

CIS of Tacoma Newsletter



BEING PRESENT MATTERS

Leaders of Change is a Leadership/SEL group. It allows students to build their leadership skills, social emotional skills, and receive mentorship. In sessions we engage in productive social activities, talk about school initiatives, discuss SEL concepts, and sometimes enjoy a snack. The selected kids will take on leadership roles in the school. One goal is for students to develop a growth mindset in which they expand on their social skills and model safety, respectfulness, and kindness. We want students to grow and be models for others students in the school.



Mr. Seals & students practice their LoC stomp

Academic Year 2023-2024
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83%
improved attendance



88%
improved behavior



99%
stayed in school



84%
improved academics



97%
improved SEL goal



89%
graduated or received
GED (grade 12)

Upcoming Events

November 1 - December 5, 2024
[Winter Wish Coat Drive](#)

April 25, 2025
[Annual ALL IN FOR KIDS Luncheon](#)
Save the Date

Arlington Elementary School
Fern Hill Elementary School
Gray Middle School
Stewart Middle School
Lincoln High School
Mt Tahoma High School
Oakland High School

*"Programs don't change
people, relationships do."*

Bill Milliken

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STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-2029

Priority Goal Areas:

- Staff Retention
- Expansion into more Title 1 schools with TPS
- Build out FREE253 initiative
- Build solid relationships

To review the plan in more detail click the title above.



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“Being Present Matters” underscores the critical importance of attendance for student success. The unique solution CIST offers is via a trained, caring adult who helps parents and teachers connect with resources students need to motivate and encourage them to stay on a path to graduation and to achieve in life.

We are calling on everyone in our communities to show up for our kids, ensuring they have the support necessary to attend school and be ready to learn.

How will you be present?



Natia, Christian, Adan, Eliana, Exitia,
Katie, Joshua, and Vince

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In early October, loaded up in a van, many of our incredible staff attended the **Better Together Site Coordinator Convening** in Wenatchee, WA headed up by CISWA (Communities In Schools of Washington). This was an incredible opportunity and experience for staff from all over the state to come together and learn from each other.

“Staff left the convening excited and refreshed with a deeper understanding about how other affiliates around the state implement the CIS model. This lead to a van ride home full of ideas and plans about how to incorporate those here in Tacoma ”

- Vince Vaielua, Program Director

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