



A Message from the Clovis Area Transition Team

Season's greetings! Unbelievably, it is December already. We are so proud of how hard all of our students have been working. As this semester nears its end, we wanted to share one last "Community Insider" with you before everybody takes a well-deserved winter break. From our team to you and your family, thank you for another great semester and we look forward to sharing more Clovis Area success in the new year and new semester!

An Informative and Entertaining Evening at the Movies!

On Wednesday November 29, 2017, the Clovis High Area hosted a screening of the film "Screenagers". The film focuses on the impact of technology on kids' development along with the challenges that parents face as they are raising their children in the digital world.



We had an amazing turn out of families attend the screening and all walked away intrigued by all the valuable information the film brought to them. After the screening, a panel of four students from CHS and Clark Intermediate shared

some insights they took away from the film and from being without their phones for the 48 hours prior to the screening. It was an enjoyable and informative night for all families with students of different ages.

Elementary Coffee Connections...What's Brewing?

A Coffee Connection is a great way to enjoy a cup of coffee and a doughnut while talking with the families of our Transition students. Recent meetings have taken place at Clovis Elementary, Gettysburg, and Weldon. It was a great opportunity for Transition coaches and students' family members to talk about how our program is doing. It also gives us an opportunity to discuss additional ways we may benefit our students. Sierra Vista will hold its Coffee Connection on the 12th, followed by Mickey Cox on the 13th. We will continue brewing until each elementary site has had a Coffee Connection this year!



Another Great Grading Period! Celebrating 12 Week Success

Every six weeks our teams at CHS and Clark Intermediate host luncheons for students that achieved a 3.0 G.P.A. or higher on their progress reports. For our twelve week celebration at CHS one hundred two students earned invitations for themselves and one friend to a hot chocolate and donut celebration at lunch. One hundred six students came and enjoyed a warm treat for all of their hard work. At Clark Intermediate, we invited fifty-five students to enjoy a pizza lunch. Thirty-four students attended and enjoyed a celebratory slice...or two...of pizza! We are thrilled to get to celebrate the student achievement, and look forward to celebrating some great semester grades after the break!

Upcoming Events

- Coffee Connection at Sierra Vista Elementary, December 12, 2017, 7:30-8:30AM in room P3.
- Coffee Connection at Mickey Cox Elementary, December 13, 2017, 8:15-9:15AM in room P25

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★ ★ ★ STAR Squad ★ ★ ★

Congratulations to our STAR Squad Students for the month of November! Our Staff members selected these students for giving their personal best, working hard, staying focused, disciplined, and being a leader inside and outside of the classroom. **We are proud of you!** Here are excerpts from our STAR Squad interviews:

Adelyah Hernandez, Clovis High School, Freshman

Who is your favorite teacher and why?

Mr. Gutilla at Clark because he was funny and motivated me to better and try harder. Also, **Mr. Yager** at CHS because he has helped me understand math better.

What do you like about being on the Transition Team?

I know that I can always go to somebody if I need help.

Who is your role model?

My older sister because she is the only one in our family that has gone to college and has a great job now. She gives me something to aim for.

What goals do you have for your future?

I want to get good grades throughout high school so that I can go to college. I also cannot wait to get my driver's license!

Nakia Woods, Mickey Cox, 5th Grade

What do you like about being on the Transition Team?

I like having a safe place where you can be yourself and get help when I need it.

Who is your favorite teacher and why?

Mrs. Ormonde because she is supportive, encouraging, and she is very funny.

What goals do you have for your future?

I want to earn Block MC and the Sparthenian award. When I grow up, I want to go to college and become either a veterinarian or a video game designer.

Timeela Townsel, Clark Intermediate, 7th Grade

What are you involved in on campus?

I'm involved in cheer and I'm part of the Transition Program.

What motivates you to do well in school?

The reason why I push and do well in school is that I want to have a successful future when I grow up.

Who is your favorite teacher and why?

Out of all my teachers, **Mrs. Wetzel** is my favorite teacher. Mrs. Wetzel not only helps me, but all her students be more organized and be ready for college.

What goals do you have for your future?

I look up to all female gymnast and my goal in the future is to hopefully go to the Olympics and become a Gymnast myself.

Noah Kraut, Red Bank, 4th Grade

Who is your favorite teacher and why?

Mrs. King is my favorite teacher because she is funny and she is always singing Disney songs!

Who is your role model?

My role models are people who fight for our country. Especially the marines! I hope to be in the Army someday.

What goals do you have for your future?

I want to continue to care for people and make new friends. I want to help people by being a part of the marines or army someday.