



GOOD NEWS UPDATE

August 10, 2016

Littleton Elementary School

Littleton Elementary School was proud to begin the school year with a successful Meet the Teacher Night. Littleton kicked off the year by welcoming many of our parents into our school to meet their child's teacher. The night began in the cafeteria, where Principal **Lorie Eastep** provided parents with information on Title 1, Make Your Day, the school's goals and initiatives, and an emphasis on the power of teamwork. We know that if we can successfully work together with the students and parents of Littleton Elementary School, every child will experience success this year, No Exceptions!

Littleton welcomed amazing new staff members! This year, Littleton is lucky to have many amazing additions to the Littleton Elementary School staff. We are off to a great start this year, and much of that is due to our positive and energetic new staff members. Littleton's new members include:

Preschool: ***Margaret Henke***

Kindergarten: ***Jennifer Pitts***

1st Grade: ***Elisabeth Coco, Kristen Marheine***

3rd Grade: ***Cassandra Lockard, Rosanne Wingate***

4th Grade: ***Irene Hvidhyld***

6th Grade: ***Camaron Halford***

7th/8th Grades: ***Raby Gueye, Taylor Ovens, Hayley Robinson***

C.C.: ***Cassandra Garner, Cassandra Monroe, Matthew Demattei***

Soc. Comm.: ***Danielle Sanders, Anthony Seguibo***

Leadership: Assistant Principal: ***Tim Dickey***, Student Achievement Coach: ***Richard McCormick***

Starting Strong with Make Your Day! Littleton staff have had a great start on their year-long initiative to increase consistency and fidelity to Make Your Day. New staff attended two different trainings prior to the year's kickoff, and the whole staff participated in half-day training. The focus at Littleton is to use Make Your Day to ensure all of our students have the skills necessary to ensure their success, No Exceptions! Staff will continue to check-in on the effectiveness of their implementation, as well as receive consistent feedback from the leadership team.



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Estrella Vista STEM Academy

Community walk a success! Estrella Vista staff went out for the fourth consecutive year on their annual community walk to invite students back to school. This year we had 47 participants in the walk, visited 545 homes and were able to have face to face contact with 234 students and their families for a total of 42.9%! We would like to thank the transportation department, **Vicki McKeeman** ~ Administrative Secretary, and **Thelma Whitbeck** ~ Transportation Director, for their collaboration with the school and providing us with house lists that were organized. Thank you to **Rebecca Lopez** ~ Dean of Students, for your dedication in organizing this event!

Phenomenal community participation for Meet the Teacher Night at Estrella Vista STEM Academy! The welcoming Meet the Teacher Night was a huge success this year. 846 parents and community members attended our Title I Presentation as well as met their teachers for the 2016-2017 school year. This means that 88% of our families visited us that night! Thank you to **Richard Ramos** ~ Principal, for hosting all parents and families in the café. Mr. Ramos informed them of our school goals and initiatives through the Title I Presentation and introduced all the staff. Thank you also goes out to the **Estrella Vista staff** for their commitment to greeting parents and getting off to a phenomenal start in helping parents to be our partners.

Student Ownership of Academic Responsibility off to a great start! The S.O.A.R Program is an initiative for our little Hawk Geniuses that assists them with taking ownership in their attendance and academics. The program allows students the opportunity to have an environment that is conducive to completing missed homework and also make up any missed work when the students are late to school. Student receive support from staff members who supervise the session. We would like to give a shout out to, **Anthony Haduch** ~ 4th grade teacher and After School Clubs Site Coordinator, for his dedication to developing and refining this program based on staff input and collaborating with various staff members to plan for the 2016-2017 launch of the S.O.A.R. Program. Thank you all for your time and commitment in providing our students with Opportunities for Success at school!

Developing partnerships with Parents & Kids at Hope. The Estrella Vista Hawk PTSA continues to plan activities that support parent involvement in activities that make Estrella Vista a Community Based center. Last week, the PTSA held their first fundraiser of the school year at Peter Piper Pizza. Staff, students and parents enjoyed a night of fun with food, games and friendly competition with various contests run by the Peter Piper staff. The event was a success with over \$550 earned in their first fundraiser of the school year. We look forward to the amazing things our PTSA will be doing this year to support community involvement and promote the *Kids at Hope Home & Family, Community & Service and Hobbies & Recreation and Education & Career Destinations.*

Promoting high student attendance rates with CUTs Talks 4th-8th Grade. This week, our District CUTs Officer, Michelette Younker, was invited in to conduct student assemblies regarding the laws on student attendance as well as the importance of students being at school on time in order to promote academic success. Students will take the information they learned in the assemblies and set goals for themselves in order to maintain consistent attendance throughout the school year. Thank you, **Katherine Hoornstra** ~ Assistant Principal, for offering this opportunity to our school and students.



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Kids at Hope “Tunnel of Hope”. Estrella Vista is so excited to share that we had our first Tunnel of Hope as kids entered onto campus last Friday. Groups of staff members lined up at the various entrances with their college shirts and pompoms that morning to form a tunnel and cheer our students on as they entered the building. Students then funneled into the cafeteria where they viewed a five-minute inspirational video prior to our very first “First Friday Assembly.” Thank you [Rebecca Lopez](#) ~ Dean of Students, for organizing this Kids at Hope event and communicating to our staff to celebrate our students and the bright futures they have in front of them!

Estrella Vista Cheer Squad Shout Out. We would like to give a shout out to [Cynthia Landis](#) and [Lori Bowden](#) ~ 5th grade teachers and cheer coaches, for the hard work and dedication they have put in to our EVSA Cheer Squad. Prior to returning from the summer, Mrs. Landis and Mrs. Bowden put on a week-long cheer camp to get the girls amped for the new school year and begin to practice their routines. The squad showed their “stuff” on last week at our First Friday Assembly by performing a school cheer as well as a dance routine. Thank you Mrs. Landis, Mrs. Bowden and our Cheer Squad for pumping us up and adding some spirit to Estrella Vista Stem Academy!