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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**

- Helped School Librarian label new books with AR color coordinated stickers and prepare them for students to read
- Translated to Spanish speaking parents and helping them find appropriate leveled books for their students
- 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.

**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
- 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 school performance.

**Future**

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

**References**

