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Dear Friends of CCCS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Knocking on New Doors

For most of us, starting a new school year or a new school, and meeting lots of new people, causes some nervousness—some mix of fear and excitement. We may dare to hope for a wonderful new experience and yet we are not always sure how to get going in the right direction. We want to do great things and yet sometimes we lose faith in what we're doing, or we forget what is important to us; sometimes we refuse to take any action, thinking, "What's the use?"

Cesar Chavez knew despair, and also knew the value of community in working toward our dreams and goals. He never expected to accomplish great things alone. He said, "The name of the game is to talk to people. If you don't talk to people, you can't get started... You knock on twenty doors or so, and twenty guys tell you to go to hell, or that they haven't got time. But maybe at the fortieth or sixtieth house you find the one guy who is all you need. You're not going to organize everything; you're just going to get it started." Sometimes getting started on something new, whether it's political organizing, a new friendship, a new job or a new school, requires "knocking on doors." Sometimes we try one door after another, experiencing frustration or despair, before that one door we need opens.

Sometimes, even with new possibilities all around, we lose track of what's important. Sometimes we are so concerned about being liked or respected by those around us that we forget about our larger goals. Cesar Chavez didn't knock on doors trying to look good or impress someone, he knocked on doors with a belief in the goodness of his goal. He knocked on doors and became a civil rights hero fighting for the rights of farm workers.

He knocked on doors because he knew in his heart that what he was doing was important and would help.

This is a brand new school year, a great opportunity to take brave new steps toward your biggest goals. This is a great day to take a deep breath, remember what is important to you, and knock on a new door. And if it doesn't go well, try a different door. Talk to someone you've never talked to before. Then talk to another person you've never talked to before. You might change your life, and you might also change someone else's.



Image from the Cesar Chavez mural by Carlos "Cookie" Gonzalez, located in the Malcolm X

Plaza at San Francisco State University.

—Tani Arness, Principal



CCCS UPDATES!

Cesar Chavez Community School Welcomes You!

Current Enrollment: 200 students

If you know people who are interested in CCCS, have them get on our waiting list

MESSAGE FROM A STUDENT

Meeting New People

By CCCS Student

The importance of meeting new people is so that you can make new friends and actually meet them, not just judge them by their looks or by the way they act or speak. I like that phrase “Don’t ever judge a book by its cover” because you might end up being good friends with the person you wanted to judge.

At CCCS, I learned not to judge people for how they look. I am now friends with a lot of people I didn’t think I would actually get along with because, in the past, I would judge them from the outside and not even care what was on the inside. In reality, if you take the time to actually get to know a person, you find out you might have stuff in common that you both like to do.

I recommend keeping your negative thoughts to yourself, and don’t blurt them out like how I used to. Try talking to people so that you can at least start a conversation to get to know each other.. Try getting to know a person before judging their appearance because they might become one of your best buddies.



CCCS Announcements!

We have a teacher in-service day on Sept. 4, 2015. No regular classes.

Mid-quarter grades will be received by students on Sept. 10, 2015.

***CCCS Open House is coming up!
September 24, 2015, 5:30-7:00 pm.***

Come and meet the CCCS Staff! Enjoy food and raffles! Take part in our parent involvement and school information meeting!



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