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# Dear Friends *Of CCCS*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### New Hopes for a New Year

As we start a new school year, I am remembering the reason we all come together at Cesar Chavez Community School: We believe we can overcome obstacles and build a better future! Every year students come to us with individual talents, and with varied histories of struggle, failure or sometimes even tragedy. They come to our doors in a step of faith.

Students come to our doors hoping: *Even if I have failed Algebra three times in a row, I'm going to try again.* Parents come to our doors believing: *I know my child can thrive in the right situation.* Teachers come to our doors striving: *If I struggle and struggle with a student, I'm going to keep giving.*

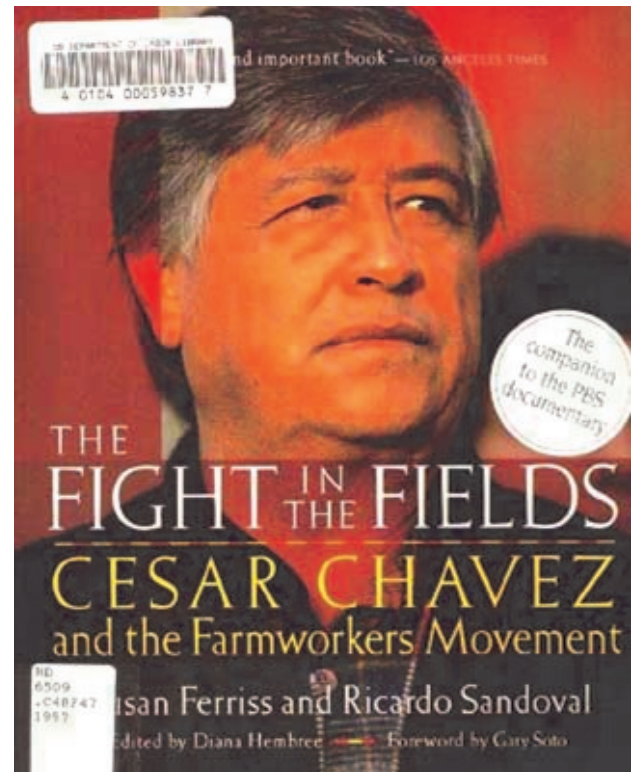
We all come together to persevere because we believe that we have something positive to give to the world. We believe our efforts plant seeds for a better tomorrow. We know, personally, that overcoming

obstacles makes us stronger, bigger-hearted people. And, like Cesar Chavez himself, we believe that difficult obstacles can, with time, effort, and help for each other, become lights for the whole community.

As we start this new school year, we remember the words of Cesar Chavez: "Once social change begins, it cannot be reversed. You cannot uneducate the person who has learned to read. You cannot humiliate the person who feels pride. You cannot oppress the people who are not afraid anymore. We have seen the future, and the future is ours."

Let us carry our hopes and actions forward into another school year!

—Tani Arness, Principal



## CCCS UPDATES

Number of 2013-14 CCCS Graduates: 48

% of Graduates Enrolled for Two or Four Year College as of May, 2014: 83%

% of Graduates Receiving a National Work Keys Work Readiness Certificate: 94%

*Congratulations to All of Our Graduates! We are Proud of You! Come Visit Us!*

## MESSAGE FROM A STUDENT

# What I Learned in High School

By Sandy Hurtado 2014 Graduate of CCCS.  
Sandy is currently attending Central New Mexico Community College to study Social Work.



What I learned in high school? I think a shorter answer would be "what I haven't learned". I honestly thought high school would be like all those 80s movies I watched, but to be truthful, it was nothing like those movies!

High school was sort of a challenge for me, I assume for others as well. We all have a life at home so

much more different than at school, but most of the staff at CCCS is very supportive.

The first year of high school is all about making friends.

You start freshman year with a crowd & end up graduating with a few. You realize you don't need friends to be successful & you don't need to be accepted by anyone. Some people spend too much time trying to fit in rather than

"I learned high school is nothing like those movies!"

finishing school because they, as well, thought high school would be like it is in the movies. Everything changes after the first two

years. Either school work gets easier or you start focusing more.

I learned high school is a gateway drug. It leads you to college, or a good job. I learned to be an adult. I learned to mature a little earlier than usual. I learned high school is the start of a new life.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO PARTNER WITH CCCS?

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## CCCS Announcements!

♦ **You're invited to our CCCS Open House!**

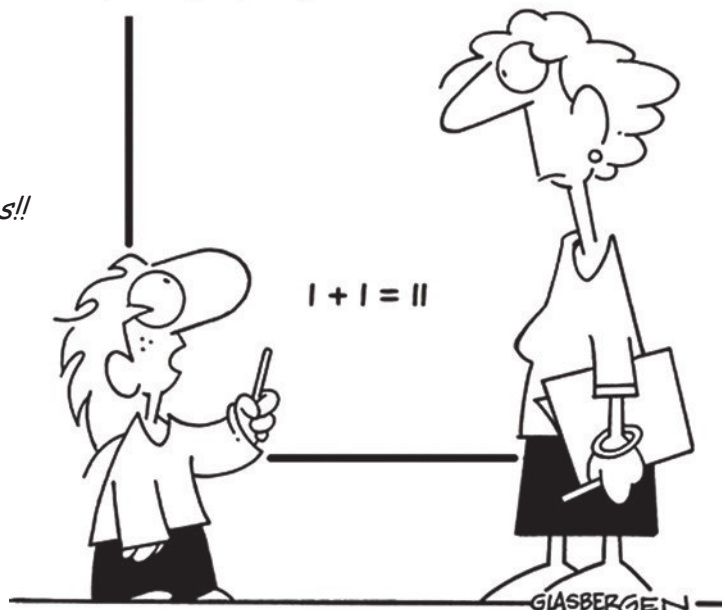


**When:** Thursday Sept. 18  
**Time:** 6:00-7:30 pm  
**Where:** CCCS

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**"If you want a better answer, ask a better question!"**



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