



Dear El Sol Middle School Students,

Dr. Henry Cisneros was terrific!

Mrs. Daviss, Marshall Kaplan, and Mrs. Gonzalez were impressed with the important back and forth conversation between students, parents, and Dr. Cisneros. Thank you all for participating. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you all again this coming Friday 25 at 9am. Our speaker is Dr. Giovanni Peri. He is a real top notch immigration economist-world recognized. He is also an immigrant.

**We want you to think through what the speakers said concerning their American Dreams and how they overcame obstacles to achieve their Dreams. Students who attend each of the next 7 sessions on Fridays at 9am will have a chance to win \$200 at the end of the series.**

Students who want to participate in the El Sol Foundation and the El Sol Academy American Dream contest will have a chance to do so once all the Friday Forums are completed. **You just need to write a paper concerning your American Dream or Dreams. The paper must include three sections responding to the following three related questions:**

- **What is your American Dream or Dreams?**
- **What obstacles do you think might make it difficult to achieve your American Dream or Dreams?**
- **What strategies or plans, do you think you will likely use to overcome obstacles and achieve your American Dream or Dreams.**

Requirements:

6<sup>th</sup> graders: 500-600 words

7<sup>th</sup> graders: 700-800 words

8<sup>th</sup> graders: 800-900 words

Papers must be emailed to Ms Kayla Daviss by December 4 at 5.00PM at [kdaviss@elsolacademy.org](mailto:kdaviss@elsolacademy.org)

**Winners, one from each grade**, will be selected by Board Members of the El Sol Foundation based on the clarity of each student's paper and the ability of each student to link each section together....Dreams, Obstacles, Achievement . Announcements of winner will be on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

We hope you take part in the contest.

Please email me at [mkaplan@pathopps.org](mailto:mkaplan@pathopps.org) or call (949)689-5003 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Marshall Kaplan*

Board Member, El Sol Foundation