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Community School Coordinator Appreciation Week



Community schools unite the most important influences in children's lives - schools, families, and communities - to create a support system of success. Local community schools in the Redwood City School District and Sequoia Union High School District include: Fair Oaks Community School, Garfield Community School, Hawes Community School, Hoover

Community School, Kennedy Middle School, Redwood High School, Selby Lane Elementary School, and Taft Community School.

At the heart of each community school is a community school coordinator, a school leader who builds relationships between schools, community partners, and families to help students succeed. Coordinators are invaluable and we thank them for all their hard work to ensure each student learns and thrives. This week, September 25-29, is national Community School Coordinator Appreciation Week. Please join us in celebrating our community school coordinators, this week and every week. #CoordinatorsRock

Welcoming Star: Faith in Action

Once a quarter, Redwood City 2020 gives an award to celebrate a local organization that is excelling at creating a welcoming environment for all in our communities, especially immigrants. This awards program, spearhead through Redwood City Together, is called Welcoming Stars. This quarter's Welcoming Star award will be granted to Faith in Action for their Rapid Response Team initiative.

Faith in Action is a network of faith communities committed to ensuring that the dignity of all members of our community is upheld. The Faith in Action rapid response teams are comprised of community members and allies who organize a hotline that 1) verifies and lets immigrants know whether an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raid is actually happening and 2) alerts the rapid response teams to go to the site of the raid to witness and document what happens by taking photos or videos. By being present at the raid, the rapid response team stands in solidarity with the family targeted by the raid.



Through organizing the rapid response teams in the Bay Area, Faith in Action has taken a stand with immigrants and made safety and inclusion a top priority. Faith in Action will be honored at an upcoming City Council meeting by Redwood City 2020 Executive Director Jana Kiser and Redwood City Mayor John Seybert.

Thank you to Faith in Action for their tremendous contributions and impact in our community!

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