

August 31, 2011

To: Smitty

From: Monty Aldrich

THOUGHTS FROM THE UNIT OFFICE...

Priorities make trivial things "trivial".

Priorities here include serving children while making our careers secondary.

Priorities here include providing a safe campus and learning environment while reacting to "criticism from the outside world" secondary.

Priorities here include having great concern for families and friends suffering from real crises while listening to those being "run through the mud" secondary.

Priorities here include protecting confidentiality of all while making gossip and hot news secondary.

Priorities here include supporting the success of students and staff while making jealousy secondary.

I visited with a fellow who is going through a great crisis in his family, and we shared how it certainly lines a person out on what the priorities in life are. Hoping that people won't have to go through something as such, it makes one understand that trivial whining and complaining about small things that really aren't life-threatening issues is senseless. During the daily grind, it's easy to get negative and bring yourself and others down around you, but if you look outside the box you'll see that there are more severe issues than yours. And it's of great concern that this attitude isn't passed on to our children. Whether it's something dealt to you that you didn't like, jealousy, or something that another did that you just have to gossip about, there should be much more to do that is productive in our daily lives. I hope we continue to pass the positive portion of how fortunate we are and how we can help others to our children. I continue to see the "Me, Me, Me" world growing. We have some wonderful and loving kids in our schools that are great models of how to give to and help others.

I appreciate your attitudes and patience with the grade school office rules and procedures. Obviously the primary reason that this renovation occurred was for safety purposes. Another issue we wanted to resolve was that of confidentiality and productivity. The office became a waiting room and lounge at times, and was counterproductive to what we wanted to accomplish. Many waiting heard other conversations and business taking place that should not have been shared. Regardless of how well-known and trustworthy you are, thank you for going through the same sign-in procedures as strangers and visitors. This routine makes for a safer and more productive workplace.

We have what is developing to be one of the top school districts around. I would challenge most districts to be where we are in caring for kids. I expect professionalism and respect from our entire staff and nothing but the best in educating. There is always room for improvement but I'm proud of what we have and how we do things. If you ever

feel differently because of the way you or any student has been treated, please let us know so that we can fix it. Don't complain to others and let it fester...come to us.

LIST OF 2011-12 NORTH CLAY ACADEMIC FOUNDATION MEMBERS

The NCAF continues to grow, and so does the financial backing of the organization. We are looking at several possible projects and purchases this year. This includes: Portable iPad lab for classrooms, electronic sign, scholarships (increased amounts), and supporting some classroom academic activities.

If you would like to become a member, please contact a school or Foundation member for more information.

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