

Continuing Ed. Connection

December 2019



Upcoming Opportunities:

- December 5 - 5th Grade Science Curriculum Overview
- December 9 - Curriculum Overview - Writing Strategies and Planning
- December 12 - 5th Grade Science Curriculum Overview
- January 1 - SIOP - Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (ESL and instructional best practices)
- January 4 - ESL TExES 154 Test Preparation Session 1
- January 16 - ESL TExES 154 Test Preparation Session 2

Region 10 Opportunities:

- December 7 - ESL TExES #154 Preparation Course (*BE/ESL*)
- December 14 - Rocketing Through Physics
- January 11 - Meeting the Needs of Long Term ELs (*BE/ESL*)
- January 18 - Readers-Writers Workshop for Secondary ELAR: *Creating, Collaborating, & Conferring*

December Challenge

This holiday season, we would like to challenge you to be the gift in others' lives.

The gift of a kind word.

The gift of encouragement.

The gift of a helping hand.

The gift of a compliment.

The gift of gratefulness.

We would like each of you to find one child you are grateful for each day and go out of your way to let them know they matter to you and why!

There are 14 days left till Christmas Break. That means if you challenge yourself to be purposefully grateful for a child a day, then 14 children will feel more loved and important in the next two weeks.

Every single child deserves to feel that way, and every single child has something in him/her that should make us feel that way.



If you do not work with students, we would like you to extend this challenge beyond the classroom and do the same for parents, colleagues, or others.

If every person in GISD chooses to accept this challenge, just think about the possibilities. There are approximately 850 employees working together in GISD. If each one of us accepted this challenge, that means that in the next 14 workdays, 11,900 people could be impacted for the better.

ALL means ALL!

“ Kindness is going outside of your comfort zone to let people know that they are important and loved. ”
- RAKtivist

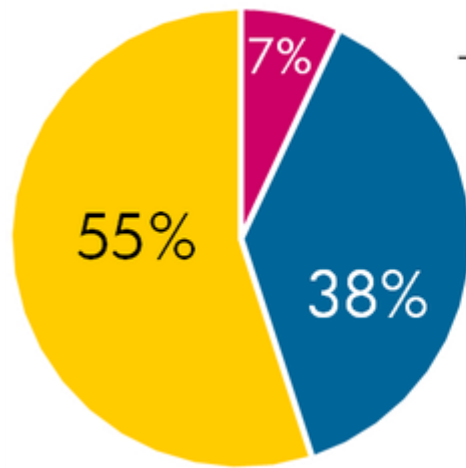
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The 93%

Did you know that 93% of your communication has nothing to do with the words you say?

It is true. Dr. Albert Mehrabian determined through his research that much of what people decide to believe about what they hear is not connected to the actual words they hear.

As you consider how to spread kindness and gratefulness in the weeks to come, do not forget these important percentages!



Dr. Albert Mehrabian's 7-38-55% Rule

Elements of Personal Communication

- 7% spoken words
- 38% voice, tone
- 55% body language

Consider what you say and how you say it. The messages we deliver every day to others can harm or help them. We must ensure that all sections of our message are consistent.

Remember, we are thermostats, not thermometers. The way we communicate goes a long way in creating the climate we want for ourselves and others.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Since there will not be another edition of the Continuing Ed. Connection before the holidays, we would like to wish you early Christmas and New Year's wishes. Have a safe and wonderful break. We hope that you enjoy a restful time with those you love.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



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