

Clark donates artwork to La Joya's John F. Kennedy Elementary

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LA JOYA — The La Joya school district's John F. Kennedy Elementary will soon be the home of a piece from [Kirk Clark's](#) Atomic Jesus art series.

Local automobile dealer, insurance agent, and artist, [Clark](#), of [Clark Chevrolet](#) and [Clark-Knapp Honda](#), visited the campus after sponsoring the Newspapers in Education program at the elementary. Since the visit fell on Memorial Day, [Clark](#) began by stressing the significance of honoring veterans and the importance of history.

"The more you can understand history, the more you can understand the present," [Clark](#) said.

He spoke to students about his personal history and his love of art. The students asked many questions, from what car he drove to whether he enjoyed school as a child. [Clark](#) offered the school a piece from his Atomic Jesus art series after being introduced to JFK's SWAT (Students With A Testimony) club, a student-initiated Bible club.

[Clark](#) encouraged students to set goals and make plans on how to achieve them. "It is important to have a vision," [Clark](#) said. "There is nothing more important than the opportunities this education will give you."

Newspapers in Education is a national program designed to integrate newspapers and current events with lessons in the classroom. As a sponsor, [Clark](#) ensures that thousands of copies of the local newspaper are sent to JFK where students are able to use them as part of their schoolwork.



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