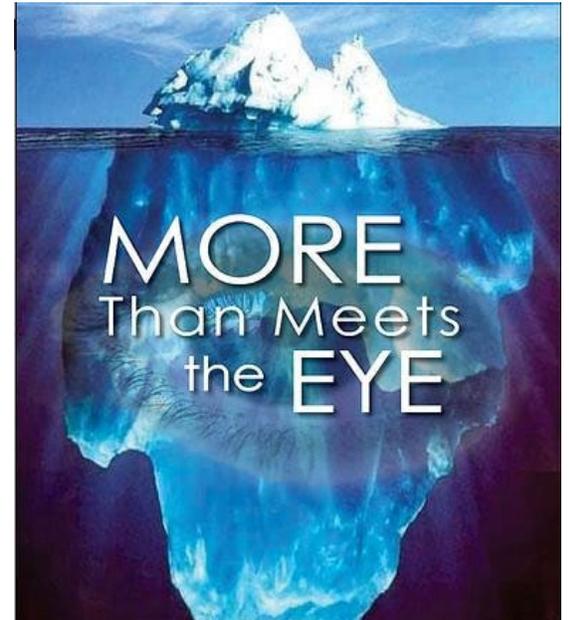


August 29, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Each school year, we as a school establish a unique theme to promote learning in a fun and creative way. I have found that a central theme helps our school focus on a primary goal and our mission of educating each student to their fullest potential. At the same time, this theme serves as an avenue to help strengthen our student's sense of self, confidence, school spirit, and academic achievement. Starting today, I am asking for your help to create this contagious vision from one family, faculty member, and community member to the next.

The theme for this year is inspired by a growing trend that I see when working with our students of all ages. An individual's self-worth is essential to success in and outside of school. For multiple reasons and larger life obstacles, this is becoming a daily challenge as more students are struggling with their self-worth. Our children's sense of self must be cultivated, developed, and guided into a positive direction. Therefore, our school year theme is intended for our school community to be more intentional with our care and openly share the positive attributes that we see in others. Taking the time to point out the positive gifts and talents in others is how confidence grows. By modeling this behavior and intentional care for others, our students will begin to understand that we are all more than meets eye. So without further ado, it is with much excitement that I announce our 2019-2020 school year theme to be:



"WE ARE MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE!"

Please join me this year as we consciously share with our children that they are, their friends are, their parents are, and their teachers are ...*more than meets the eye*. I love this image of an iceberg because it applies to so many situations including our theme. Building self-worth and confidence is just the tip of the iceberg of what an individual can be for themselves and others. "*We Are More Than Meets The Eye*" will be just another example of what it means to live out our Danbury core values of L.A.K.E.R.S.

In Service of Youth,
Daniel E. Humphrey, Jr.

