



Executive Director's Report

Charter Council

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Favorite Moments

I had a blast with the first graders this week during morning verse. Their excitement to do the verse each day had me smiling. Their energy was infectious and it always had me leaving the morning verse with a huge smile on my face! Thank you first grade!

My class has started a 'High Tea Station' and they have been bringing in fancy tea cups and lots of types of tea. We had a blast brainstorming on what the rules (aka tea etiquette) would be today. Examples included: thou shalt consume solely tea from thine own chalice. This activity also included students googling things like "old English words for water jug" and a student telling me they found a "really cool resource online called a thesaurus!"

I had so much fun celebrating with all of the students today. The (Blue Oak Leaf) parties were great and the students were happy, kind, and followed directions quickly and without (too much) complaint. I needed a day of fun. Thank you for sharing your students with me and recognizing them with so many Blue Oak Leaves. Here's to many more 💜

Other Items

Scholastic Success - the goal of books sold met and approved change collection \$200 teachers will be able to get credit for books decorated doors

Wellness & Relationship Surveys for students going out relationship check and survey questions

Personal Gratitude

February and March turned out to be a tough period for my husband and me. A heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you for your support, compassion, and kindness. We are on the way to recovery and normalcy.

Staffing Report

We have made an offer to an applicant interested in the kitchen position. Preparations for next year's staffing are in progress.

Spring Break

Yes, that happened. It started with rain and wind. It ended with sunshine.

I was able to attend two days of the California Charter Schools Association. It was time well spent. Here are my highlights:

1. Restorative Practices

a. The three core elements of Restorative Practice

- i. **The Encounter:** The Mis-Step The Transgression The Infraction
- ii. **Repair:** Acceptance Accountability Apology Atonement
- iii. **Transform:** a restorative encounter creates space for transformation to take place for students.

2. DEI The story of New West Charter School, their journey addressing alumni complaints about racism. This was heart-wrenching and thought-provoking. So grateful for their willingness to share

3. Legal policy advise

Information from vendors

1. SEL Curriculum
2. Food vendors