

GUARDIANS OF THE ASTROGALAXY

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017

Monday, August 21 Character	Solar Eclipse! Cross Country Starts After School
Tuesday, August 22 Achievement	PBIS-7:15-Room 301
Wednesday, August 23 Respect	Modified Bell Schedule Department Meetings-1:45-2:45 School Site Council-3:00
Thursday, August 24 Responsibility	MAP Testing-Math
Friday, August 25 The CARR Way	MAP Testing-Math Mr. Tang Out

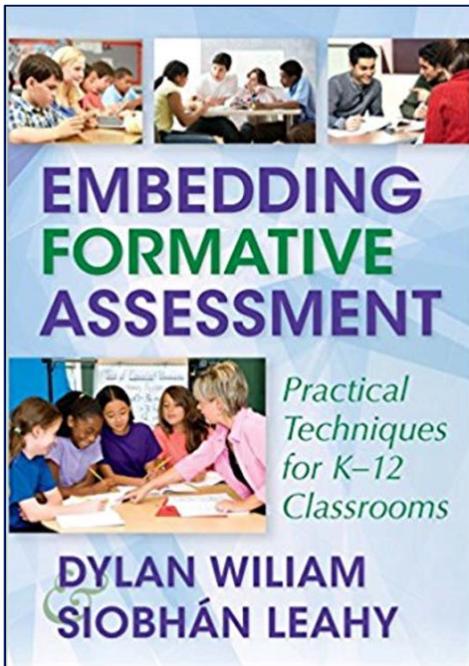
Congratulations on a great first week! You may have noticed our new counselor, Gilbert Velasquez meeting and greeting students at the gate this week already. Thank you to both of our counselors for being there for our students, especially early in the morning as they come in! As we are welcoming new staff members, we are also saying goodbye to a Santa Ana Unified employee of 21 years, our registrar Virginia Ruiz. Virginia has found a new position at Arlington High School in Riverside Unified School District which is only a short five minute commute from her house. Her last day at Carr will be September 5th. We wish Virginia all the best as she takes on her new position!

With our first week over, we successfully completed the Expectations Assemblies. The kids did great, and I have seen a lot of teachers at their doors. We have a lot of positive energy at Carr, and I love the direction we're moving in. I've also had positive feedback about the Dashboard, and I'm proud to provide additional training during prep. I believe that the Dashboard allows us to work smarter, not harder, and I am always open to ideas regarding improvements we can make to this new tool.

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A big congrats to all of the staff who have been grappling with the new



concepts that we are learning about in the Embedding Formative Assessment book that we delved into last week. It's new to everyone, and I am so excited to work through it with our staff. I find it energizing to go through the material and really absorb it as we study it through Actively Learn during the next two years.

As we continue to improve in our practices, others are as well. The MAP test now gives us information regarding students sitting idle and also when they encounter a significant RIT drop. In our focus on data and improving from last year, we will be beginning our data chats, looking at MAP test results, SBAC results, and running reports to build our data binders with color-coded seating charts. We

are already familiar with the class and quadrant reports, and I want to make sure that we are continuing to use this data to inform our instruction. I believe these are tools that help you, as the teacher, to most effectively know where the students are now so that we can help them reach the next goal. The 6th Grade Math team is looking at the students and deciding which might need remediation. This is the direction that we're working towards for all of our students.

Our parents are also starting the year with very exciting news! They have formalized our Friday leadership group. They have adopted bylaws and have elected officers. This Friday they held their first meeting in the library and attendance jumped from about 15 to more than 80 parents. They created four committees: Copy Center, Campus Beautification, Safety and Gratitude Committees.

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Patricia Gomez, SAUSD Parent Liaison will provide a four week course on leadership to create more capacity for leadership. They know the challenges their children face and they want to be our active partners in making the environment at Carr Intermediate School the most ideal place for learning. They are also going to be learning how to better support their children at home. You will begin to see many more parents on our campus.

Looking forward, we are working with Richard Romero and Steven Natz of OCDE's Visual and Performing Arts Leads as well as our own Robyn McNair to develop an ELD through the Arts program. I am excited to be able to pilot this program and provide this opportunity for our students. I am really proud of the work that all of our staff is doing to help our students to define their goals, show them how to get there and congratulate them when they succeed! Thanks to all of you what you are doing for our Carr community.

Our PBIS parking stalls for this week are going to four of our teachers that were recognized at the end of the year. Alex Pineda, Shayna Lathus, Joe Churnside and Nomer Alegre. Congratulations!!! We will add the announcement for the winners of the parking stalls to our Astro Blast Primer starting this Friday. Let's make ourselves a great week!!!