



Camerado Springs Middle School

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Camerado Families,

An integral part of an International Baccalaureate - Middle Years Program (IB-MYP) is the commitment to our global community, i.e. the world outside our personal sphere. As you can imagine, this is a challenging concept for students entering the "teenage" years. However, we're pleased to share a couple of ways our students are connecting with the greater global community, both here in Cameron Park and world wide.

"Sock-tober" was our first opportunity to connect with global concerns. Through **We Help Two; making twice the difference** and our PE & Health classes, students heard about babies in third world countries being born with clubfeet and the challenges they face throughout their lives. Students stepped up to help make a difference and [Socks for Clubfoot resources](#) became their cause. They worked to sell packages of funky socks during lunch time and during recent volleyball games. For every 100 packages sold, a baby receives access to the clubfoot repair process. Additionally, for every package sold, our school receives a package of warm socks that will be donated to local charities to help out as the weather cools. Our "Sock-tober" campaign raised enough funds to provide 4 surgeries over 4 years to one child.

Next on the **We Help Two; making twice the difference** agenda is the decorating. Our Art classes will soon receive the 12 leather braces that will become the custom orthotics. Student artists will be decorating the braces in an effort to make the orthotics more appealing to the child as they grow up. Without continued use of these braces, the clubfoot repair process will not be successful. We look forward to seeing the impact our efforts make.

"Senior Ball" is one way we are connecting with our local community. Each year, Leadership students work together to sponsor a Senior Ball, inviting senior citizens in our community to Camerado for a night of food, fun and fellowship. Senior Ball provides the positive interaction between our students and the local community that helps to build a mutually caring and respectful relationship. Students work to select a theme for the night, arrange music, design activities, create a menu, supply the food, donate items, and invite seniors. Senior Ball has become an eagerly anticipated event each fall and this year was no exception. We had over 100 seniors join us on the dance floor!

In late October, our county lost a dedicated Sheriff Deputy in a senseless act of violence. Many of our students have personal connections to local law enforcement organizations and wanted a way to show their support for Fallen Officer Brian Ishmael. Students made arrangements to line the fence along Highway 50 with signs, banners and flags as his funeral motorcade passed by our school. We support our local law enforcement. R.I.P. Officer Ishmael.

Thank you again for your continued support in making Camerado Springs a great place for our students and staff.

Douglas Shupe, Principal

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