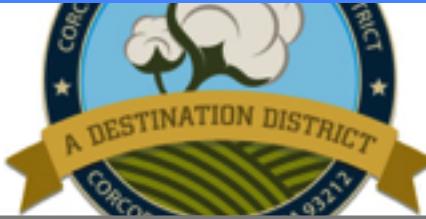


CUSD NEWS



Corcoran Unified School District

February 28, 2020

Much appreciation to Coach Isaias Ramirez! Mr. Ramirez put together a "game-changing" workshop for our athletes and coaches. Motivational and life trainer Lucas Jadin from *Train 2B Clutch* came all the way from Wisconsin to spend a few hours with our student-athletes and coaches. Everyone who listened in the packed TLC was engaged and focused on the many key life points that are so essential to understanding and embracing the crucial mental aspect of competition and life.

Lucas captured everyone's attention immediately with the story of nearly retired builder with the assignment to build his last house (after building literally thousands for his owner). Knowing he was close to retiring soon, the builder did not quite put the same amount of effort and skill into this last home and even skimped to some extent. The builder was quickly surprised to find in the wrapped gift container provided to him at his retirement party the keys to the last home he built!

Important Dates:



- Daylight Saving Time, March 8, 2020
- Regular Board Meeting, March 10, 2020
- Regular Board Meeting, March 24, 2020

The question is, do you own your home? How interesting to consider our theme for this year: "Own it." Some may ask, why should I put my best out there and take risks to invest in hard work and study? The answer is because, at some point, we own it, and it becomes our responsibility, our attitude, our achievements, our relationships, our leadership, and our name gets labeled smack dab on the very face of what we say and do.

This was a great message for all of us to continue to own and take pride in what we build every day for kids and each other!



Meet our Staff

What is your work history, including at CUSD?

I'm retired military with 22 years of service in 3 different branches. I was a firefighter for the state of California and a police officer in Coalinga. I was working for JG Boswell when I got hired for this position.

What is most rewarding to you when working with students or in your job?

When all the students get to go home safely at the end of the day.

What special project(s) are you working on with the students or in your job?

I am currently completing the paperwork so that I can volunteer and help out with the school's Cadet Core.

**Who has been the biggest inspiration in your life?**

Right now, it's my oldest son. Despite all the negativity given to law enforcement right now, he is still determined to be a police officer.

Tell us a little about yourself: I grew up in Corcoran and went to all the schools here. I graduated at 17 and immediately went to Marine Corps Boot Camp. After retiring, I thought it was time to come back home.

If the world were listening, what would you say? Enjoy and appreciate what you have.



Daniel Ramirez



Rachel Garcia

What is your work history, including at CUSD?

I had worked at JG Boswell for 14 years when I left to work for CUSD. In 2006 started subbing as custodian and cafeteria worker. I was then hired in 2008 as a yard duty supervisor. In 2014 I became a PE Aide and have been ever since.

What is most rewarding to you when working with students or in your job? I love seeing their faces every single day, and when they are excited to see me for P.E and tell me, "What are we going to do for P.E today?"

What special project(s) are you working on with the students or in your job? We're working with kids and teaching them a variety of skills with all different levels of physical activities.

Who has been the biggest inspiration in your life? My mom, she was and still is a strong woman. She always worked all of her life. When she was younger, she told all of us to be independent, to work hard, and do the best you can at what you do. I love her so much. ❤️

Tell us a little about yourself: I was born and raised here in Corcoran. I have a wonderful husband that always supports me in what I do. I also have three handsome young boys. I love going out with my family, but most importantly, I love putting God first in everything I do, which would include: my family, my work, and my health.

If the world were listening, what would you say? Believe in yourself and don't give up on your dreams, no matter what anyone says.



Around the District



The Health and Art Pathway competed at the SkillsUSA Region 2 competition in Bakersfield on Saturday, February 22, 2020. Jesus Soto placed 2nd in the T-shirt Competition, Shane Loera placed 4th, and Jeweliana Jarvis placed 5th in the Medical Terminology competition. The top 4 winners will move on to compete in the California State competition! This is the first time that the SkillsUSA students have made it to state!



The Ag Mechanics and World History Cohort classes visited The United States Ship Battleship Iowa in San Pedro on Thursday, February 6, 2020. These students experienced history first hand at the museum.



John C. Fremont was pictured in the Corcoran Journal this week for being a part of the 2019 Kings County Food Safety Silver Star Award! Congratulations to Terri Thomas and all of her staff!

Around the District



The John Muir Middle School had some little visitors on Monday, February 24, 2020! John C. Fremont second grade students went to John Muir to see their music program. The band performed for the young audience lead by instructor Treffley Ghena. Music inspires creative thinking and artistic excellence.



Around the District

On Monday, February 24, 2020, the Corcoran High School conducted a Better Lesson Learning Walkthrough. This is a quick round classroom visits by administrators to help transform the teaching and learning environment. This strategy covers the three most significant steps towards making this transformational step part of teachers' daily leadership practice. It covers how to set a plan, create a schedule, and use non-evaluative observation tools.



- Questions I will be asking:
- What is the main idea of the article you read?
 - Which piece of textual evidence supports the main idea? Why do you think this?
 - What is a critique?



**Visiting Other
Teachers' Classrooms**

Quotes & Proverbs



***“Try not to become
a man of success.
Rather a man of Value.”***

-Albert Einstein

Our mission of being improvement driven, mind, character, and body addresses the importance of creating a culture for staff and students that recognize and prioritize relationships and respect for one another. Without a culture of character, kindness, and caring, we set up each other and students for eventual disappointment and failure. I know schools define success around academic achievement and college and career preparation. However, those metrics isolated separately from the whole person do not measure success in life.

This is why emphasize the whole child, the whole student, the whole person. We know and place our efforts on the reality that life's growth with children grows from the inside out. We emphasize relationships with each other, with students and with students to students. We have committed to strategies and approaches such as Capturing Kids Hearts* and using Kagan Structures in the classroom (collaborative learning where students learn from each other). We are excited about the culture we are creating where our staff, who are people of value and success, create students who become people of value. People of value cannot help but be people of success!



***Give us a teacher who's passionate about their subject, a teacher who cares for the welfare and success of their students, and we will give that teacher the tools they need to engage and challenge students, and raise them to a higher level of performance.**