



Monte Vista Named Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase School

Monte Vista has received a *Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase Schools™* award for the 2018-2019 school year from the Flippen Group. This is the second year in a row Monte Vista has been awarded this distinction.

4 years ago, Monte Vista began an initiative to transform the campus into an emotionally safe and relationally connected place for students, staff, and parents.

After researching programs used by some of the nation's most successful schools, Monte Vista leaders chose to join hands with the Flippen Group to bring *Capturing Kids' Hearts®* to its campus. Teachers and staff learned processes to increase students' connectedness with both peers and adults on campus. They learned how to create a classroom environment where students are excited to enter and learn every day. As a result of implementing *Capturing Kids' Hearts*, Monte Vista has enjoyed great success towards creating an amazing school culture.

Since 1990, campuses across the country have experienced improvements with *Capturing Kids' Hearts* tools and processes by creating socio-emotional safety conducive to learning. Openness replaces defensiveness. Judging and feelings of being judged are replaced with acceptance and real connectedness to the school. "*Discipline problems nearly non-existent,*" and "*Academic achievement constantly improving,*" are common feedback following *Capturing Kids' Hearts* implementation.

Through the *Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase Schools* awards, the Flippen Group recognizes and celebrates campuses that go the extra mile each day, building an environment where students and staff feel safe and connected. *Capturing Kids' Hearts* campuses across the country were considered for these awards based on the following criteria: 1) nomination based on observation by Flippen Group personnel, 2) level of implementation of *Capturing Kids' Hearts* processes by all staff as measured by online surveys, and 3) data demonstrating that *Capturing Kids' Hearts* has made a significant improvement in attendance, discipline, climate/culture, or academics.

A Flippen Group team visited each nominated campus to gather additional quantitative and qualitative data, and to interview students, teachers, administrators, and parents. They used a matrix of key measurements to gather information during the campus walk-through. Finally, an additional survey was conducted to collect feedback regarding the perceived climate and culture of the campus and its conduciveness to learning. Following this visit, the selection team reviewed all accumulated data and selected the campuses to receive the *Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase Schools* awards.

For more information about the *Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase Schools* awards, contact:

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