Principal's Message:

Greetings Divisadero! We are now in our 3rd marking period for the school year. It’s amazing how fast the semester goes as our students continue working hard each day to be academically and socially successful. Soon we will enter our fall and winter breaks, but before then, there is still much work to be done. We know Divisadero students are ready to meet the end of this semester successfully. We will continue our mission to build our school culture so that we have a safe and nurturing learning environment and students have the opportunity to enjoy their time at Divisadero. As before, all parents and school community members are welcome to visit us and to look for volunteer opportunities to support our students.

Campus News:

As part of the District’s CTE Program and Link Learning, each middle school hosts a career fair that welcomes the variety of high school academies and community industry partners to share their work and connect with students and their potential interests to enhance future career opportunities. This school year our students continued their focused efforts to show we are the most prepared middle school during our career fair on October 25th. We thank our ELA teachers and Mr. Haagensen who worked with our students in preparation for the career fair. We are very proud of everyone!

As part of our Red Ribbon week in our fight against drug use, our Leadership class led our dress up days to build our school spirit and recognize the need to defeat drug use. We had some creative pajamas for one of our dress up days and students showed they CARE by wearing red at the end of the week. We celebrated our student participation during lunch.

The second marking period has come to an end. Progress Report Cards are being issued to students on November 15 to take home. Parents please discuss the report cards with your student as we work with them on reflections and goals for the last marking period of the fall semester. The grades at the end of this semester on December 20th are the student’s permanent grades.

November Events

11/1 → Red Ribbon Week: Wear Red Day
   → End of Marking Period 2
   → Math Super Bowl (3:30 p.m.)
11/2 → Pismo Band Review @ Pismo Beach
11/4 → AVID Fund Raiser Begins
11/5 → Anime Club (3:30 p.m.)
   → LEGO Robotics Club (3:30 p.m.)
   → ELAC Meeting (3:30 p.m.)
11/6 → History Day Meeting (3:30 p.m.)
11/7 → LEGO Robotics Club (3:30 p.m.)
   → Science Olympiad Meeting (3:30 p.m.)
11/11 → NO SCHOOL (Veterans Day)
11/12 → Canned Food Drive Begins
   → Anime Club (3:30 p.m.)
   → LEGO Robotics Club (3:30 p.m.)
11/13 → Art Club (3:30 p.m.)
   → History Day Meeting (3:30 p.m.)
11/14 → AVID Fund Raiser Ends
   → Harvest Dance (3:30 p.m.)
11/15 → AVID College Trip to CSUB
   → Band Fund Raiser Begins
   → Orchestra Fund Raiser Begins
   → Math Super Bowl (3:30 p.m.)
11/16 → LEGO Robotics Competition (TBA)
11/19 → Anime Club (3:30 p.m.)
   → LEGO Robotics Club (3:30 p.m.)
   → PTSA Day Meeting (5:30 p.m.)
11/20 → History Day Meeting (3:30 p.m.)
11/21 → LEGO Robotics Club (3:30 p.m.)
   → Science Olympiad Meeting (3:30 p.m.)
   → Leadership Meeting (3:30 p.m.)
11/22 → Canned Food Drive Ends
   → Band Fund Raiser Ends
   → Orchestra Fund Raiser Ends
   → CARE & Fall Sports Assembly (8:30 a.m.)
   → MP2 Celebration (2:15 p.m.)
11/25-29 → NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)

Halloween Costume Contest – You decide!

When Trojans C.A.R.E., Trojans have P.O.W.E.R.
Our Divisadero Marching Band has been quite busy these last few weeks. At the Mt. Whitney vs. El Diamante varsity football game on October 18, our band showcased their talents during their halftime performance.

Earlier this month, the Divisadero Marching Band & Color Guard also participated in the band review competition in Pismo Beach and received 1st place in their division and overall highest score in the category of music. The marching band brought home the 1st ever music sweepstakes award! We congratulate our marching band, color guard, and Mr. Luna!

Throughout the school year, reminders will be given to 8th grade parents and students about VUSD’s policy for 8th grade promotion. This month, a letter was sent out to 8th grade parents that detail these requirements. As a quick summary, in order to participate in the 8th grade promotion ceremony on June 5, 2020, 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. It is our goal that every 8th grader participates in our promotion ceremony. Parents, please help us achieve that goal.

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; raguilar@vusd.org)

As part of our continuing effort to better our teaching practices, teachers participate in Instructional Rounds where classrooms are observed and the data collected is then analyzed and strengths are recognized and areas of improvement are shared. We are dedicated to the work to enhance the learning of our students.

Students and Parents: Pre-order our Divisadero Yearbook before the end of January to purchase it for $35. The price will increase February 1. Our Yearbook staff is also offering the opportunity to personalize the yearbook in a very special way with a RECOGNITION AD. Space is available for parents to tell your student how proud you are of all their accomplishments! You can email Ms. White for more details at cwhite@vusd.org. In the subject line please type AD Order. Please note that you will NOT be able to personalize the yearbook after February 1. All AD orders (message, money and pictures) are due to Ms. White by March 6, 2020.

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