

El Monte Middle School



Principal's Corner

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I have been at several trainings this week. On Monday I went to a training on trauma informed education. I spent the end of the week at the ACSA conference with the other principal's in our district. I gained some valuable insight and ideas. One of the most important messages that I heard was on student connectedness. It is that time of year when we are tired and our patience is short. Students are tired and looking forward to their vacation time off. We need to con-

tinue working on building rapport with our students so that they want to learn for you. You are the key to unlocking the doors to a students world. Are you going to be the key that unlocks a students door or to lock the door to their future. Every child that you pass in the hallway has a story that needs to be heard. Maybe you are the one meant to hear it. I challenge each of you to continue building connections with your students. I encourage you to stand at your door every period and greet your students.



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You know, kids
 don't learn
 from people
 they don't like
 - Rita Pierson

Coaching Corner

Coaches have been out and about checking in with students and their progress in all of their classes. Last week we spent the day with Jeff Zwiers and PLC's

were required to pick a strategy that they were going to teach to their students. Most PLC's have chosen to teach and have students work on the stronger and clearer

strategy. As I've walked thru classrooms I have seen several classrooms using this strategy. Coaches will keep working with teachers and students!



Alpha Men's Alliance Field Trip

The ALPHA Alliance visited the Laborers Training Center in San Ramon where they learned about the Northern California Laborers Apprenticeship Program. Students had hands on experience at the campus, and learned valuable information regarding career opportunities in the construction sector. Students shared their reflection in the class and most of them were in agreement that the testimonials from the workers was the most valuable lesson from their visit.



Choir Concert

Big shout out to Mr. Atkins and all of his choir groups for their incredible performance! Mr. Atkins has put in a lot of time and effort in ensuring that our students are ready to perform at a high caliber. Thank you to Ms. Haro for attending this concert and taking photos of our groups. **#FineArtsAtItsBest**



College and Career Corner

What are some of the skills and knowledge we must have to be college and career ready? To add to previous strategies for college and career readiness, this week we will hear of the importance of Literacy. Literacy is a key component of building college and career readiness. It's a broad set of skills that includes reading, writing, speaking, listening and language, allowing students to read, understand, write and communicate about complex ideas. These literacy skills will stay

with us throughout school our entire education, and in our careers. The ability to read at grade level is incredibly important – in fact, it's highly predictive of a student's likelihood to perform well throughout school and graduate from high school and college. With this said, make sure you a reading every night. Read to yourself, your parents, younger siblings, and/or anyone else who is available. **#literacyisking**



Character Counts Recognition

Congratulations to Estefany Nunez Damian for being recognized by the Tulare County Office of Education Character Counts for the pillar of Respect. Thank you to her 7th grade ELA and AVID teacher for taking the time to nominate her and for attending the ceremony this week. Also thank you to her family for raising such a respectful young lady. I was sad that I was not able to attend, but I appreciate Ms. Haro going in my place.



Snodgrass Baby Shower

A big thank you to the 6th grade team for throwing Mr. Snodgrass a surprise baby shower. Mr. Snodgrass was extremely surprised and excited to see all of the awesome baby gifts. It was hearing Mr. Manquero tell the story about buying diapers for Mr. Snodgrass. There was even an item that Mr. Snodgrass received for a gift that Mr. Manquero had never heard of. We are super excited to meet Emerson Snodgrass in the near future. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass!



Calendar of Events

11/6 - Gradebook Check

11/6 - Character Counts Breakfast @ 8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria

11/6 - Limo Lunch @ 12:00 p.m.

11/7 - Soccer at Home versus Riverdale

11/8 - PLC Time 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

11/8 - New Teacher Luncheon in Mrs. Dungan's office

11/9 - Instructional Rounds

11/9 - Soccer Game at Liberty

11/10 - NO School

11/11 - Veteran's Day Parade



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**YOU ARE THE FIRST RESPONDERS,
THE FRONT LINE,
THE DISCONNECTION DETECTIVES.**

**WHAT YOU DO IN THOSE CLASSROOMS
WHEN NO ONE IS WATCHING -
IT'S OUR BEST**

HOPE.

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