

2018 DEPARTMENT REPORT

Recreation & Aquatics



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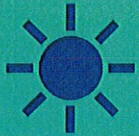
SEASONAL & PART TIME RECREATION & AQUATICS STAFF



- ▶ After School Program Staff – 13 (Average 25 hours per week)
- ▶ Summer Day Camp Staff – 22 (Full Time Seasonal)
- ▶ Lifeguards – 7 (Seasonal - Averaged 38 hours per week)
- ▶ Recreation Aids – 8 (Seasonal - Averaged 23 hours per week)

2018 Staff Positions – 50

2018 Unduplicated Staff – 56



2018 Summer Interns – 27



2018 Sports Volunteers – 61



2018 Event Volunteers – 19



**2017 Recreation Volunteer
of the Year – Romulo Prieto**

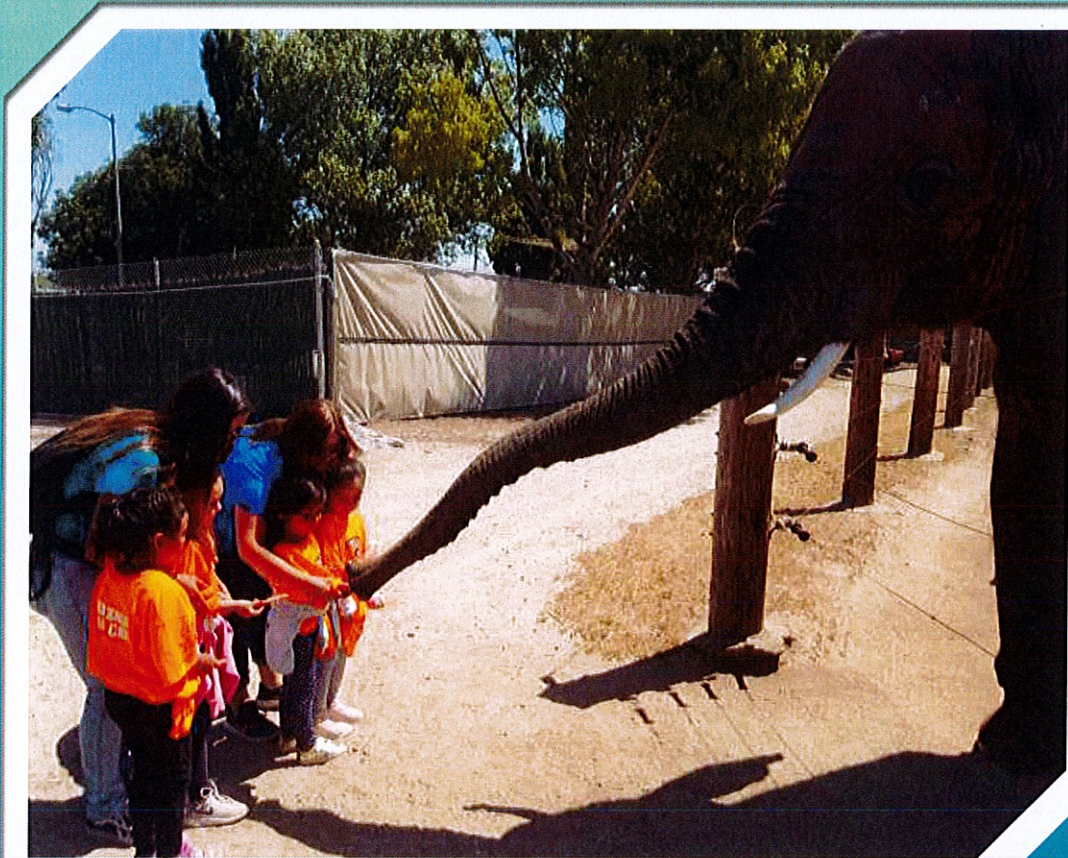
Romulo coached every youth
sport we offered in 2017

SUMMER INTERNS & VOLUNTEERS



KEY SUCCESSES - RECREATION

- ▶ Early Childhood Learning Programs (0-5)
- ▶ Established Community Action Team on Early Childhood Learning
- ▶ Implemented the Friends, Family & Neighbor (FFN) Project.
- ▶ Began a collaborative partnership with CAPSLO to increase capacity of the FFN Project
- ▶ Added 4 year old's to the Summer Day Camp program in order to increase Kinder Readiness
- ▶ Added a Parent Child Playgroup for children ages 0-24 months



KEY SUCCESSES - RECREATION

Youth (6-12)

- Added Youth Flag Football to the Youth Sports lineup
- Implemented the Kid Power After School Program in addition to the ASES collaboration
- Increased capacity of the Summer Day Camp Program
- Collaborated with GUSD to create the Gonzales Youth Community Theatre Program which allows all youth who live in Gonzales to participate



KEY SUCCESSES - RECREATION

Youth (6-12)

- Added Summer STEAM Program
- Added Summer Theatre Camp and had first summer production of Pirates of Grammar Island
- Added monthly Family Fun Nights for the After School Program in order to build trust relationships with families



KEY SUCCESSES - RECREATION

Teens (13-18)

- ▶ Increased capacity of the Summer Internship Program
- ▶ In addition to the Summer Day Camp Internships we added Sports Internships, Pool Internships and Theatre Internships
- ▶ Implemented an interview process for all Internship applicants
- ▶ Hired summer staff that had previously participated in the Internship Program for full time and part time positions
- ▶ Collaboration with Gonzales Fire to offer first Jr. Firefighter Academy



KEY SUCCESSES - RECREATION

Adults (18+)

- ▶ Addition of parent child early learning classes
- ▶ Continuation of Adult Co-ed Softball League
- ▶ Expansion of Adult Open Gym for basketball and volleyball play
- ▶ Hired full time position to increase Adult Sports offerings
- ▶ FFN Programming is more for the adults than the kids!



KEY SUCCESSES - RECREATION

Seniors (55+)

- ▶ Implemented Senior Chair Aerobics Program
- ▶ Senior Recreation Committee
- ▶ Brought on Full time staff to work part time on Senior Programming
- ▶ Senior After School Tutors



KEY SUCCESSES - AQUATICS

- ▶ Addition of Tot Time Recreation Swim for parents and children under the age of 8.
- ▶ Addition of Sensory Safe Swim Time
- ▶ Continued to offer swim time to Summer School participants
- ▶ Continued to maintain a safe swim experience
- ▶ Largest Revenue sources 1. Swim Lessons 2. Private Pool Parties 3. Snack Bar 4. Dive In Movies
- ▶ Open for programming 83.5 hours per week



SPECIAL EVENTS & PROJECTS

- ▶ 217 Response letters from the BIG GUY in the RED SUIT
- ▶ Collaboration with the GUSD VAPA Department for the Holiday Lights Festival
- ▶ Increased Holiday Light Displays at all City Buildings and at Central Park & Gonzales Community Pool
- ▶ Participated in the planning and event of Ciclovía Gonzales

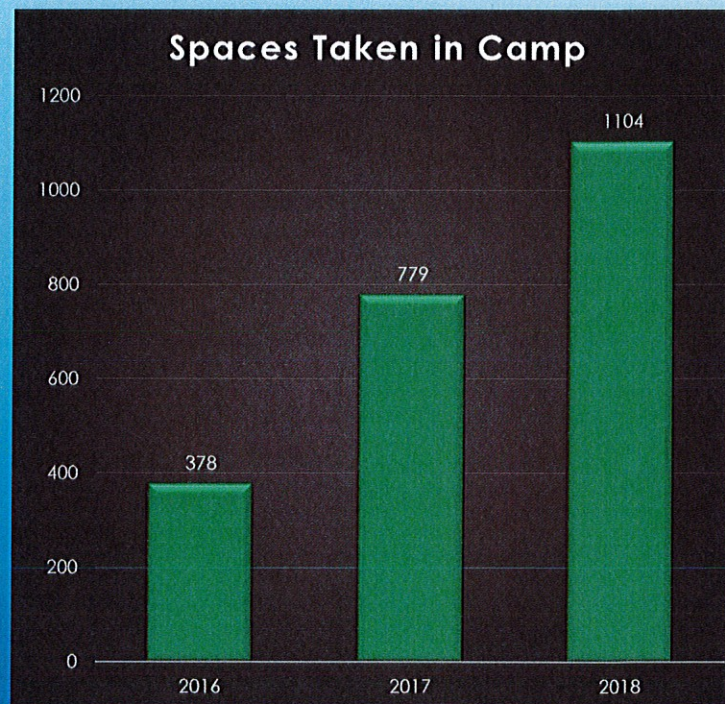
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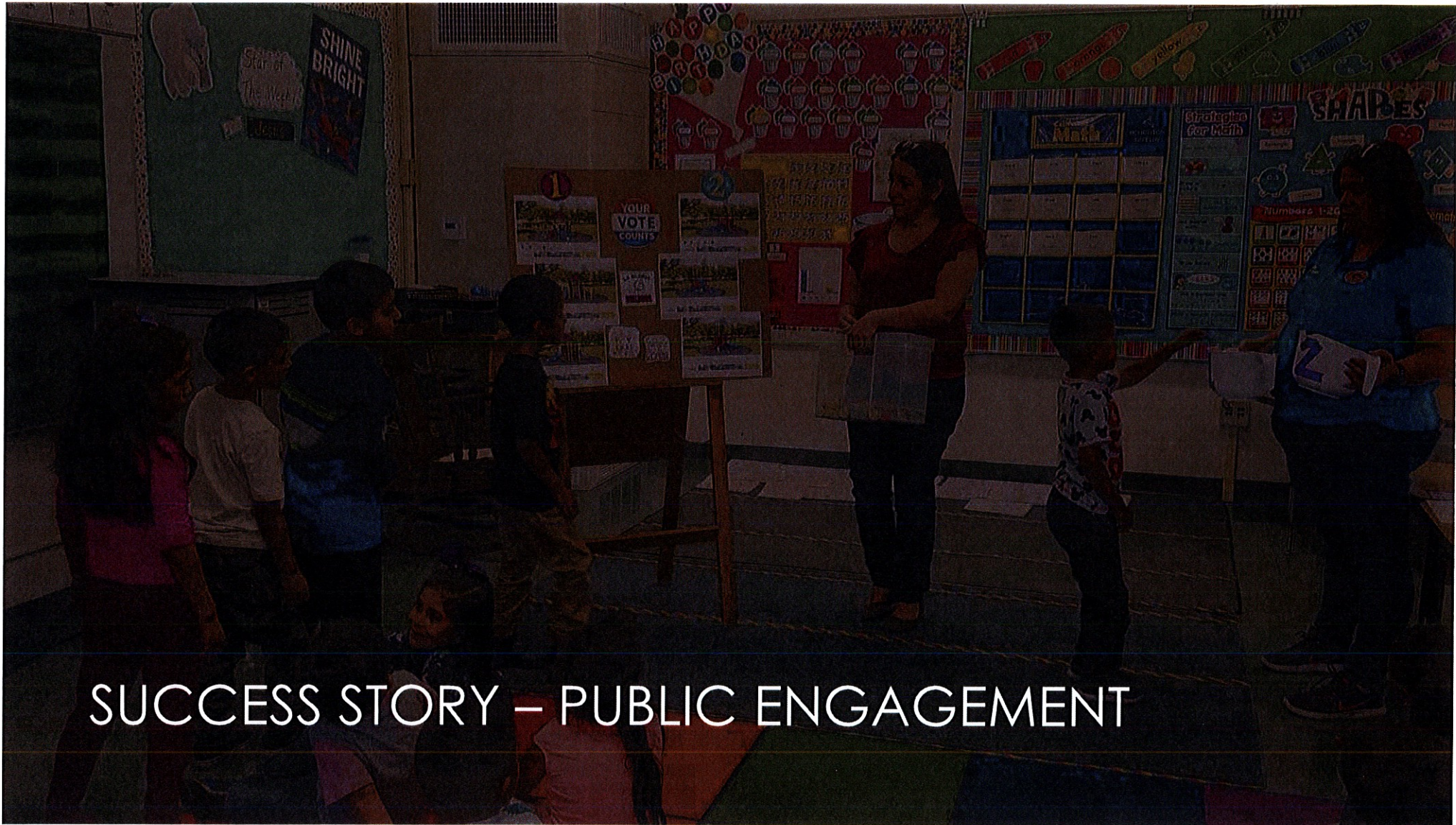
- ▶ Senior Programming – Senior Recreation Committee, Socials, Day Trips etc.
- ▶ Increase Adult Co-Ed Sports programming – Flag Football, Volleyball and Basketball
- ▶ Increase job training for all Interns to include resume writing, soft skills and interview training
- ▶ Maintain numbers for youth sports programming
- ▶ Utilize community assets for relevant programming

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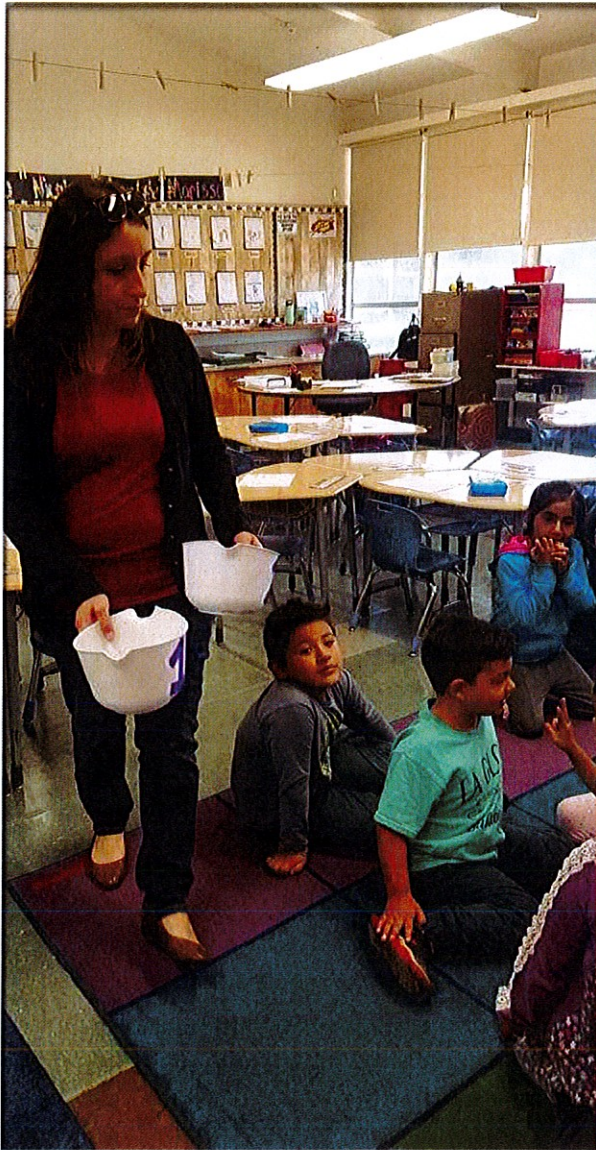
- ▶ Implement new swim lesson curriculum – Swim University
- ▶ Implement new Water Aerobics training curriculum
- ▶ If Summer schools extends their session, offer an abbreviated, basic swim lesson to every summer school student grades 2-5
- ▶ New Junior Lifeguard Curriculum
- ▶ Offer to pay for Lifeguard Certification for Gonzales youth if they meet the following requirements:
 - ▶ Live in the City of Gonzales
 - ▶ Pass Interview Process
 - ▶ Pass the Lifeguard Certification Entrance Swim Test
 - ▶ Agree to work for the City of Gonzales for a minimum of 1 pool season

KEY DATA POINTS –SUMMER CAMP





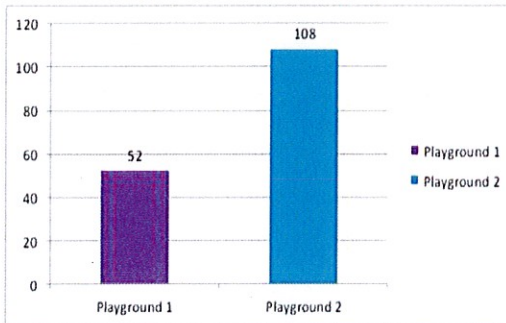
SUCCESS STORY – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



Situation: Canyon Creek Tot Lot Needed a New 2-5 year old Play Structure

- ▶ Staff narrowed down the structures to two that fit the space and the budget
- ▶ We then presented the two play structures to every child in Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten at La Gloria Elementary School
- ▶ Every child present that day got one plastic coin. They could place that coin in bucket 1 or bucket 2 depending on which play structure they liked the best
- ▶ We explained that every child's vote was their own. They needed to choose the structure that they like best.

Canyon Creek Tot Lot Playground Voting Results



Dear La Gloria TK and Kindergarten Classes,

Thank you very much for taking time out of your busy day last Friday to vote on which playground you would like to have.

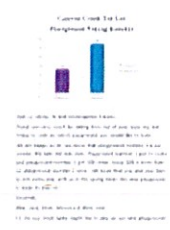
We are happy to let you know that playground number 2 is our winner. We had 160 kids vote. Playground number 1 got 52 votes and playground number 2 got 108 votes. Since 108 is more than 52, playground number 2 wins! We hope that you and your family will come play with us in the spring when the new playground is ready to play on!

Sincerely,

Miss. Sara, Miss. Veronica & Miss. Julie

P.S. Do you think Spike might like to play on our new playground?

- ▶ We tallied the votes and the following week we sent a letter to each classroom letting them know which playground received the most votes
- ▶ We noticed that every classroom had at least one bar graph hanging in their room. We were careful to include a bar graph in our letter!



NEW PLAYGROUND OPENING!!!

Hello TK & Kinder Students,

Do you remember when we came to your school in October to have you vote on the new playground at the Canyon Creek Tot Lot? You and your classmates voted for Playground #2. Your choice has been installed and will be OPEN starting on February 15th for you to play on.

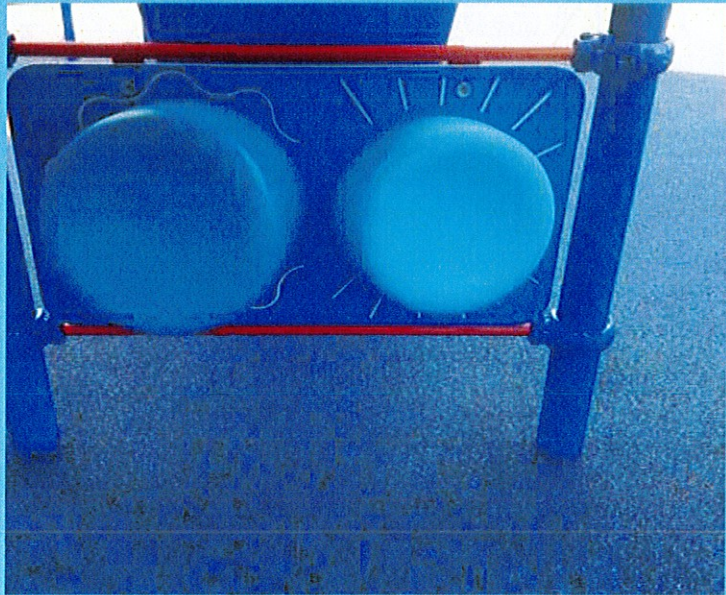
Please enjoy the new playground with your family!

Thank You for all of your help in choosing a great playground!

City of Gonzales Staff

Playground location - 1875 Burgundy Way

► The playground installation was recently completed. We sent home a letter to every child's family inviting them to come play on the playground they chose!



QUESTIONS????

