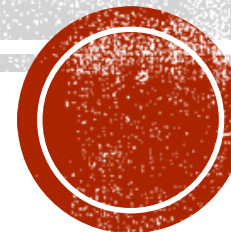


# ACTIVITIES IN THE SMALL SCHOOL

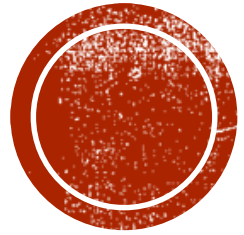
Leah Grant- North Elementary School



# ON YOUR NOTECARD...

- Why did you come to this session?
  - What do you hope to gain?
  - What do you hope to learn?
  - What is a question you would like answered?





**WHERE I AM FROM**



# MY EXPERIENCES...

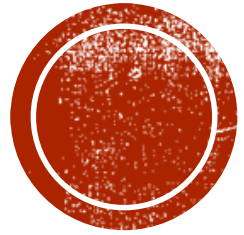
- Public Charter School- opened in 2005
- TK- 12
  - Primary Charter- 400 students
  - Discovery Charter- 400 Students
  - Millennium High School- 550 students
- Public Elementary School
- TK- 8
  - Approximately 350 students 6- 8
  - Approximately 1,000 K-8



# ABOUT ME...

- Teaching for 14 years
- Lead activities in
  - 5/6 (5 years)
  - 7/8 (1 year)
  - high school (4 years)
  - 6- 8 (1 year)





# **BENEFITS OF SMALL SCHOOLS**



# BENEFITS OF BEING IN A SMALL SCHOOL

- Know all teachers and have a personal relationship
- See most (sometimes all!!) staff every day
- Have a personal relationship with many students
- Know student body well
- Students know you from the time they are in kindergarten



# RELATIONSHIPS WITH STAFF

- Professional AND Personal Relationships with all staff
  - Know food preferences, dietary restrictions, personality and work styles, etc.
- Know teaching styles and communication preferences
- Know their 'Love Language'





# RELATIONSHIPS WITH STUDENTS

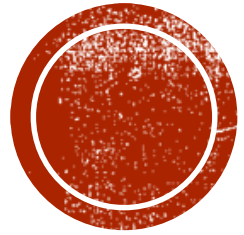
- Often teach some students for multiple years
  - Able to see growth, changes in behavior
- Establish long term relationships with students
- Build trust with students
- Students are able to participate in a variety of events and teams



# COMMUNITY BUY- IN

- Parents and community members feel connected to the school
- Parents and community members know they are welcome in the school and are a part of the school community
- Parents know they are welcome to bring ideas and activities to the school.
- Host frequent events for parents on campus
  - Second cup of coffee (twice a month)
  - Farmers market (one per week)





# CHALLENGES FOR SMALL SCHOOLS



# STAFF SUPPORT

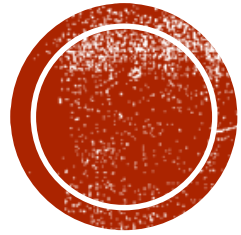
- Fewer Staff members means more individual responsibility
  - Coaching, band, color guard, drama
  - Same staff members volunteer for all events- sporting events, dances, concerts, etc.
- Burn out
- Fewer other staff members for support



# LOW STUDENT POPULATION

- Getting new kids for participation each time is not possible
- Students have to pick what they want to participate in due to time conflict





# QUESTIONS FROM THE ROAD





# HOW DO YOU BUILD SCHOOL SPIRIT WITH NO ATHLETIC TEAMS?

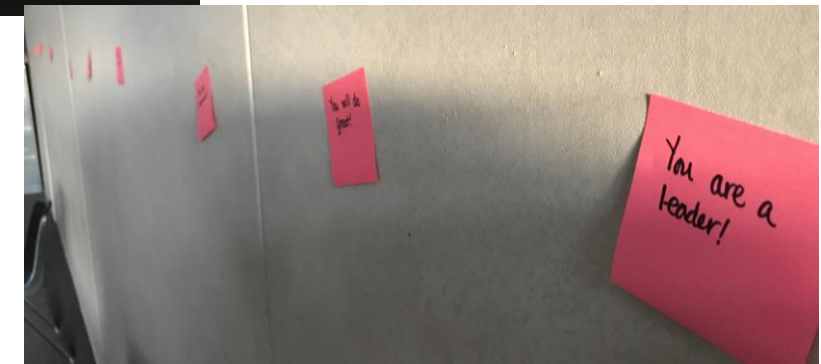
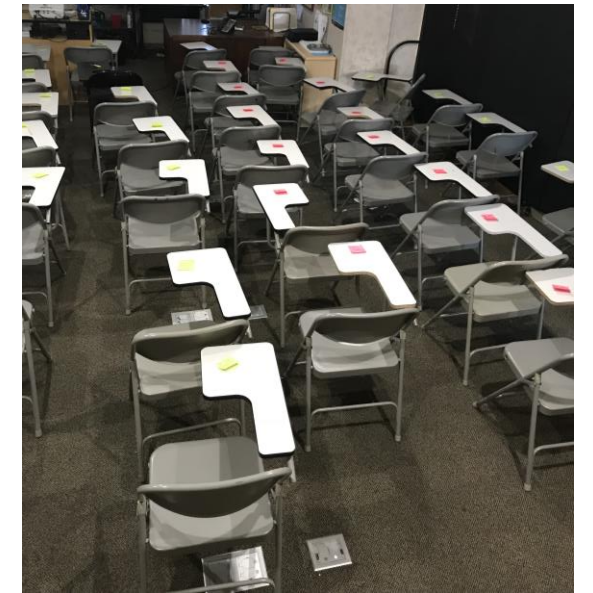
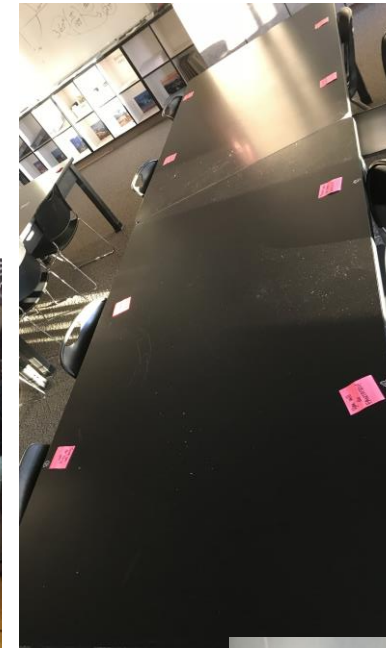
- Band
- Color Guard
- Drama
- Clubs
  - Dance Team
  - AcaDec
  - Speech and Debate





# HOW DO YOU BUILD SCHOOL SPIRIT WITH NO TEAMS?

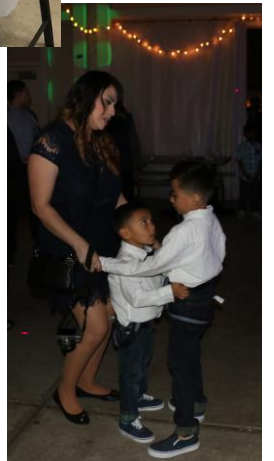
- Community Involvement
  - Community Service
  - Internships
  - Parents





# HOW DO YOU FUNDRAISE TO GET MONEY FOR EVENTS?

- Crab Feed
- Father- Daughter and Mother- Son Dances
- Self-Funded through Dance
- Jog-A-Thon



# PEER PROS

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