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"Where Children and Learning Come First"

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To Whom It May Concern:

November 13th was the first of our *Power Pack Science and Professional Staff Development Days* with Mad Science. Mad Science created a spectrum of science lessons for each grade level that matches up with the CCSD Power Standards. It was so VERY easy for our teachers to get ready for the students with these already prepared lesson plans, experiments, DVDs, and materials. At each grade level, the students rotated through each teacher's classroom learning a new science concept from Power Pack Science. Students and teachers alike were excited about the day. Overheard was the comment by one teacher, this is a great "Science Field Day"! Since we have to integrate science most weeks to 'fit' everything in, it was especially exciting for the students to be able to have a full day with science as the focus. Students were automatically connecting to reading, writing, and math, as well as enhancing vocabulary in our predominantly second-language school!

It is without hesitation that I would recommend this Power Pack Science day to any school interested in seeing how quality science lessons can be taught, while at the same time emphasizing the core subject areas. Our students were thrilled with the day and talk on the playground resounded with, "Did you see how....?", "Did you know that.....?", "I wonder how....?", and "I think I can do this at home with mom's help!"

Power Pack Science and Professional Staff Development Day empowered our teachers and we thank Mad Science for that!

Sincerely,

Gretchen Braner
Principal