



GOOD NEWS UPDATE

August 31, 2016

Collier Elementary School

Many of the 5th through 8th grade students in *Ms. Rosas* music classes have had the opportunity to play the ukulele. Each student has an ukulele and gets to experience the process from tuning the instrument to playing a song from a sheet of music.

Country Place Elementary School

The Leader in Me Lighthouse Team is up and running at Country Place Leadership Academy! The purpose of the Lighthouse Team is to coordinate and facilitate the leadership work throughout the school and the community. The team will focus on building our Leadership Culture, teaching Leadership Principles and Aligning our Academics. Building Leadership Culture includes improving our school environment, creating opportunities for shared student and staff leadership and putting on Leadership Events like Leadership Day. Teaching Leadership Principles centers around the learning of *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* for staff, students and families. Aligning Academic Systems includes aligning school goals, shifting towards student-led academics and empowering our instruction. The Lighthouse Team includes *Jackie Davis, Kathy Bigar, Carrie Nicholson, Maria Meza, Rocio Suarez-Ruiz, Cody Cherlund, Julie Fach, Tatum Green, Ginny Biddle, Rachel Volpe, Tony Davis, Tony Balsama, Kathy Larm* and *Mike Cagle*. A core group of the team is participating in a dynamic professional learning experience on August 31st facilitated by Franklin Covey's Eric Stenlake.

The entire Country Place staff will be engaging in an incredible learning experience on September 1st, Creating Culture. The full day workshop, led by Franklin Covey's Eric Stenlake, will focus on a key aspect of the Leader in Me Framework, Creating a Leadership Culture. In reference to the importance of organizational culture, leadership expert Peter Drukker said, "Culture eats strategy for breakfast." The entire staff, teachers, paraprofessionals, office staff, custodians, food service staff and our administrative team will spend the day learning about and planning for our Leadership Culture of the future!

The Music Club, sponsored by *Derek Bates* and proposed and led by 7th grade students *Sydney Stephanie* and *Arianna*, will begin after the holiday weekend. The club will be open to 4th-8th grade students and will meet to celebrate and enhance students' love of music. Each student leader will facilitate a group that includes instrumentation and a variety of song. Students will be encouraged to bring their own instruments and jam! Great job ladies!

7th Grade Drama Club, sponsored by *Kristine Perria* and multiple 7th grade students have begun meeting weekly at lunch in *Ms. Perria's* room. They are taking over the planning of the skits for the 7th and 8th grade awards assemblies. They have completed their first script and will have their first performance next week. They may be interested in tackling a full production soon!

The cheer squad, coached by *Ashley Farrell* and encouraged by *Anthony Davis*, organized and performed a



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cheer for long-time day custodian *Ray Sandoval*. The team also presented a poster that we created and signed by students to say Thanks! We are excited and sad at the same to be giving him a great send off to his new opportunity to be a lead custodian in Fowler. Thanks for showing gratitude ladies!