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Why is Perseverance Important?

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Yesterday, the children attended our monthly Character Trait Assembly where the Amethyst Class and the Middle School students shared what *Perseverance* means to them with the student body at the assemblies at the two sites.

According to Merriam Webster online dictionary, the definition of *perseverance* is continuous effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure, or opposition; steadfastness.

Many of our worlds' greatest leaders, scientists, inventors, and explorers possessed *perseverance*. Optimism, confidence, and creativity make up what many of us

refer to as resiliency, hardiness, or grit. It is this resilience that moves us forward and helps us to persevere despite the obstacles we face. (Forbes online magazine, 10/29/13)

One of the greatest challenges for children today is to "bounce back" from defeat or failure. "A failure is not always a mistake. It may simply be the best one can do under the circumstances. The real mistake is to stop trying." (B.F. Skinner)

It is often difficult for our children to realize that we, too, have faced obstacles in our life. So, this month, in honor of our Character Trait: *Perseverance*, I challenge you to discuss with your child(ren) times when you persevered. To

discuss those times with them, so that they may recognize that challenges are opportunities from which we can grow.

And as always, thank you as always for your support of our students, teachers, and staff.

~ Ms. Kathleen

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Share Your Gratitude

Next time you walk through the school office, you may notice something new; a *Gratitude Board!* This is a place for us to share our gratitude for our CMP Learning Community with each other. You may

choose to share your gratitude about your child's classroom teacher, or your gratitude of something your child learned at school, or even about an interaction you (or your child) had with

another member of our community, and the list goes on. It is so easy to bogged down in the things that don't work or we don't like. This is an opportunity to demonstrate our appreciation for our amazing community!

Message from the Executive Director

Dear CMP Learning Community,

DID YOU KNOW?: The State Legislature passed the Charter Schools Act of 1992, which authorized the creation of charter schools in California. In 2000, Wheatland Elementary School District approved a single petition from California Montessori Project, allowing CMP to operate its 4 campuses in the greater Sacramento area, through 2006. In 2001, AB1994 was passed, requiring charter schools to be granted authorization from their 'districts of residence.' In 2006, CMP received separate authorizations from Buckeye Union School District, Elk Grove Unified School District, Sacramento City Unified School District, and San Juan Unified School District, allowing CMP to operate our schools within those district boundaries.

CMP-Shingle Springs received an initial 3-year authorization from Buckeye USD, while the remaining CMP schools received 5-year authorizations. All CMP schools are now on a 5-year cycle, and, accordingly, work closely with the authorizing districts to meet the requirements for renewal, as established in California Education Code. While there are many elements included in the charter renewal petition, school districts, historically, are largely focused on student achievement and fiscal solvency.

Currently, we are seeking renewal of the CMP-Shingle Springs Charter with Buckeye USD. The CMP Charter Renewal Team, led by Principals Kim Zawilski and Lauren Spiller, Development Coordinator Stephanie Garrettson and me, are working closely with the District, CMP-SS staff, CMP's Central Administrative Team and legal counsel to meet all the required elements. This is a comprehensive, and consuming, task. For me, personally, this will be my ninth charter renewal, in addition to the 4 initial authorizations in 2006.

Kim Zawilski and her staff have established a positive and productive relationship with the Board and administration at Buckeye USD, and we are confident that the Buckeye Board will support renewal for our Charter when it comes up for a vote in April, 2019. The term of the new CMP-SS Charter will be July, 2019 through June, 2024.

For our CMP schools in Elk Grove USD, Sacramento City USD, and San Juan USD, we are looking forward to the renewal process two years from now. In the interim, we will continue to be vigilant in all areas, including programmatic excellence, operational efficiency and fiscal solvency.

Thanks, as always, for your support!

Sincerely,

Gary S. Bowman, M.S.Ed.

Save the Date: Principal's Cafe

Please join Ms. Kathleen for a discussion on Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) on October 19th at her Principal's Café @ BR. Please

note that the time is at 1:30 pm. (not the typical early morning time). Coffee and treats will be served as we take some time to learn more about MTSS and PBIS.



Red Ribbon Week: October 22nd – 26th

Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States.

In honor of DEA Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena’s memory and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began wearing red badges of satin after his death in 1985. Parents, sick of the destruction caused by alcohol and drug

abuse, formed coalitions that adopted the symbol of Camarena’s memory. Parents and youth in communities across the country began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of the destruction caused by drugs in the United States. The first Red Ribbon Week was held in 1988, and today, Red Ribbon Week serves as a catalyst to **mobilize communities to educate children and**

encourage participation in drug prevention activities.

October 22nd – 26th
Theme: *Life is Your Journey – Travel Drug Free!*

Monday: “Dress like a “Tourist”

Tuesday: “Wear Red Day”

Wednesday: “Show Your School Spirit – Logo Wear”

Thursday: “Put a Cap on Drugs” Wear Cap/Hat

Friday: “Career Day”
Dress up in your Favorite Job or Career

CMP 2018 – Design a Holiday Card Art Contest

We invite all CMP students to participate in our 12th *Annual Greeting Card Art Contest*. The greeting card will be sent to staff, Board Members, Community Representatives and vendors in addition to being placed on our website. None of the artwork will be used for commercial purposes. Entries must be submitted no later than **November 2, 2018** to the campus office. Open to all CMP students,

submissions will become the property of CMP Central Administration. Artwork must be based upon the overall **WINTER/HOLIDAY** theme and for those who want a more specific theme we have chosen: Holiday Kindness/“Kindness Makes the Holidays Brighter”. Only individual and original artwork may be submitted. All drawing mediums (crayons, colored pencils, markers, pastels etc.) accepted. Art must be on

accompanied entry form or attached to entry form. Entry forms may be found on the school website. Submit all entries to your teacher, who will forward them to the campus Principal, for delivery to the Central Administration office for voting.



PTFC Update

If you are looking for a fun way to connect with the CMP Elk Grove community join the PTFC today. This committee is in charge of all fundraiser efforts to help enrich the learning environment at CMP Elk Grove. Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Below is a list of all the meetings for the year as well as some other events the PTFC are hosting.

PTFC Calendar of Events | 2018-2019 School Year

September

26: PTFC General Meeting - 6:30pm @EG

October

12: Harvest Festival 4-7pm @ BR

24: PTFC General Meeting - 6:30pm

November

16: Chuck E Cheese Night 3-9pm

28: PTFC General Meeting - 6:30pm

January

23: PTFC General Meeting - 6:30pm

25: Family Dance – Sock Hop

February

27: PTFC General Meeting - 6:30pm

March

27: PTFC General Meeting – 6:30pm

April

11: FunRun (during school day – need Clearance to volunteer)

May

26: PTFC Final 2018-2019 Meeting

TBD: Rockin Jump Night

If you are interested in joining the PTFC, would like to get more information, or would like to request a copy of each month's meeting notes, email the PTFC at cmp.ptfc@gmail.com.

Going Shopping at Arden Fair Mall? Be sure to submit all your receipts for any purchases to earn the school points in School Cents. Receipts can be submitted online (<https://schoolcents.wufoo.com/forms/school-cents/>) or provided to the office at each site.



Be on the lookout for Square 1 Art coming soon!



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Every Day Counts!

Attendance Rate for 9/24/18 to 10/3/18

97.13%

Difference of *-.59*

Out of the 8 days of attendance, 7 of the days had an average attendance rate of 97.49%. The 8th day's attendance rate was 94.61%. It was the only day that fell below 97%, and it was a Friday.

Remember, EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Upcoming Important Dates:

10/4 – Picture Make Up Day @ both sites, FREE DRESS

10/22-10/26 – Red Ribbon Week

10/8– Governing Board Meeting @SS at 6:30

10/9 – Book Fair begins

10/9 – 7 Habits class @EG at 10:00

10/11 – Principal's Café @BR at 1:30

10/17 – ERPD Day – K-3rd dismissed at 11:45; 4th-8th dismissed at 12:00

10/17 – Red Ribbon Week Assembly @11:00

10/19 – 7 Habits class @BR at 9:00

