Greetings Divisadero! We’re well on our way into the school year. We want to continue to do great things at Divisadero. I want to say thank you to all that support our school and do all they can to support our students’ success. It is an honor to serve as the principal of such an awesome school. It is my goal to support the work that builds school culture and academic success so we have a safe and nurturing learning environment. Please remember our parents and school community are always invited to visit us and to look for volunteer opportunities to help our students.

Campus News:

As part of our effort to build school culture, we are promoting a college and career theme for our students so they prepare themselves for their future. The first Friday of every month we have College Day where students and staff wear their favorite college gear for all to see. We are also having our AVID students write letters to the colleges to ask for information about these schools and for promotional items that we can display in classrooms and on campus. On October 25th, we will be hosting the Link Learning Career Fair, where high school academic academies will be on campus to promote the different career industries that each high school represents, along with their industry partners to jump start students to think about their future.

This month our Trojan Marching Band & Color Guard received 1st place in their division for the 3rd year in a row. We almost won music sweepstakes, scoring the 3rd highest in the category of music, out of 15 middle school bands from around the Central Valley. Congratulations to Mr. Luna and our band students. Awesome job! Speaking of awesome, Mr. Luna and his Jazz Band also entertain our students in the morning to start their day with a little pep in their step. It’s great to see our students showcasing their talents.

Nucleus anyone? Students in Mr. Williams’ Science 7 class are forming their atom with the correct disposition of protons, neutrons, and electrons.

The Visalia/Sequoias Kiwanis Club honored one of our students in the Student of the Season Recognition Program at their October 16 breakfast meeting at their October 16 breakfast meeting.
Adventure Park. Eighth grader Paityn Hartsell was awarded Student of the Season, and her teachers had high praises for her work ethic, responsibility, and overall demonstration of a Trojan that C.A.R.E.s and who has Trojan P.O.W.E.R. Congratulations Paityn!

Starting this school year, we are developing more ways to recognize student achievement. After our first marking period, we hosted an End of Marking Period 1 Celebration for those students who achieved academically and behaviorally. At the end of the school day on October 4<sup>th</sup>, student participated in an assortment of activities from face painting, karaoke, outdoor games, video games, and music/dancing. It was a tremendous success, and we are looking forward to the future celebrations after each marking period. We are encouraging and supporting all our students to achieve in all areas on campus so they can enjoy the time of recognition for all their hard work.

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, we honored our “Character” attribute students at our Character Assembly, and they are listed to the right. Congratulations to all of these students who are demonstrating Trojans who C.A.R.E. Awesome job!

As a friendly reminder we encourage as many parents as possible to participate in Divisadero PTSA in order to better serve our students and staff. If you have any interest in joining PTSA, please contact the school office at 730-7661. We are meeting on Tuesday, October 22 at 5:30 pm in Room 41A.

Throughout the school year, reminders will be given to 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students about VUSD’s policy for 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion. In order to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion ceremony on June 5, 2020, 8<sup>th</sup> graders must earn proficient semester average (grade of 2.3) in all subjects and must maintain a daily attendance rate of 94% throughout the 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. It is our goal that every 8<sup>th</sup> grader participate in our promotion ceremony.

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

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**C.A.R.E. CORNER**

Focus Attribute: Achievement

“Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort.”

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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**TROJAN TOP FIVE**

Extending C.A.R.E. with P.O.W.E.R.

- Present
- On time
- Work hard
- Earn everything
- Respond positively

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**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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**WHEN TROJANS C.A.R.E., TROJANS HAVE P.O.W.E.R.**