

Starting in November, we'll be launching a new character-development program based on Coach John Wooden's Pyramid of Success. Given his and his team's success in life and basketball, Canyon View Elementary has adopted the pyramid and its character building-blocks to serve as the foundation of our character education. The pyramid also has served as the impetus for a children's book he published, Inch and Miles The Journey to Success. In the book, the characters Inch and Miles go on a journey to discover the blocks of the Pyramid of Success. These blocks help them learn how to try 100% to be their personal best. Starting this month, we will work with students to identify and develop the personal greatness that lives within each of us. This is an exciting program that we know will benefit our students.

As a result, you will see some changes in our student recognition program. We no longer will be doing our trimester award assemblies. Instead, we will be recognizing students on a more regular basis. We have changed our Canyon View Compliments to reflect the traits of the pyramid. Every Monday we will draw at random 10 students from grades 1-3 and 10 students from grades 4-6 to have their compliments read out loud to the whole school. In addition, these students will be able to choose either a pencil or bracelet that features a character trait on the pyramid. In kindergarten, we will be recognizing students through the classroom sparkle program. Canyon View Compliments will also be used to select students for our monthly principal picnics. Another new addition will be our monthly pyramid recognition. Each month we will recognize students who are wonderful role models for the pyramid traits. These students will be recognized school-wide and highlighted in our newsletter. We are excited about the inception of this program and the increased opportunity for student recognition.

