



GOOD NEWS UPDATE

September 21, 2016

Quentin Elementary School

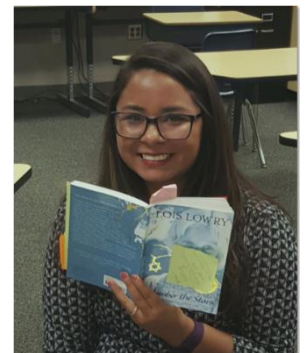
Quentin held Math Night for our families with a positive turn out. All grade levels were represented and teachers taught and played math games with our students' and families. We also held our APTT (Academic Parent Teacher Teams) nights for kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade families. We had a strong turn out with participating families up from last year. We had snacks and childcare for our families. We had teachers working with families on strategies that they can work on at home with our students. Our families were extremely supportive and we were happy with the outcomes of the night. Lastly we had a PTA Peter Piper Night that was a great community builder. We saw strong parent, student and staff support in this event.

Tres Rios Service Academy



Congratulations to the AMAZING Dr. *Jason McIntosh* our Exploring Potential teacher /Gifted TOSA. He is being recognized as a Teacher of the Year at the Gifted Conference in November. He is always doing amazing things to spark interest in our students. He wrote a wonderful article called Seagulls, Treasure Maps and Seasickness: Sailing as a Metaphor for Differentiation. The article is a wonderful way to talk about how we can best differentiate for ALL learners. It is indeed worth a read. <https://www.nagc.org/resources-publications/nagc-publications/teaching-high-potential>

Congratulations to *Selene Luna* our 7-8 Resource teacher. She has been selected for the Privilege Project for TFA. This project is focused on providing meaningful experiences to deepen corps members' understanding of their own identity as well as how they are positioned to work actively against racism and systems of oppression.



Fine Arts Academy

The Fine Arts Academy is off to a great start establishing culture and routine. Our theme this year and possibly an ongoing theme is "Creativity is Intelligence having fun" –Einstein. Our students are starting to feel at home and proud to be a Falcon. We have a school song that starts off our morning announcements, students from every grade are in line waiting for their turn to shine with pride and sing on the announcements.



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Falcon Festival. Every other Wednesday, Fine Arts Academy has a school wide assembly. Together we sing the school song, recite the Pledge of Allegiance, the Kids at Hope Pledge and The Treasure Hunters Pledge; after we have a special event. So far we have had the pleasure of a string quartet, a solo singing performance by one of our students, an awards assembly and this week our 5th grade choir will be performing. Falcon Festival is honoring our focus for the arts and helping us create our mission.

MIM. Falcons have started taking flight, spreading their wings and seeing the world of music. We have a partnership with the Musical Instrument Museum and our first visit was last week with our 6th and 7th graders. They had a wonderful time and were complimented by the museum on their behavior. We received a special phone call specifically recognizing our student's behavior. WAY TO GO FALCONS! This week, our 5th grade takes flight to the MIM. These field trips will continue all year for each of our grades and we are so grateful to be able to provide these opportunities to our students.

Assemblies. On Tuesday, September 20th we had author Dow Kump host an assembly for our 2nd through 5th grades. The assembly was a huge success, students were engaged and participated on stage with Mr. Kump. We look forward to an inaugural year full of creativity at play.