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# Dear Friends *Of CCCS*

Issue 2

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Supporting Our Community

How do we support each other? Our namesake, Cesar Chavez, is often quoted to have said, "You are never strong enough that you don't need help." Cesar Chavez gave help to thousands of people who did not personally ask him for help. People who perhaps, like so many of us, feared making a scene, feared backlash, feared appearing weak . . . What moved Cesar Chavez to dedicate his own life's work to helping those he saw in need?

If we look around, there is inspiration all around us, reminding us to help each other by doing what we know in our hearts is right. We see it every time someone says, "Knock it off. That's messed up." We see it when someone sees a person sitting alone and introduces him/herself.

At Cesar Chavez Community School, I am reminded each day: If one of us suffers, all of us suffer. Following in the footsteps of Cesar Chavez, we must stand next to the person who is being mistreated, put-down, under-estimated, or ignored. We stand next to that person because we can feel some part of their pain.

When someone decides to make a change, to take a risk and work extra hard in an effort to build a better life, it is not easy. That road can be long and frustrating, full of ups and downs. Many of us here at CCCS are on that road to building the life we want. We

want to remind each person: You are not alone. There are people here willing to stand beside you and give what they can give—a listening ear, a positive viewpoint, an encouraging smile or word, a helping hand, an act of kindness . . .



—Tani Arness, Principal



## IMPORTANT CCCS UPDATE!

**We have been recommended for Accreditation by AdvancEd!**

AdvancEd is an International, professional non-profit organization which certifies high quality in 32,000 school world-wide! CCCS has been evaluated as significantly above the national average of accredited schools in all 3 subcategories as well as our overall score! Thanks parents, students and staff for working together to make such a very high quality school!!

# MESSAGE FROM A STUDENT

## In the End

*By Current CCCS Student, October, 2014*

In the end, I wouldn't have thought my life would be how it turned out to be.  
In the end, I wouldn't picture my life the way it is.  
In the end, I noticed that I changed my life for the better and not the worse.  
In the end, I have family I can look at and smile with.  
In the end, I did everything so my family can be proud of me.  
In the end, I like the way my life ended up.  
In the end, I'm happy about the changes I made in my life.



In the beginning, I didn't think my life was going to go right.  
In the beginning, I made bad decisions that I know I'm going to regret later on in my life.  
In the beginning, I was going down a negative path of fighting.  
In the beginning, I didn't care about anyone or what they had to say about me.  
In the beginning, I was a terrible person.  
In the beginning, I was always fighting and skipping school.  
In the beginning, I had that "I don't give a f\*^!" attitude!  
In the beginning I always said I'm never going to change.  
Well, I was wrong.

**WOULD YOU  
LIKE  
TO PARTNER  
WITH CCCS?**

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## CCCS Announcements!

**CCCS is doing a Holiday Food Drive for the month of November! Please bring non-perishable food donations to the school to give to families in need.**

***You're invited to our CCCS Holiday Dinner***

***When: Thursday Dec. 18***

***Time: 6:00-7:30 pm***

***Where: CCCS***



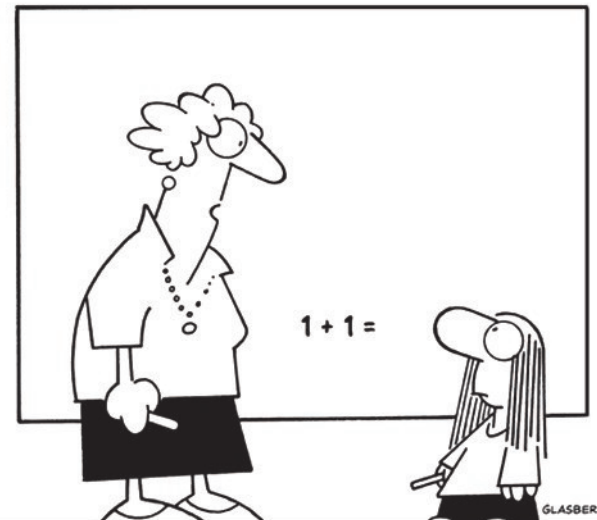
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**"Yes, this will be useful to you later in life."**