

CSI: Cypress
Vessels Elementary School
10051 Bernadette Avenue
Buena Park, CA 90630

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Mark Yokoyama
Chief of Police
Cypress Police Department
5275 Orange Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630

Re: Vessels Elementary GATE Program

Dear Officer Yokoyama,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude and deep appreciation for ALL the time, energy and enthusiasm Officer Ravi Perera and Officer Wong brought to our GATE program in November and December.

Both Officers spent a lot of time on campus on the opening day of our CSI program, wherein the students discovered a crime scene, the officer's explanations brought a higher level of understanding and realism to our program.


Officer Perera came to the school site for a second visit when the GATE students were conducting forensic lab tests. Officer Perera has a very pleasant demeanor and the students were very impressed with his insights on our experiments and of course some of the tales he told them.

Yet again Officer Perera donated more time to our program when he invited the entire class for a tour of the CSI lab, this was the "icing on our GATE cake". As Officer Perera had been involved with our program from the beginning he was able tie in our visit with some of the lab tests we had conducted at school and the students were highly engaged in his presentation.

The CSI Program was a very rewarding experience for our GATE students and the Cypress Police Department involvement was a major contributing factor. Officer Perera willingly donated much of his time to our program and his level of enthusiasm was outstanding and VERY much appreciated by all participants.

I certainly hope that I may have the opportunity to work with these two fine officers in the future.

Sincerely,


Catherine Lawlor
GATE Leader
Vessels Elementary School



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