

Capturing Kids' Hearts



Scotts Valley Middle School

Who?

- All SVMS teachers
 - Administrators
- District school counselors
 - Librarian
- School psychologist



Why?



Strengthened student connectedness to others by enhancing healthy bonds with teachers.

Consistent rules of conduct with reduced disciplinary escalations and referrals.

Dramatic reduction in truancy and dropouts.

Reduction of negative behaviors such as isolation, violence, early sexuality, and substance use.

Significant improvement in student academic performance.

District-wide improvements in test scores.

Higher rate of job satisfaction among teachers.

Increased teacher retention and improvement in teacher recruiting.

What We Learned...



Social Contract

- Respectfully ✓
- cultural awareness
- listening ✓✓
- Equity ✓✓
- communicate clearly ✓
- Respectful of time
- Empathy ✓
- Engaging ✓✓✓✓
- Non-judgmental/open minded ✓✓
- Patience ✓
- Honesty
- compassion
- participation
- ownership
- assume best intention
- positive body language
- positive/calm tone
- affirmations
- compromise



4 Questions

Questions to Get Kids Back on Track

1. What are you doing?
2. What should you be doing?
3. Are you doing it?
4. Can you please do that?



Handshakes & Three Good Things

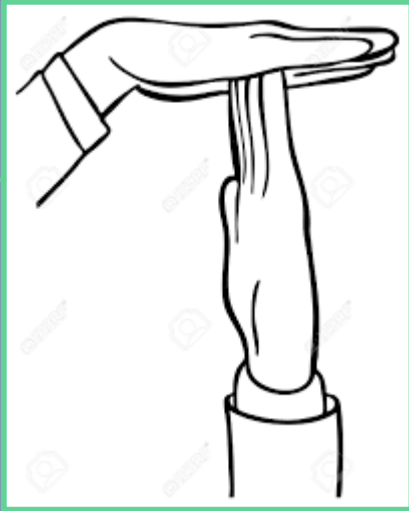


Launch





Hand signals



Affirmations





What's Next?

- Begin Implementation
- Professional Development conversations
- Modeling of techniques during staff meetings

And about that launch idea...

“Education is the most powerful
weapon which you can use to
change the world.”



Nelson Mandela