

Tiger Times



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Student Council Committees Conclude First Meeting

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On December 2nd, 3 Small Groups met with advisors Dr. Kasmarick, Dr. Purdy and Mrs. Jones. Each group has a long list of hopes for the work to be done this year. Read on to hear what is in the works.

One group, the Community Connectors and School Spirit Committee, came up with a long list of community service projects. This includes painting rocks for nursing homes, letters to soldiers, raising money for birthday party supplies to donate to food shelters, and so much more. This group also has organized an all school pajama day for December 18th, and they are planning more spirit days every month.

The Problem Solving Committee focused on ideas to help students not in the Student Council communicate their ideas. The group said that they thought this was very important, especially in this virtual situation. The committee also discussed wanting to start things to make the day just a little better, with some small actions. One of them is playing music at the beginning of the day, while you are joining your Zoom meeting. Little things like those can make a big difference in your day and your attitude.

The Leadership Committee discussed animals that have leadership. One member says that they think penguins have leadership because they huddle in groups and there has to be a leader in that group. Birds also have leadership because they fly all over the world by themselves.



The Newspaper Committee is focused on reporting all the great things about the Student Council. There was a period of time that when having the newspaper group was questioned. Thanks to the determination of one student, we have this committee.

I thank everyone in the Student Council for all the hard work and their spectacular ideas. The hopes for this year's Student Council are high and we're going to get great things done, even in this virtual situation.

What the Student Council Knows About Leaders

Rachel DaVanti

Our first Student Council meeting gave us all a chance to learn about Leadership. We had some great ideas shared in our small groups.

Student Council members learned that everyone can be a leader. They grasped the idea that all you have to do is make a lollipop moment. A lollipop moment is a moment where you are kind. It can be a huge act of kindness, but it doesn't have to be. If somebody dropped something off their desk, and you picked it up for them, that would be a lollipop moment. A moment that inspires someone else to be kind.

A few bigger lollipop moments are if you stand up for somebody, or if somebody is lonely, and you walk over to them and play with them or be their partner for class. It is always a good thing to help somebody out.

The fifth graders in the Student Council are going to work to make the school a better place, and help everybody feel welcome. They all now know that everyone can help make the school environment a better place. Every small good deed matters. Anyone who has ever performed a good deed, whether it is big or small, is a leader.

Why Join the Student Council?

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In Fifth Grade, you can speak your thoughts in Student Council and make an impact during your last year at Richards. Over 50 students this year have decided to join this group of leaders for varying reasons. Some joined for the excitement, others joined for problems they saw. We will look at some of the top reasons today!



Reason 1 - Time

Being in virtual means shorter school days. Shorter school days means more time. More time leads to, well, boredom. Some students decided to fill this time with extra school activities, for example the Student Council. It's a win-win for those students - they get something more to do and make an impact on the school!

Reason 2 - Problems

Some students saw problems in the school. Rather than send a note to teachers, they decided to take it into their own hands. Students joined and shared some problems. Problems shared include the recess equipment always flying out of the school grounds and no way to state school problems as a non-Student Council member.

Reason 3 - Connecting

Because of social distancing and COVID, most of us haven't seen anyone outside of our households for a while now. A couple students wanted to join the Student Council to connect with others that aren't in their class, and perhaps make a couple new friends.

These aren't the only reasons - there's way more. If you know a Student Council member, feel free to ask why they joined! They probably would be happy to answer and tell you why.

Thank you for reading Tiger Time's Issue One!

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