

A DESTINATION DISTRICT
 * District Update *

Upcoming events
and reminders:

- No School - Monday, February 18
- Board Meeting Tuesday, February 26 at 6 p.m. in Board Room
- Finance Subcommittee Meeting Thursday, March 7 at 3:30 p.m.
- Board Meeting Tuesday, March 12 at 6 p.m. in Board Room

Integrity

I had the distinct privilege to witness a keynote presentation by United States Marine Corps (USMC) Colonel Arthur Athens. The presentation was unique in that it lacked any presentation media – he just spoke directly to the 600 member audience with nothing short of his enthusiasm and microphone. The topic, Power of Integrity was welcome to my ears in contrast to the discussions in California educational settings lately that were political in nature or had political innuendos and messages. Integrity is essential and welcome for any of us – especially for those of us who work with young people.

He emphasized that integrity is more about our eulogy than our resume, and in the long run, our eulogy is more important than our resume. This is because our character is more about who we really are than what we look like and claim to look like or have. This man who modeled integrity in his own life shot out the reality to all of the hundreds of educational leaders the importance of integrity. He emphasized: reality:

“When integrity is compromised, there are devastating results.”

This is important for educators because that “devastation” can affect children and families. The word “integrity” comes from the Greek root word integretus which means “whole, complete, undivided and is the same word where we get word integer which means whole number.

We get an idea of how it was interpreted and used in ancient times when the Roman centurion inspected his soldiers daily and walked by each soldier and slap each shield. If the shield was whole and solid and meets standards, the Centurion would say “Ingretus” because he would listen for the solid shield sound. In other words, if there were no cracks or problems with their “integrity,” they would be ready to do their job without compromise that day.

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Respect for everyone at all times	Students are the focus	Every student will have an advocate	Stakeholders are a key part of the process	Every Corcoran student can and will learn

Every Corcoran Student Can Achieve!

Quotes and Proverbs

Success without Integrity is Failure

~Unknown

The success of a school district, a school, an educator, a student is measured in many ways and can be interpreted in several ways as well. Do we look only at course grades, or do we combine indicators such as attendance, suspensions and other measures? What about the important test scores such as the recent state tests, and of course high schoolers have to take the SAT test in order to be admitted to a four-year college program? There are measures such as completion of courses connected to a specific career pathway and completion of courses that meet UC, CSU requirements. These are all valid and important and help measure whether or not we are achieving our goals as a district for all of our students.

The point is we would all be not so successful, and we would not be improving and completing our goals with any significance were it not for the quality people who work on our campuses. These are people who show up every day with a smile on their face ready to serve both students and staff. They do so with honesty, integrity and a heart to do what is right for kids. These are the role models and examples that show our students what integrity and honesty look like. They help ensure our students take with them not only the skills to make it beyond their school years but the heart and soul that make them a true success in life!



Ana Duenas

Caught in the Act



I have taught for a total of six years. I have taught two years as a first grade teacher, two years as a kindergarten teacher, and this is my second year teaching fifth grade here with Corcoran Unified School District.

The best part of my job is getting to know my student's weaknesses and empowering them to reach their full potential.

I am working on building my students confidence in school. Some students give up because they think they can't accomplish anything in school.

My biggest inspiration in life is my husband. He has taught me never to give up and work hard to reach your goals.

I was born and raised in El Paso, Texas. I have three brothers and a wonderful sister. About two years ago I moved to California with my family. I am married and have a son. I enjoy reading on my days off and spending quality time with my family.

If the world were listening, what would you say? "Never give up on your goals."



JOHN C. FREMONT ELEMENTARY

After graduating from Corcoran High School in 1999, I began my professional career with Corcoran Unified School District in August of 1999. I have held different positions such as paraprofessional leading up to my current position of Library Tech Clerk at John C. Fremont Elementary. Early in my career I also worked as a part-time private tutor, YMCA daycare teacher, and YMCA team leader.

The most rewarding about my job is seeing the students face full of excitement as they give me as many details as they can about their newest favorite book or when they proudly boast to me about achieving another AR goal.



Sara Nava



Currently in my job, I am trying to update the library books that we have available to our students for them to have the most choices for their reading experience. The greater the choices we have in books, the better chance we have to catch their interest and to build that love for reading and learning.

My mom is my biggest inspiration as she has had many challenges in her life yet has been able to be a great role model with her kind, giving, and loving to all personality and lifestyle

I'm originally from Texas so you may hear me say a few words with a Texas twang. At nine years old my family moved to California and eventually settled in Corcoran where I have resided most of the time. My family, my husband, and our daughter live in Corcoran after a move brought us back from Chicago. I stay busy running my daughter to her activities. The rest of my time is spent with family or friends.



If the world were listening, what would you say?





CORCORAN HIGH SCHOOL



A big CONGRATULATIONS to the
High School Wrestling Team who claimed their
fourth consecutive East Sequoia League Title
on February 1, 2019!

Hats off to Head Coach, Andrew
Saldana, Adrian Gomez and
Brandon Spain.



JOHN C. FREMONT ELEMENTARY



Jaeleen takes her turn to spell as Tiao patiently awaits.



Pictured above: Liauna Luna and Rachael Guevara Valdez



Pictured above: Liauna along with Ximena Enciso Villa



3rd Grade

- 3rd Place - Tiao Hernandez
- 2nd Place - Aiden Raya
- Winner - Jaeleen Walker
- 3rd Place - Man Hasson



John Muir



6th Grade

3rd Place - Emely Avalos Salcedo
2nd Place - Carlos Buenrostro
Winner - Araceli Gonzalez



7th Grade

3rd Place - Samuel Alvarado
2nd Place - Christian Servin
Winner - Luz Medina



8th Grade

Winner - Natalea Javaux Chavez
2nd Place - Saige Cooper
3rd Place - Man Hasson

