



Ripperdan



MARCH NEWSLETTER 2021

CHARACTER OF THE MONTH

TRUST

"The best proof of love is trust"

Principal Message

Up coming events:

- Wednesdays are Deliveries
- 3/23/2021 @ 2:55 PM
Student Assembly

Upcoming meal serving dates

March 3, 2021

March 10, 2021

March 17, 2021

Dear Students and Parents, This month students at Ripperdan School will be studying "Trust". Our marquee on Avenue 7 reads, Relations are Built on Trust. I find this quote to be so important in understanding how we as humans work together, or work against each other, depending on how much we can trust each other. This happens on an individual level, as well as within large groups of people. One of the key foundations to any successful relationship is trust. Employees and Employers must have some amount of trust with each other in order for any organization to function properly. Once trust is broken, productivity and moral decline. Different groups of people within a nation must trust each other for that nation to function. Once trust is broken within a nation all of its citizens suffer. Individuals in an interpersonal relationship must trust each other, to be able to work together towards a goal, or both are miserable. Relations are built on trust - either positively or negatively depending on the amount of trust each side has for the other. So, how does one establish and maintain trust? When commitments are made, and kept, trust grows. People, and groups of people, need to depend on each other. They need to be able to count on each other to fulfill the commitments made. Trust grows when we do what we say we're going to do, when we fulfill the promises made to each other, and we learn we can lean on each other. Again, this is part of the human condition between individuals, parents and children, small groups of people, or large groups of people. In order for all of us to be successful in all we want to accomplish we have to depend on each other. The only thing each of us must do, is to do what we say we will. Honor our commitments to each other, trust will grow, and everything we are trying to do will be so much easier to accomplish.

Attendance

Parents as we start the new semester its very important reminding student about coming to class on time. Advisory is very important to attend. It gets the student ready for the day. Interacting and talking before the school day begins. Please note that SARBS will start this month. Students that are not attending class will be scheduled a meeting with Mr. Keledjian. Home visits are also being made to those that refuse to log on. Please reach out to us we are here to help in any way possible. Together we can get through this. as a ripperdan family that we are.

Online Classes: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, Friday
Working From Home: Wednesday

Student Advisory 9:00 - 9:20

P1 9:25 - 10:05

P2 10:10 - 10:50

Break 10:50 - 11:05

P3 11:10 - 11:50

P4 11:55 - 12:35

Lunch - Voluntary 12:35 - 1:20

P5 1:25 - 2:05

P6 2:10 - 2:50

Student Check-Out 2:55 - 3:15



MR. LOZANO

Counseling is offered in group and Individual sessions: Groups are held daily during lunch from 12:35 to 1:20pm, and during check-out advisory from 2:50-3:30pm. Individual sessions are held mostly on Wednesdays but also include classroom breakout sessions during the week. Drug and Alcohol Counseling is also held in groups on Wednesdays from 1:00pm-3:30pm that all students can access.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATE IN COUNSELING FOR IT IS AN INTEGRAL COMPONENT OF OUR PROGRAM AT RIPPERDAN.

MR. GAULT

Greetings Ripperdan families, My name is Brandon Gault and I am the school psychologist at Ripperdan Community Day . In Madera Unified we try to teach our students not only to be better readers and writers but also better human beings. In order to help with this task we have specific character traits we focus on each month. This month's trait is honesty, which I believe is one of the most important things we can learn about. I have had the privilege of talking with multiple students at Ripperdan over the years. Many have opened up about the struggles they have gone through and what they are doing to overcome their challenges and learn from their mistakes. I know that this pandemic has brought many new challenges to our students and families and would encourage parents/guardians to have honest conversations with their children about what they are going through right now. We also have counselors and myself who are trained in helping students open up about whatever is bothering them. Please feel free to contact me at 559-382-9780 if you have any concerns about your child and feel they need to talk to someone. "Honesty is often very hard. The truth is often painful. But the freedom it can bring is worth the trying." Fred Rogers

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MS. LETICIA'S CORNER

Quarter 3 grades are due the week of March 23rd. Finish strong! Please contact me if you have any questions.

Optimism As we near the milestone of a year of remote learning, it is important to remember the words of Kahlil Gibran who once said, "No matter how long the storm lasts the sun always shines behind the clouds."

The only way we can get through the past is to look forward, and that is exactly the message that parents should share with students. Talk about the positives that came out of this time of learning remotely, or practicing a new skill, or more time with family, and realizing we don't need to constantly be GO GO GOING are all important pandemic lessons. We have had the gift of time these last several months and we can use what we learned to be even better moving forward. Encourage your students to share things they learned during this time. Have a discussion about the new habits they established, or skills learned and express your own optimism for the future.

**FIGHTING COVID ONE
DAY AT A TIME**