bridge these gaps and promote effective learning," said Math Coach Ms. Aldridge.

Labs distinguish themselves from traditional tutoring by grouping students based on similar learning needs, where they are encouraged to engage in open-ended discussions and unrestricted questioning, resulting in a stronger comprehension of the material.



#### SCAN TO ENROLL TODAY!



