

# Department of Family and Community Services

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## A Parent's Best Resource Connection

The PRCs bring together a host of diverse programs and services under one roof, creating unique and centrally located services and resources dedicated to helping families with children.

### What's New...

- Williams Syndrome Family of Hope at Lincoln Elementary School
- Family Math Night
- Parent Of The Week

### Parent Engagement Programs Coming Soon...

#### Family Math Nights (2nd and 3rd Grade)

Monroe	Nov. 9
Sierra Vista	Nov. 16
Lincoln	Nov. 17

#### Family Literacy Nights (2nd and 3rd Grade)

Lincoln	Nov. 18
Monroe	Nov. 18
Sierra Vista	Nov. 18

## PRC Staff Provide Resources Beyond the Parent Resource Center Environment.

Mrs. Rosaura Rivera, PRC Assistant, has developed a partnership with the **Williams Syndrome Family of Hope** to provide noise cancellation headphones for the Special Day Class at Lincoln Elementary School.



The Williams Syndrome Family of Hope, Inc. is a grassroots non-profit organization that was formed by families for families. Their mission is to provide support, resources, education and financial assistance.



## Headphones Work Great For School Fire Drills!



Noise cancellation devices help children with over sensitivity to certain frequencies of sounds like (fire drills, bells, settings with loud noises, such as school the cafeteria and community events).

Williams Syndrome (WS) is a genetic chromosome disorder which occurs in approximately 1 in 10,000 births and is known to affect every system in the body. Medical problems may include cardiovascular diseases caused by narrowed arteries, elevated blood pressure, kidney problems, limited joint mobility and chronic ear infections are just a few of the affects. The noise cancellation headphones makes in possible for children to participate in school and community events, learn, focus and enjoy their day. A special THANK YOU to Rosaura Rivera and Williams Syndrome Family of Hope for supporting MUSD students.

## Family Math Night - Gaining Momentum

Family Math Night is both purposeful and unique as it connects parents to classroom learning and reinforces the role they have as active participants in the education of their children. We also reinforce what takes place in the classroom. Family Math Night activities are aligned to state standards, making them the perfect complement to classroom learning. Parents and students experience fun math-focused activities geared toward 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students.

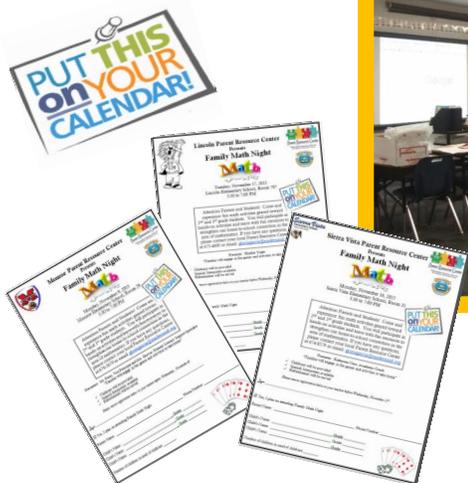
Monroe	Sierra Vista	Lincoln
Monday November 9 5:30-7:00 PM	Monday November 16 5:30-7:00 PM	Tuesday November 17 5:30-7:00 PM



Lincoln Elementary School



Sierra Vista Elementary School



Monroe Elementary School

### Parent Of The Week

Mrs. Concepcion "Connie" Perez, is being recognized as the "Parent Of The Week" for her dedication to learning English and for her admirable volunteer service to our community.



Connie is the mother of two children attending Lincoln Elementary School and is currently enrolled in an English as a Second Language program. Connie also attends an evening computer skills class where she is learning basic Microsoft Word skills.

Connie serves as a volunteer 'Promotora de Salud' for the Darrin Camarena Health Centers where she serves as a patient advocate, educator, mentor, outreach worker and translator. Connie also volunteers for the Saint Joachim's Catholic Marriage Encounter Project where she assists married couples who want to rediscover the joy of their marriage. Connie is definitely a great example of giving back and making an impact on the health and well-being of our community.