



### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

November is the time we give thanks, and I want to thank you for entrusting Fine Arts with your children. Your Falcon may have come home with a penny. We are doing "The Penny Power Project." The purpose is to pass a penny to anyone who inspires, supports or encourages you. "Anyone" can be another student, a teacher, a campus leader, a sister, a brother, a mom, a dad, a tia or tio....anyone can be a positive influence on everyone in your life!

### SIGNATURE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Ms. Knighton is integrating elements of drama to assist second grade students with their reading ability. Falcons are reading a script filled with sight words, specifically words with either the short 'a' or long 'a'. After reading through the script, second grade students are acting out the play. Encore, Ms. Knighton!

### GRADE LEVEL HIGHLIGHTS

CASA—Made slime, worked on our social skills and working as a team to complete tasks.

In third grade, we are exploring the world of poetry! The students love how poetry allows total writing freedom with creativity and imagination. In the classroom, there are a variety of authors that we are exploring, such as Shel Silverstein and Judith Viorst. The act of writing can be challenging to learn, but in poetry, students' talents can shine all over the page - breaking free from traditional forms. Our students have multiple opportunities to share what they love through words.

### TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

What is digital citizenship? While there are different meanings for the term 'digital citizen', it means "those who use the internet regularly and effectively." Our students at Fine Arts are becoming digital citizens each time they use laptops in their classrooms. On Wednesdays specifically, students are encouraged to learn lessons specifically directed toward their grade level and how to interact with the internet.

### STUDENT AGENCY

All things EQ posters were hung in between each classrooms on campus to help foster and encourage a sense of community and relationship between teachers and students. These posters give students the option of how they would like to be greeted each morning. This is one small example of how Fine Arts is giving students choice & voice in their school day; this opportunity in particular also encourages students to advocate for and express their individual social and emotional needs each morning. For example one student may ask for a high five as they are in good spirits or pumped for the day, and the next may come in feeling some anxiety or stress from their morning and ask for a hug. Our focus is to ensure that every student feels seen and heard here at FINE ARTS because it's a great day to be a Falcon, EVERYDAY!

### CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

- Mistakes can make me better if I let them!
- I say "GOODBYE" to my negative self-talk.
- I steer clear of gossip.

### SAFETY

Teach your kid about the dangers of eating food or anything that is given by a stranger. No matter how tempting the treat is, if it comes from a stranger, your kid should not eat it. Teach your kid that it is dangerous to accept food from anyone. **Ask them to politely refuse in case someone is offering items without your consent or in your absence.**

### MYD

Fine Arts Academy MAKE YOUR DAY citizenship program centers on one rule: NO STUDENT HAS THE RIGHT TO INTERFERE WITH THE LEARNING AND SAFETY OF OTHERS. This rule places the focus on academics, with the understanding that a teacher's job is to teach and a student's job is to learn. Behaviors that negatively affect learning are dealt with immediately and privately. Because each student's self-esteem is important, teachers and students learn to give honest feedback to each other in a thoughtful, caring manner.

### PBL HIGHLIGHT

5th-grade Falcon students are learning about mixtures and solutions. Students are receiving a mixture of materials and are working on working together to write about the problem, and then creating step-by-step procedures to find a solution and separate the mixture.

### UPCOMING DATES

- 11/01 Governing Board Meeting 6pm
- 11/01 5th Grade Field Trip
- 11/02 Picture Retakes
- 11/03 8th Grade Field Trip
- 11/04 Kinder Field Trip
- 11/07 Awards Assembly
- 11/10 Progress Reports
- 11/10 4th Grade Field Trip
- 11/11 No School—Veteran's Day
- 11/15 Thanksgiving Lunch
- 11/15 Informal Band Concert 6:30pm
- 11/18 Turkey Trot
- 11/21—11/25 No School—Thanksgiving Break
- 11/30 PTSA \$1 Dress Down



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