

# Welcome to the School Counselor's Corner

January Notes from the Counselor

Eagle Ridge Academy will once again participate in the Great Kindness Challenge during the month of January. The Great Kindness Challenge is a proactive and positive SEL-focused bullying prevention program that improves school climate and increases student engagement. All of MCSD will be participating. The program is not only in the USA but also many other countries (110 last year). The week of January 24th-28th will be devoted to performing as many acts of kindness as possible at ERA and our surrounding community. Each student will receive a kindness checklist that they will work on for the week. We also have other fun activities planned. I encourage you as a family to join in the fun. All kids deserve to learn in a safe, supportive and caring environment. The Great Kindness Challenge is a powerful tool in helping to create a culture of compassion, acceptance, unity and respect!

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## CORE CURRICULUM CLASSES

In December, our discussions centered around friendship and those traits and characteristics that make a good friend. Our core curriculum for January will focus on Bully Prevention and working on skills to increase our ERA culture of kindness. As always, social-emotional learning is incorporated in our lessons. As a school, we continue to work on implementing our PBIS behaviors of being respectful, responsible and kind. There will be a school wide incentive program introduced and I look forward to awarding "feathers" to those classes exhibiting our PBIS expected behaviors.

As a reminder, en ach day is opportunity for communication with your child and they have fascinating stores and tidbits of information they love to share! I learn some-

thing new each day from them!

## Word of the Month for January

Kindness—being gentle, willing to help, friendly, courteous, and considerate

### <u>Affirmations of the Month for</u> <u>January</u>

Good manners can open closed doors. Bad manners can close open doors.

Only by giving are you able to receive more than you already have.

It's not only what you say, it's also how you say it.





MCSD now has a bilingual website (English/Spanish) for ESOL Parents. Please visit to see all of the information. https://sites.google.com/muscogee.k12.gg.us/esolparent-resources

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## From the MCSD ESOL Office...

### Academic English vs. Social English

Academic English and social English are not two separate languages. Academic English is more demanding and complex than social English. An ELL (English Language Lerner) student with social English proficiency may not necessarily have the academic English proficiency. It is important for you and the teacher to make this distinction. Academic English is the language necessary for success in school. It is related to a standards-based curriculum, including the content areas of math, science, social studies, and English language arts.

ELLs come to school not only to learn how to communicate socially, but to become academically proficient in English. Just because they can speak on the playground, talk to peers, and use every day English does not mean that they are up to speed in academic English. To the contrary, these ELLs are not yet proficient enough to handle the standards-based curriculum. They lack the academic vocabulary needed to develop the content knowledge in English that they will need to succeed in future schooling. By recognizing these two types of proficiencies, you can help expedite your ELLs' academic English.

#### Inglés académico vs. Inglés social

El inglés académico y el inglés social no son dos sistemas lingüísticos separados. El inglés académico es más exigente y complejo que el inglés social. Un estudiante ELL (Aprendiz del idioma inglés, siglas en inglés, English Language Lerner) con dominio del inglés social no necesariamente tendrá dominio del inglés académico. Es importante que usted y la maestra hagan esta distinción. El inglés académico es el lenguaje necesario para tener éxito en la escuela. Se relaciona con un programa basado en los estándares, en el que se incluyen las áreas de contenidos de matemáticas, ciencias, estudios sociales, y lengua y literatura inglesas.

Los estudiantes ELL no sólo vienen a la escuela para aprender a comunicarse socialmente, sino también para adquirir un dominio académico del idioma inglés. Simplemente porque pueden hablar en el patio de recreo, conversar con sus pares y utilizar el inglés cotidiano no significa que avancen al mismo ritmo con el inglés académico. Al contrario, estos estudiantes ELL aún no tienen el dominio suficiente para llevar adelante el programa de estudios basado en los estándares. Carecen del vocabulario académico necesario para desarrollar los conocimientos de contenidos en inglés que necesitarán para triunfar en su experiencia escolar futura. Al reconocer estas dos clases de dominio del idioma, usted podrá ayudar a sus estudiantes ELL a acelerar su aprendizaje del inglés académico.

#### ESOL Office

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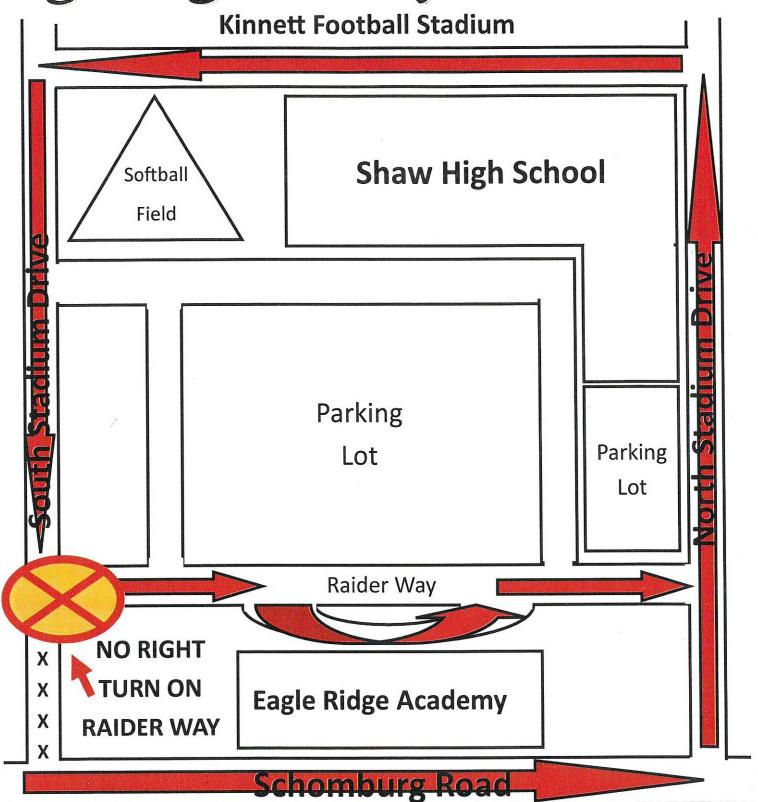


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Please remain aware of the MCSD traffic initiative for Eagle Ridge Academy. We strive

to ease the traffic by following the above designated pattern. We appreciate your

support and compliance with our efforts.

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