

## **Board Report: February 14, 2017**

### **Vallecito Elementary School Presentation**

Vallecito Elementary is pleased to host the Dixie School District Board meeting this month of February: a very special Valentine's Day for all. Principal Tracy Smith will share a few thoughts about her sixth year at Vallecito and what makes her proud of her staff, students and community. The focus of this presentation will be Vallecito's Kindness Week. In it's second year, Kindness week folds in a variety of school wide initiatives into the themes of Kindness and Empathy. Students from various grade levels will happily share their experiences during the various events of Kindness Week.

### **Kindness Week**

The purpose of our presentation is to have the opportunity for some of our students to share their experiences of Kindness Week. Initiated by Vallecito's Equity and Inclusion committee last year, Vallecito proudly provided a week dedicated to reminding ourselves to be kind, generous, grateful, mindful, accepting and inclusive. The week was a successful celebration of the diversity of identities of all those in our community. The idea of creating Kindness Week extends from Miller Creek Middle School's iWeek that takes place during mid- January.

We are happy to report that both Dixie and Mary Silveira schools are also organizing Kindness Weeks for their communities this year.

Students will present and describe several featured activities that made up this year's Kindness Week at Vallecito. The week took place January 27- February 3, 2017:

- Mindfulness Practices/Parent Evening
- Pink Eagle Tickets
- Kindness Chain
- Middle School Panel
- Heart Day- Special Spirit Dress Up Day
- Culminating Event: Chinese New Year Valentine's Party

Presenting from our school will be several Vallecito students, Tracy Smith (Principal) and Quin Cowmey, volunteer Mindfulness teacher.