

Division 8's Munguia Brings Metro to Tujunga Elementary Pupils By ERIC RAPP

(Nov. 19, 2004) First-graders at Tujunga's Mountain View Elementary School got to have fun while learning about Metro and a career in transportation, Nov. 18, when Metro Bus Operator Bert Munquia visited the school for "Career Month."

Munguia, assigned to West Valley Division 8, has visited the school each year for the past five years to talk about his job, about Metro, and about safety.

His son Oscar is a student at the school, and he and his wife, Shanna, a schoolteacher, are both active in the Parent-Teacher Association.

"When parents get involved, it helps kids learn about their community," says Munguia, a five-year Metro veteran. "It helps them in their future lives."



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Munguia's Career Month presentation at Tujunga's Mountain View Elementary School included a ride on a Metro bus.

After talking to the first graders in their classroom, Munguia had a special surprise - a Metro Bus, courtesy of East Valley Division 15, was waiting for them on their playground.

After showing the kids some of the bus's safety features, such as the hanging straps and the wheelchair ramp, Munguia took them on a

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brief spin through the schoolyard, producing giggles and shrieks of glee.

"I really enjoy doing this," said Munguia. "I'm already looking forward to next year."



Tujunga elementary pupils respond enthusiastically to Division 8 Operator Bert Munguia's Career Month presentation.

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