Principal's Message:

Greetings Divisadero! We are well on our way into the spring semester. Marking Period 4 ends February 28th. Although we still have several months left in our school year, we are already preparing for the 2020-2021 school year. We’ve started our 6th grade registration process, and 6th graders will visit us on March 26th for their campus tour. We are also coordinating with Mt. Whitney to register our 8th graders for their freshman year. They will visit the MW campus on February 27th, and school counselors will be on our campus thereafter to begin the registration process. I am looking forward to seeing the amazing things our students will do while in high school and beyond. As we look to finish the school year with great success, I continue my invitation to parents and our school community to visit us as a volunteer and help our students in any way you can. Go Trojans!

Campus News:

Divisadero has a new celebrity on campus. Check out Mr. Vieira as he accepts his Educator of the Week Award from KSEE24 News. One of our 7th grade students, Samuel Ruiz-Ochoa, nominated Mr. Vieira online and he was chosen by the news station for this awesome honor. News reporter, Fabiola Ramirez greeted Maxton yesterday with a check for $124 that he can use for his studies, and he will be recognized on the air Wednesday, February 12, during the morning, midday, evening and late night broadcasts. If you happen to miss the segment, you can always go to yourcentralvalley.com website after the 12th to click on the broadcast link. Mr. Vieira was completely surprised and honored to receive this recognition. We are so proud of him. Congratulations!

On Thursday, January 30, our First Semester Academic Awards Night took place, and it was an awesome event. What a turn out! We had parents, family members and friends join us to celebrate all the academic achievement of our 7th and 8th grade students. For 7th grade, we had 143 students earn honor roll awards for having a GPA between 3.25 and 3.69. We had another 16 7th graders earn the Principal’s Award for their GPA being between 3.7 and 4.0. In 8th grade, we also had 143 Honor Roll students, and for Principal’s Awards, we had 19 8th graders honored. We also honored students with perfect attendance where they attended all 595 class periods during the 1st semester. In 7th grade, we had 34 students honored, and there were 22 8th graders. Great job students. You are doing amazing work, and we challenge all of our Divisadero students to participate in the Second Semester Academic Awards Night in May. Thank you teachers and staff for your hard work. We appreciate your efforts!
More good news for Divisadero. The federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires the California Department of Education (CDE) to identify schools that need additional support. There are two categories for eligibility: Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) where schools receive the greatest level of support from the school district and Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) where schools receive support for student groups that are consistently underperforming. The goal is to have the district provide support to the identified schools to develop and implement a plan to improve student outcomes with their School Site Councils. For the 2018-2019 school year, Divisadero was identified as a Comprehensive Support and Improvement school. Here is the good news. The California Department of Education (CDE) released publicly the 2019-2020 list of schools eligible for CSI and TSI, and the list no longer includes Divisadero. This means that Divisadero has met their established measure of progress and is no longer identified as requiring additional support or assistance. Congratulations to our entire staff and students who have put in the time and effort to achieve student success. We are very proud of our Divisadero team!

Now that the spring semester has arrived, our ongoing message for 8th grade promotion grows in importance. To participate in the 8th grade promotion ceremony on June 5, 2020 as required by VUSD board policy, 8th graders must earn proficient semester average (grade of 2.3) in all subjects (English, mathematics, science, social science, physical education, and electives), and must maintain a daily attendance rate of 94% throughout the 8th grade year. For students in jeopardy of not meeting this required VUSD board policy, a reminder letter will be sent home to parents with designated options on how to improve grades and/or recover attendance.

Divisadero is a school that CAREs with each letter representing our expectations for the students: Character, Achievement, Respect, and Effort. In extending our CARE motto, we have introduced Trojan POWER. When Trojans CARE, Trojans have POWER through their efforts of being Present, On-time, Working Hard, Earning Everything, and Responding positively.

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