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150 Local Elementary School Students Visit Civic Center

LA PALMA, Calif. – Three kindergarten classes from Los Coyotes Elementary School as well as three third grade classes from George B. Miller Elementary School visited the City of La Palma Civic Center on Monday, May 21 and Tuesday, May 22, respectively, to learn how local governments function and how public safety services are provided to residents.



Mayor Goedhart with a third grade class from George B. Miller Elementary School.

All of the students were greeted by Mayor Gerard Goedhart who provided a brief history and civic lesson of La Palma and its City Council as well as answered questions from the enthusiastic students. Deputy City Clerk/Executive Assistant Kimberly Kenney read a book to the kindergarten students highlighting the roles of a city council, mayor, and other city departments. Third grade students became City Council members for a day and had to decide if a new traffic light should be installed on the street in front of Central Park in a mock City Council meeting.

Students also learned about various aspects of public safety, including 9-1-1 operations and fire safety while visiting the Police Department and the Orange County Fire Authority Station 13 at the Civic Center.

About the City of La Palma

Ranked by Money Magazine in 2015, 2013, 2011, and 2007 as one of America's Best Places to Live, the City of La Palma is a 1.9 square mile general law city in northwest Orange County, consisting of over 15,568 residents and approximately 300 commercial and industrial businesses. The City was incorporated in 1955 under the name of Dairyland and has 52 full-time and 35 part-time employees.

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