Greetings Divisadero! It’s time to begin anew as we venture into the spring semester. We will continue our mission of doing great things at Divisadero to complete a fabulous school year. It is my hope that everyone enjoyed a restful and relaxing holiday break and you are eager to jump back into the school year by being engaged to learn. It is also time to begin the process of transitioning our 8th graders to high school and welcome our next 7th grade class from our feeder elementary schools. We will be working with the administration team at Mt. Whitney High School for our 8th graders to visit the high school and for MWHS school counselors to meet with these students to register them for the next school year. Our administration team will also be working with our elementary school sites to register 6th graders and build their schedules for next year. I plan to visit these 6th grade classrooms this spring to welcome them to Divisadero and to share how they can get connected through a variety of engaging opportunities. 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 to help our students succeed. Go Trojans!

Campus News:

We had a fantastic ending to our fall semester. On Friday, December 20, students that earned a GPA of 2.3 or better in all their classes and did not have any suspensions or other major disciplinary actions in the last marking period participated in our End of the Term Celebration. Over 620 students enjoyed pizza, sandwiches, ice cream, Cheetos, or a cookie. There was music and video games in the Coliseum, yard games in the quad, and students had their faces painted and sang karaoke in the choir room. Divisadero will continue to acknowledge student academic success. We will continue to see more students earning their way into our celebrations. Many thanks to Mrs. Walker, her leadership students, and our entire staff for their dedicated work to make this happen.

Also in December our Divisadero Orchestra, Divisadero Band, and Divisadero Choir conducted their holiday concerts that were a huge success. Our VAPA students and teachers, Mr. Luna, Mr. Vieira and Mrs. Kenyon were awesome!
To share this talent on campus, our orchestra, band, and choir performed at our music assembly Drama Club presented “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” at our performing arts assembly before the holiday break. It was a great way to see students connect to Divisadero through a variety of forms of talent.

During December, we were able to see many friendly faces that once walked the campus during their time as Divisadero students. We were visited by Mt. Whitney’s VAPA program that included performances from the Elevate Dance Team, the MW Jazz Band, the MW band/orchestra, the MW choir, and the drama students from MW. It was a great way to celebrate more student talent.

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.

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.

Your Principal, Mr. Aguilar (559-730-7661; raquilar@vusd.org)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

C.A.R.E. Corner

Focus Attribute: Character

“There will be obstacles. There will be doubters. There will be mistakes. But with hard work, there are no limits.”

Michael Phelps

TROJAN TOP FIVE
Extending C.A.R.E. with P.O.W.E.R.

Present
On time
Work hard
Earn everything
Respond positively

Mt. Whitney Has Talent!

We encourage our students to engage with as many interests as possible when getting to high school, and MW does an excellent job of showing the fun you can have in high school. Thank you Mt. Whitney!

Web Crew is at it again!

For our fun lunch activities, a big thank you goes out to our Web students and their advisors, Mr. Lucero and Mr. Julian for organizing fun events for students during lunch. It’s not easy to pass a candy cane without using your hands!

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