

Cogito Debate

The Weekly Debate Chronicle

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We're so excited to see how many of our students are eager to join us! Their energy, enthusiasm, and love for learning make our community stronger, and we can't wait to see all the growth and success ahead.

Insightful Updates

This marks our sixth newsletter, and we're loving every moment of sharing these with you! If you'd like your child to be featured, send us some fun facts or anything special you'd like us to know—we'd be thrilled to include them in an upcoming edition!

Join us for Summer 2025 and help your child build key skills like confidence, critical thinking, and public speaking. Our program empowers students for success in school and beyond. Don't miss out—let's make this summer unforgettable!





Announcements

- ✓ **Parent conferences begin this week!** Please make sure to **arrive on time** with your child so we can make the most of each session. We're looking forward to discussing **your child's progress** and what's ahead!
- ✓ Our **Early Bird Discount** for summer programs **ends on April 30!** Be sure to **register and submit payment** before the deadline to have the discount applied. **Don't miss this chance to save your spot and save on tuition!**



THIS
WEEK!

Reminders



Summer Camp Enrollment: Summer camp spots are filling up fast! Enroll today to take advantage of our early bird discount before it ends!

Parents:

- ✦ If you'd like to have your child featured, please send us their achievements!
- ✦ Don't forget, early bird discount ends Apr. 30. Please register and pay before then to take advantage of our Early Bird Discount



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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Rithyk Lal

At Cogito Debate, I've learned one of the most important skills—how to control the flow of a debate. Outside of class, I enjoy breakdancing, archery, and playing video games. I'm always excited to start a new class because it means learning new skills and challenging myself in new ways. In the future, I hope to continue developing the practical applications of debate, using these skills beyond the classroom. My advice to anyone just starting out would be: keep arguing until the end. I believe in being my own person, rather than looking up to someone else for inspiration. A fun fact about me is that I'm really good at pulling pranks! Through my experience at Cogito, I've not only improved my debate skills but also learned how to flow better through conversations and manage arguments more confidently.



Parents message



Rithyk has always loved a good debate—so much so that he asked to join classes just for the joy of it! Outside of the classroom, he's a dedicated martial artist with 10 years of jiu jitsu and 2 years of judo experience. His passion for expression continues through dance—he currently trains in breakdancing and bollyhop—and he's also an avid archer and gamer.

In his spare time (when he's not perfecting his aim or a new combo move), Rithyk has discovered a love for baking and can often be found perfecting his cookie and brownie recipes. He's known for being loyal, empathetic, generous, and always ready to help his family.

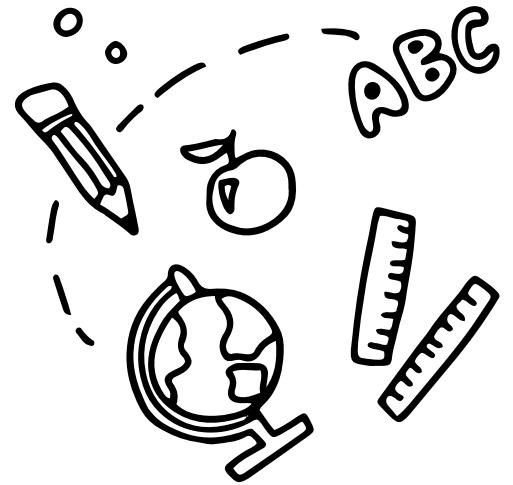
Currently a 7th grader at La Paz Intermediate, Rithyk is enjoying his video production class and continues to set high standards for himself in everything he does. With a great sense of humor, a love for learning, and a persistent spirit, Rithyk brings energy and heart to every goal he sets out to achieve.



Charter School News:

We're excited to share what our new online program is all about at the upcoming **Granite Mountain Resource Fair** next month!

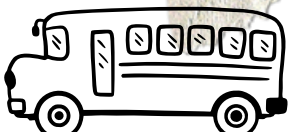
Stop by our booth to meet us in person, explore what we offer, and learn more about our engaging fall classes. We can't wait to connect with you!



Family Resources

A list of books, games, or podcasts that build speaking or thinking skills at home

- **Book:** "You Can't Be Serious" by Kal Penn. Grades 5-7
- **Game:** Disruptus-Promotes creative and critical thinking by challenging players to imagine and debate new uses for everyday items. Ages 10+
- **Podcast:** "Brains On!" – Grades 2-7



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Student Tips for Success




Know Your Structure


Always organize your speeches clearly: start with a strong introduction, build well-supported arguments, and finish with a powerful conclusion. A clear structure keeps your message focused and makes it easier for judges and audiences to follow. Remember to use AREI (Assertion, Reasoning, Evidence, Impact) when building your arguments—it's a simple but powerful tool to keep your points sharp and persuasive!



Fun Facts & Challenges



In competitive debate, speaking too fast has a name—"spreading" (short for "speed reading"). Some debaters can deliver over 300 words per minute during rounds! (Though clarity always wins in the end!)



1-Minute Persuasion Battle

Topic:

- "Why weekends should be three days long"

Each person has 1 minute to persuade the other!

No notes, just quick thinking, creativity, and lots of fun.

Winner gets to pick the next snack or family movie!

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