

SCHOOL 5 NEWS

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Principal's Message



Response to January's "Homework" submission by Allan Guerro:

Homework is important because it provides practice on skills learned; it teaches students to manage their time: it instills discipline and responsibility; and it informs parents on what is being learned in the classroom. Although homework is vital, Allan makes an excellent point. It should not cause anxiety or stress every night, nor should it take hours to do every night. If this occurs, there may be another issue at hand that should be discussed. Communication is always the start of addressing a problem.

CALLING ALL STUDENTS & STAFF!
Please contribute to our Newsletter: writing pieces, artwork, opinions, a favorite recipe...anything you think our readers will enjoy.

Congratulations to our GEOY Winners Mrs. DelGrande and Ms. D'Amora



Each year, schools vote for one outstanding teacher and one outstanding educational services professional to receive the Governor's Educator of the Year award. This year, our staff nominated our fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Charlene DelGrande and our Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant, Ms. Linda D'Amora. Among many other things, Mrs. DelGrande incorporates technology in the classroom, she runs our Talented & Gifted program on her own time, and she sits on various committees to improve our school. Ms. D'Amora is a compassionate professional who works with students, teachers, and parents. She is a talented member of our team who has a keen sense of how students of varied levels learn and shares that knowledge with educators to help all students succeed. We are very lucky to have such passionate educators at School 5!

Scholar's Corner "Playground Plight"

Daniel Ariza says, "School 5 should make the metal fence on the schoolyard taller because often, students kick or throw the ball over it. If the ball goes over, the security guard gets it or it stays over the fence. The fence should be higher." Daniel also believes, "lunch and recess should be longer because students need more time to eat and talk with friends."

Aliyah Alberto says, "School 5 should add turf to the playground so kids won't get hurt, and if we add more equipment, younger kids won't fight. We should also add an area for soccer or basketball, obstacles and chalk because these are entertaining. More equipment would make our playground better."



Word of the week:

GRIT (N)

Courage of mind and spirit when things get difficult



Don't Stress Over Tests. Got Grit?

District and state assessments can undoubtedly cause anxiety to all involved. Even great test-takers can sometimes buckle under pressure if they concentrate on what follows next if they don't do well. On the other hand, those who feel assessments don't matter tend to carelessly write anything without really trying. This practice creates even more anxiety in our educators who do their best to teach all year round. Let's find balance and adopt a new perspective.



Replace *pass or fail* with *try, improve and grow*. Growth may happen immediately for some, but may take longer for others. That's ok! And let's tell them that. It's **GRIT** students need to develop. Grit keeps them from giving up. All can succeed so long as they believe it's worth the effort!

Guts

Resilient

Ignores

negativity

Tough



Remember: We are the School Five Bulldogs! We are gritty; we are resilient; we are determined

AND of course...

We are tough enough to get anything we put our minds to done!