



GOOD NEWS UPDATE

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Collier Elementary School



Beyond Textbooks has developed a video series called the "Spirit of Sharing", where they highlight two teachers from two different organizations who both have success with their students using the same resource. Please visit <https://vimeo.com/176946437> to watch our first Spirit of Sharing video featuring *Jessica Cummins*, a 6th grade teacher in the Littleton School District, and Matt Emory, a 5th grade teacher in the Vail School District.

Resource teachers, *Kathryn Londrigan* and *Lindsay Punke*, took students outside for Math Olympics. These team building activities used points to help students practice their math skills.

Country Place Leadership Academy

Leadership Focus-& Habits of Highly Effective People and Launching Leadership. The Country Place Staff had the opportunity to participate in three days of World Class Professional Learning this summer! Teachers, paraprofessionals, cafeteria staff, custodial staff, office staff and administration spent two full days learning about *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* and one full day learning about Launching Leadership. The May session was facilitated by the dynamic Eric Stenlake from Franklin Covey. The July session was facilitated by Principal *Dr. Mike Cagle* and *Kathy Larm*, our new Student Achievement Coach. The staff learned the *7 Habits*: Be Proactive, Beginning with the End in Mind, Put First Things First, Think Win-Win, Seek First to Understand and Then Be Understood, Synergy, and Sharpen the Saw. The Launching Leadership workshop helped staff learn to implement the *7 Habits* and Leadership with students. We are very excited about upcoming learning opportunities for our staff including an all-day Creating Culture workshop in September!

Leadership Materials Are Here! The I am A Leader Foundation's donated student and staff materials have arrived! The I am A Leader Foundation and its primary sponsor, Panda Express generously donated a student workbook for every Country Place student in 1st-8th grade. They also donated the Teacher Guides, *7 Habits* posters for every classroom, all of the training materials for our Leadership training and *7 Habits* books for our staff and classrooms. A huge thank you to Panda Express and The I am A Leader Foundation for kicking off our Leadership Focus with a bang!

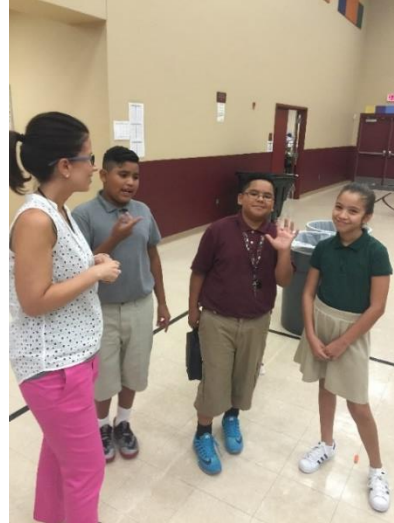
Leadership Role Highlight. One of our first school wide leadership roles made a big splash! Our school had a need to assist our kindergarten students at lunch time. 7th grade students eat lunch at the same time as our kindergartners. We created the 7th grade Kinder Buddy leadership role. 7th grade students help the kinder students by being a friendly face, opening milks, getting straws, lining up and walking them to recess. We have had 33 students fill out an application for the role in 2 days and more students are interested. The first day was a great success with



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the student leaders already coming up with ways to improve the job description!



Community Partnership Highlight- The Phoenix Police Department Comes to 2nd Grade! *Kristina Palacios*' 2nd grade classroom had the amazing opportunity to meet some Phoenix Police Officers. The class learned all about community helpers and why they are important. On the day of the visit they focused on police officers, read books about things our officers wear and then in walked 3 officers from Phoenix PD! The students had prepared a KWL chart with a variety of questions before the officers arrived and they had all of their questions answered by actual police officers. Students also toured a patrol vehicle and learned about all the tools police officers use to keep us safe. Thanks Phoenix PD!

