J.T. McWilliams Elementary

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Social Issue

- According to Nevada Report Card, 287,550 students in the state of Nevada are identified as minorities.
- 75.4 thousand students claim English as their second language.
- Minorities are the fastest growing sector in our country's education system.
- Unfortunately, a big portion of this population comes from low-income families and poverty.
- Students in Nevada don't excel in state exams due to lack of resources.
- Lack of parent involvement

Service Learning Experience

- Interacted with diverse amount of students
- Opportunity to have special guidance from principal, school counselor, librarian, learning strategist, office manager, teachers, and staff.
- Gained influential lessons and skills from amazing educators
- Spoke to 5th graders about my journey from J.T. McWilliams to UNLV
- An everlasting experience that has impacted me emotionally and mentally that I will cherish forever.

Mission Statement

“ensure that all students learn and demonstrate the knowledge, skills, attitude, and ethics necessary to increase student achievement and succeed as contributing members of society.”

Service to Community

Evidence

“academic achievement, sense of well-being, attendance, student attitude, homework readiness, grades, and educational aspirations are all correlated with parental involvement.” - Gonzalez-DeHass, 2005

“Ensuring that K-12 students understand what was taught takes considerable time and effort.” - Lawrence, 2010

“Inequities in achievement continue to be one of the United States most intractable problems” - Strambler 2010

Making a Difference

J.T. is making a difference by...

- More involved parents
- Having a School Organization Team
- Kelso’s Life Choices Peer Mediation Program
- Implementing Academic/Literacy/Game Nights
- Great AR reading system
- AND SO MUCH MORE!!!

Reflection

- Teachers and Staff at J.T. McWilliams are truly dedicated in their work. They invest all their time and effort to provide for their students.
- Site definitely stands in what I believe in.
- Sets the necessary principles to help every child achieve in academics and in school performance.
- Helped School Librarian label new books with AR color coordinated stickers and prepare them for students to read.
- Helped School Counselor with multiple tasks such as cafeteria duty, recess duty, and watching first hand the impacts as a counselor.
- Helped in the front office, custodial clean ups, and went to help teachers in the classrooms.
- Translated to Spanish speaking parents and helping them find appropriate leveled books for their students.
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Future

- Become an educator for the Clark County School District
- My dream is to become a principal and ultimately serve on the board of trustees and Nevada Department of Education.
- Follow the footsteps of my role models.
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