

THE CORBIN CHRONICLES

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DEAR GIANTS FAMILIES,

I AM THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE AN AMAZING KICK OFF 🏈 TO OUR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR! THE ENERGY IN OUR SCHOOL HAS BEEN INCREDIBLE-OUR STUDENTS ARE ENGAGED, LEARNING AND ENJOYING THEMSELVES. AT SEQUOIA MIDDLE SCHOOL, OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR "SEQUOIA EXPECTATIONS" CONTINUES TO BE OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES. WE HOLD STEADFAST TO OUR COMMITMENT TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN A SAFE AND INCLUSIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL. THESE CORE VALUES UNDERPIN OUR POSITIVE SCHOOL CULTURE AND SET THE FOUNDATION FOR OUR STUDENTS' SUCCESS.

IN MDUSD, SEPTEMBER IS **ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH**. OUR SLOGAN FOR THIS MONTH IS: **BE READY. BE HERE. BELONG**. EVERY DAY COUNTS! MIDDLE SCHOOL BRINGS NEW OPPORTUNITIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND EXPERIENCES. **BEING HERE** EVERY DAY HELPS STUDENTS STAY ON TRACK WITH LEARNING, CONNECT WITH TEACHERS AND FRIENDS, AND AVOID FALLING BEHIND. **BEING READY** MEANS ESTABLISHING ROUTINES, PLANNING AHEAD, AND COMING TO SCHOOL PREPARED TO LEARN. **BELONGING** COMES FROM BEING AN ACTIVE PART OF THE CLASSROOM AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY. THE ATTENDANCE HABITS STUDENTS BUILD NOW CAN LEAD TO SUCCESS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL, AND BEYOND. EVERY DAY COUNTS!

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IS THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR SUCCESS AT SEQUOIA MIDDLE SCHOOL. I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO ENGAGE IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY IN SOME CAPACITY, WHETHER IT'S BY ATTENDING PFC MEETINGS, JOINING A PARENT GROUP, VOLUNTEERING FOR A FIELD TRIP OR ON CAMPUS, OR ATTENDING OUR QUARTERLY COFFEE WITH CORBIN MEETINGS. MORE SPECIFICALLY, WE NEED AN ALTERNATE PARENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR OUR MDUSD PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) FOR OUR SITE. THIS COMMITTEE MEETS IN PERSON MONTHLY TO SHARE OUT DISTRICT UPDATES AND TO SOLICIT COMMUNITY INPUT. OUR ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE WOULD ONLY NEED TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS WHEN OUR PRIMARY PAC REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT AVAILABLE TO ATTEND. WE ALSO NEED OUR MULTILINGUAL PARENTS TO ATTEND OUR SITE'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ELAC) MEETINGS. THIS COMMITTEE PROVIDES INPUT AND ALSO SHARES DISTRICT UPDATES THAT DIRECTLY IMPACT MULTILINGUAL FAMILIES. JOIN US!



OUR FIRST BIG EVENT THIS YEAR WAS BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT, WHICH WAS HELD ON AUGUST 19TH. WE HAD AN AMAZING TURN OUT. BEING A PART OF A COMMUNITY WHERE PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND STUDENTS CARE FOR EACH OTHER AND STRIVE TO BUILD POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS IS A PRIVILEGE. YOUR SUPPORT AIDS IN OUR MISSION TO NURTURE ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL GROWTH.

AS WE GET READY TO BEGIN TO CELEBRATE LATINX/HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH, WE ARE EXCITED TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE RICH CULTURES, HISTORIES, TRADITIONS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE LATINX AND HISPANIC COMMUNITIES. THIS SPECIAL OBSERVANCE, CELEBRATED FROM SEPTEMBER 15TH THROUGH OCTOBER 15TH, PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR STUDENTS AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE REMARKABLE PEOPLE, STORIES, TRADITIONS, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT HAVE SHAPED OUR NATION AND OUR WORLD.

AT SEQUOIA MIDDLE SCHOOL, WE BELIEVE THAT OUR DIVERSITY IS ONE OF OUR GREATEST STRENGTHS. OUR STUDENTS BRING UNIQUE FAMILY HISTORIES, LANGUAGES, CULTURES, AND EXPERIENCES TO OUR CAMPUS EVERY DAY. LATINX/HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THOSE IDENTITIES WHILE HELPING ALL OF OUR STUDENTS DEVELOP A DEEPER APPRECIATION FOR THE CULTURES AND EXPERIENCES OF OTHERS.

THROUGHOUT THE MONTH, OUR TEACHERS AND STAFF WILL INCORPORATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO EXPLORE LATINX AND HISPANIC HISTORY, LITERATURE, MUSIC, ART, TRADITIONS, AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF INFLUENTIAL LEADERS, INNOVATORS, ARTISTS, ATHLETES, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. WE ALSO ENCOURAGE OUR FAMILIES TO SHARE STORIES, TRADITIONS, MUSIC, FOOD, AND EXPERIENCES THAT MAKE YOUR FAMILY AND CULTURE SPECIAL.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAND THAT EVERY CULTURE HAS A STORY WORTH KNOWING, EVERY FAMILY HAS TRADITIONS WORTH CELEBRATING, AND EVERY STUDENT HAS A STORY WORTH SHARING.

THANK YOU TO OUR SEQUOIA FAMILIES FOR HELPING US CREATE A SCHOOL COMMUNITY WHERE STUDENTS FEEL SEEN, VALUED, RESPECTED, AND PROUD OF WHO THEY ARE. TOGETHER, WE WILL CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE OUR DIFFERENCES, LEARN FROM ONE ANOTHER, AND BUILD A STRONGER SEQUOIA COMMUNITY. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP AND TRUST IN US. HAPPY LATINX/ HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH!

WARMLY,
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