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WELCOME TO THE 25/26 SCHOOL YEAR

As we begin this new school year, know that your work sets the tone for everything that follows. Before the first bell rings and the first student steps onto campus, *you* are already here — making sure our schools are clean, safe, and ready for learning. After the last bell and once everyone is gone you are here — making our schools shine and ready for the next days lessons.

You are the unseen heroes of our district — the quiet strength behind every polished floor, every sanitized classroom, and every safe space. Your attention to detail, your pride in your work, and your dedication make a lasting difference in the lives of scholars and staff every single day.

This year, let's carry that pride forward. Let's remember that while others may not always see the hours and effort behind what we do, **the impact is everywhere** — in every smile, every healthy student, every smooth-running day.

Together, we help build an environment where learning can truly thrive. Thank you for showing up with heart, with grit, and with excellence.

Let's make this our best year yet — one clean room, one quiet act of care at a time.

SIDE NOTES

MATT'S MINUTE

TEAMPITT,

AS WE PREPARE TO WELCOME STUDENTS BACK FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR, I WANT TO EXTEND MY SINCERE AND HEARTFELT THANKS TO EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION DURING THIS SUMMER'S CLEANUP AND PREPARATION EFFORTS. I KNOW IT WASN'T EASY, BUT YOU PULLED TOGETHER AND GOT IT DONE!

YOUR COMMITMENT TO ENSURING OUR CAMPUSES ARE SAFE, CLEAN, AND READY FOR LEARNING DOES NOT GO UNNOTICED. WHETHER IT WAS DEEP CLEANING CLASSROOMS, REFRESHING OUTDOOR SPACES, OR HANDLING COUNTLESS WORK ORDERS FOR REPAIRS AND INSTALLS, YOUR EFFORTS HAVE MADE A LASTING IMPACT.

THANKS TO YOUR TEAMWORK AND PITTPRIDE IN YOUR WORK, OUR SCHOOLS ARE READY TO SHINE. I'M PROUD TO BEGIN ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR ALONGSIDE SUCH A DEDICATED TEAM. WISHING YOU A REWARDING, SMOOTH, AND SUCCESSFUL 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR!

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SAFETY MATTERS!

Safety for our Staff and Scholars but also ourselves is most important.

As of August 1st we have been 20 days safe with no lost time incidents. Lets keep that going. Make sure you report any injuries to your supervisor as well as to Company Nurse.

Last month only 17 out of 60+ custodians took the quiz. I know it was the first time so everyone was put into the raffle. Going forward it will only be those that complete the quiz! Please click on the Safety First sign and follow the link to complete the quiz!

This Months WINNER is

Julian Vera Calderon
of Highlands/Heights Elementary Schools

Thanks for being safe and hope you enjoy this months prize of \$20 Starbucks Gift Card

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5 WAYS TO MAKE YOUR SHIFT MORE EFFICIENT

MAXIMIZE YOUR TIME AND ENERGY WITH THESE EASY TIPS:

- **PREP YOUR CART FIRST**
 - START YOUR SHIFT BY STOCKING YOUR CART WITH ALL THE SUPPLIES YOU'LL NEED. A WELL-PREPARED CART MEANS FEWER TRIPS BACK TO THE CLOSET.
- **TACKLE TASKS IN ORDER**
 - CLEAN ROOMS IN A LOGICAL SEQUENCE (TOP TO BOTTOM, BACK TO FRONT) TO AVOID DOUBLING BACK OR REDOING AREAS.
 - FOLLOW A SET ROUTINE AND CHECKLIST TO MAKE SURE NOTHING IS MISSED
- **USE THE RIGHT TOOLS FOR THE JOB**
 - MICROFIBER CLOTHS CLEAN MORE EFFECTIVELY AND FASTER THAN TRADITIONAL RAGS. KNOW WHEN TO USE SCRUBBERS VS. MOPS FOR BIG JOBS.
- **BUNDLE TASKS TOGETHER**
 - GROUP SIMILAR TASKS LIKE EMPTYING TRASH AND SPOT-CLEANING DESKS. IT SAVES TIME AND CREATES A SMOOTHER WORKFLOW.
- **COMMUNICATE WITH EVERYONE**
 - KEEP IN TOUCH ABOUT WHAT'S BEEN DONE, WHAT'S URGENT, OR WHAT NEEDS BACKUP. CLEAR COMMUNICATION REDUCES CONFUSION AND REPEAT WORK.

SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH: PROPER GLOVE USAGE

ALWAYS WEAR GLOVES WHEN HANDLING CLEANING CHEMICALS—EVEN IF IT'S "JUST A QUICK SPRAY." PROTECTING YOUR SKIN HELPS PREVENT CHEMICAL BURNS AND LONG-TERM IRRITATION.

TOOL SPOTLIGHT: BATTERY CHARGING & CARE TIPS

DID YOU KNOW...

1. CHARGE AFTER EACH SHIFT
2. DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE BATTERY RUNS DOWN TO 0%. REGULAR CHARGING HELPS EXTEND BATTERY LIFE.
3. AVOID OVERCHARGING
4. UNPLUG THE CHARGER ONCE IT'S FULL. CONSTANT OVERCHARGING CAN REDUCE BATTERY HEALTH OVER TIME.
5. COOL DOWN FIRST
6. LET THE BATTERY-POWERED TOOL COOL BEFORE CHARGING—CHARGING A HOT BATTERY CAN CAUSE DAMAGE.
7. STORE IN A DRY AREA
8. KEEP BATTERIES AND CHARGERS AWAY FROM MOISTURE AND EXTREME TEMPERATURES.
9. INSPECT FOR DAMAGE
10. FRAYED CORDS OR SWELLING BATTERIES? REPORT AND REPLACE IMMEDIATELY—DON'T RISK IT.
11. LABEL & ROTATE BATTERIES
12. IF YOU HAVE MULTIPLE BATTERIES, LABEL THEM AND ROTATE USE SO THEY WEAR EVENLY.
13. CLEAN EQUIPMENT AFTER EVERY USE OR END OF THE DAY TO KEEP CLEAN AND LONG LASTING

HAVE AN IDEA FOR OUR NEWS LETTER? SEND ME AN EMAIL AND GET IN THE NEWS!

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SIDE NOTES

UPCOMING TRAINING

We will be doing most of the Keenan Training as a group during our In-Service during the Fall Break in October.

You will need to complete this training on your own before then.

- Sexual Harrasment: Policy and Prevention

VIRGINIA'S CORNER

Communication:

Your uniform shirts are ready! They have been packed by site and will be delivered to your respective locations. Alternatively, if you prefer, someone from your team is welcome to pick them up directly.

Please let me know your preference.

Expectation:

This is a quick reminder to pick up your Work World voucher for your uniform pants. Please note that the deadline for purchases is the end of September.

Once you've purchased your uniform pants, kindly return the yellow portion of the voucher along with your receipt from Work World as soon as possible.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated, as it will help us streamline payments to Work World. Thank you!

Recognition:

A shout out to Jocelyn Solis for a job well done in making SSSC offices shine. Her enthusiasm, attention to detail, and pride in her work do not go unnoticed. Jocelyn, your dedication helps create a clean, welcoming environment for everyone and we truly appreciate all that you do! Keep up the amazing work!