



THE GECAC SPARK

WINTER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Bringing In the Holiday Spirit

Our River Islands afterschool students brought the holiday spirit to life by crafting festive ornaments using paper, cotton balls, googly eyes, paint, pipe cleaners, and beads.

These handmade decorations now brighten our office hallway, showcasing the incredible creativity and imagination of our students. Stop by and enjoy their cheerful work!



Project-Based Learning

Our afterschool students have been busy with creative Health Education projects! EPIC Academy explored positive peer pressure and healthy friendships, creating campaigns to promote supportive relationships.

River Islands students focused on environmental awareness, using recycled materials to design posters and dioramas showing how our actions impact the planet.



At STEAM Academy, students tackled stress management through “Mindful Spaces,” building calming zones and practicing yoga, meditation, and sensory activities.

These projects are helping students build strong friendships, eco-friendly habits, and mindfulness skills for everyday life!



Volunteers Needed

We're seeking caring volunteers to assist with our upcoming Food Drive Distributions. Your support will help pack and distribute groceries to families in our community who need it most. Every helping hand makes a difference! If interested, sign up below to get more information on getting started!

In front of the GECAC Office

322 Sun West Pl, Manteca

8:30AM until supplies run out

Upcoming Dates:

- January 5th and 19th
- February 2nd and 9th*
- March 2nd and 16th

*February 9th will be starting at 9AM.



Sign-Up at gecac.net/volunteer-2

Tutoring Update

Our TEACH students are making incredible strides in their learning journey! This month, they've been focusing on building strong foundations in both numbers and letters.

Through engaging worksheets and hands-on activities, students are practicing essential skills that will help them excel academically. These exercises not only reinforce classroom learning but also boost confidence and encourage a love for learning.

We're proud to see their hard work paying off—every worksheet completed brings them one step closer to success!

