

Board Connections

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Bulletin Board Presentation: Golden View Elementary

Golden View Elementary School Principal Venus Moeller, along with teachers Athena Allen and Julianne Perrigo, shared the impact of the Momentum in Teaching initiative. This program is transforming writing instruction with strategies that empower students and build confidence. Ms. Allen highlighted how Momentum has boosted her K/1 students' writing skills and enthusiasm, while Ms. Perrigo shared how her special education students are expressing themselves more confidently through writing and sketches. We are excited to see how



this initiative continues to inspire our students and enhance their learning journeys!



Middle School Presentation: Mesa View

Mesa View Middle School Principal Isis Ortiz proudly shared how the school is strengthening family engagement through the launch of Eagle Picnics. The first 6th-grade picnic saw over 130 families enjoying delicious lunches, playing yard games, and spending quality time together on the campus lawn. Students Savannah Schmit, Elliana Joyce, and Maria Rafiel expressed their excitement about the event, sharing how much they loved seeing their parents connect with friends and how

special it was to have focused time with family away from the usual hustle of school. Looking ahead, more Eagle Picnics are planned for the year, and Mesa View is excited to continue building these important connections between families and the school community because engagement is key to student well-being and academic achievement.

Civics - An OVSD Award-Winning Program

Lori Manz, Curriculum Specialist, along with Jill Dowd from Golden View Elementary and Stacey Kral from Vista View Middle School, shared information about the District's award-winning Civics program. They discussed how civics education has been effectively integrated into both elementary and middle school social studies and science classes. The teachers highlighted specific lessons and activities designed to engage students in



meaningful ways, showcasing the positive impact on academic achievements and the various awards OVSD schools have earned since the initiative's implementation. The full presentation can be accessed <u>here</u>.

Student Cell Phones In Ocean View School District

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Alice Lee, Coordinator of Student Services Tim Biland, and Mesa View Principal Isis Ortiz provided information on the District's current cell phone practice as outlined in Board Policy 5131 (Conduct). They explained the *Gate-to-Gate* rule, which restricts phone use from the time students enter until they leave school grounds, and reviewed the progression of consequences for violations. In response, the Board directed the District to begin developing a stricter policy to further address cell phone usage on campus. The entire presentation can be viewed <u>here</u>.