

Coronado Compass

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Dear Coronado Families,

Fall has officially arrived, and we have 6 weeks of the 16-17 school year under our belts! If you have not had a chance to do so, be sure to take a look at our October – December calendar online to see the multiple opportunities for extracurricular activities that are available before and after school. Most sign-ups can be located in the pages of this newsletter and in the main office.

In this month's newsletter I would like to revisit our Jeffco 2020 Vision. Jeffco Public Schools has a long tradition of quality education. This tradition provides the foundation for which to carry out strategic work in order to ensure a fully prepared high school graduate. The Jeffco 2020 Vision defines the characteristics of a successful graduate for 2020 and beyond. The Strategic Plan sets priorities for the district in order to provide all students from Pre-K to 12th grade the educational experiences necessary to make progress toward the Jeffco 2020 Vision.

Last year, in the January – May Coronado Compass I described 4 of the 5 competencies that we as a school district believe all students should be able to successfully apply in order to pursue their life goals. Those include the following and can be reviewed in each of the newsletters linked [HERE](#).

Content Mastery | Civic & Global Engagement | Communication | Critical Thinking & Creativity

The final of the 5 competencies is **Self-Direction & Personal Responsibility**. The 2020 Vision describes individuals who are self-directed and personally responsible as those who engage in the following:

- *Health & Wellness*: giving attention to the basic human needs of food, water, warmth and rest as well as going beyond to engage in physical/mental/emotional fitness and healthy activity
- *Self-Regulation & Personal Accountability*: the ability to manage oneself when attending to a task and holding oneself accountable for its completion as well as holding oneself accountable to the multiple responsibilities of life
- *Goal Setting & Monitoring*: personal motivation is often seated in goal setting, and the self-determined behavior of goal setting correlates with increased intrinsic motivation
- *Self-advocacy*: advocating for oneself includes self-awareness of strengths and limitations as well as seeking ways in which to utilize strengths and accommodate for limitations
- *Reflective Thinking*: learning from successes and mistakes so that growth and positive change may occur
- *Perseverance & Resiliency*: the ability to strive through struggle and bounce back after disappointment or failure

Our goal at Coronado is not only to prepare students academically but also in the areas related to self-direction and personal responsibility. Our teachers and staff value the opportunity they have to instill these skills and values in each of our students, and we hope you too will strive to do the same as you are truly their most influential teacher!

Linked [HERE](#) is a Ted Talk by Angela Duckworth describing “Grit” which I believe directly relates to self direction & personal responsibility. I would encourage you to watch it if you have a few minutes.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we learn and grow together as a Coronado community!

Take care of each other,

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