

PRINCIPAL TALKING POINTS

CULTURE INITIATIVE

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- **Excitement for the Year Ahead:** I'm thrilled to announce that this year, we're elevating our participation in the Utrust Appreciation Program by launching the Utrust Culture Initiative.
- **Creating a Culture of Appreciation:**
 - Our goal is to foster an environment where everyone appreciates and is appreciated, creating a family-like atmosphere within our school."
 - "We aim to reduce student isolation by building bridges to the unnoticed, ensuring every individual—both students and staff—is acknowledged, respected, and valued.
- **Improving Relationships and Behavior:** This initiative will enhance relationships, improve behavior, and reduce bullying, contributing to a supportive and positive school culture.
- **A-Team's Role:** Our A-Team will continue to plan activities for the eight staff appreciation days throughout the year, ensuring our staff feels valued and celebrated.
- **G-Force's Expanded Role:** A significant change this year is the expanded role of the G-Force. They will lead in planning and promoting culture-building activities within our school and the broader community.
- **Birthdate Challenge:**
 - The first major activity is the Birthdate Challenge. On your birthdate each month (for example, if your birthday is June 10, then on the 10th of each month), everyone is encouraged to express appreciation to at least one staff member and one student.
 - The G-Force will remind us regularly about the Birthdate Challenge and will organize other activities to build a culture of appreciation throughout the year.

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- **Engaging Parents and Community Organizations:** We will invite parents and community organizations to join us in celebrating, honoring, and supporting our staff and students.
- **Call to Action**
 - I am calling on every student and staff member to enthusiastically participate in and support our efforts to foster a culture of appreciation.
 - "Look for actions by students and staff that deserve appreciation and make it a point to express your gratitude.
- **Pride in Our School:**
 - Let's make this year exceptional by embracing the Utrust Culture Initiative and celebrating each other every day!"
Together, we can make our school the very best place to work and learn.