

Dear RAM families,

This month we celebrate the Character Counts pillar of Respect! We will be focusing on what respect looks like here at Twin Peaks. More specifically, we will be focusing on how we treat our teachers, our peers and our campus. This pillar will be highlighted through classroom conversations, announcements on TPMStv, and activities on campus.

This week the CJSF Canned Food Drive continues in hopes of providing nourishment for families in need. Did you know that 14.7% of San Diego County's population faces food insecurity? This means that little to no food is available at home, and these people often do not know how they will get their next meal. Sadly, over 136,000 of these people are children. The food drive will continue through Wednesday, November 16th. Please bring cans and packaged food items to your RAM class. Through this event, students will have a friendly competition against other RAM classes as well as help feed hungry neighbors. The RAM class with the most canned goods will receive a prize.

Parents, last week I asked you if would take a brief survey as part of our school and district improvement process. To date, 67 of you have completed the survey. Thank you for doing that. If you haven't yet taken the survey, I need your help. The middle school principals and I have a friendly competition going on to see who will receive the highest percentage of parent participation. Right now, I am in third place and I am really hoping to finish in first. The truth is, win or lose, I value your input and appreciate your participation. The link and site code are listed below.

Survey URL: <https://surveys.wested.org/csps/EY973NZ>

Site Code: EW33YW

I will close with a reminder that this Friday, November 11th is Veteran's Day and there is no school. This holiday started as a day to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in our country's service and was originally called Armistice Day. It fell on November 11th because that is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. However, in 1954, the holiday was changed to "Veteran's Day" in order to account for all veterans in all wars. We want to thank those of you who currently serve and those whom have served in our military in the past. We also know that students of service members make their own kind of sacrifices, and to show our appreciation for them we are hosting our 3rd annual Military Appreciation Luncheon this Thursday. One of the perks of this event is that students are connected with other kids here on campus who also come from military families. It is always fun to see the kids interact and make new friends. Invites will be sent home with students tomorrow.

That's it for now. I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow and remember, it's a 2/4/6 day.

Sincerely,

Dr. Burke