

2019 OPENING THEME COPY

WE ARE more than a student and an athlete.

WE ARE more than a devoted artist in Ms. Masek's Art class.

We are Pumas, and the present moment is more important than ever.

WE ARE more than a new generation striving to achieve our future dreams.

WE make a difference by staying true to our CORE values, and we use our voices to speak our truth.

WE make our moves just like Jaxton Knutsen, 07, who won at the annual Chess Club competition.

You might ask us, "Who are we going to be in the future?"

But what purpose does this question really serve?

We are focused on what we are doing right here and right NOW.

For us, it's not "next week", "next semester" or "tomorrow".

IT'S ABOUT TODAY, RIGHT HERE AND RIGHT NOW.

It's a matter of making the most of it until the 3:50 bell rings.

NOW it's about seizing the day. We strive to be better, to be brighter, to be more successful, to be the best we can be.

Nothing's impossible unless we sit back and watch our lives happen.

WE take control from the moment the alarm clock wakes us up arriving at first block, to the time we crawl into bed exhausted from studying physics vocabulary for our science class.

WE know it is always a great day to be a PUMA. So, what will you do with today?

NOW more than ever it is up to you.

CHRONOLOGICAL DIVIDER

WHO ARE WE NOW?

WE ARE curious minds learning about the world around us at the 7th grade International Towne Field Trip.

WE ARE scholars like Hannah Resley, 08, who won the Freedom Essay contest, and Jane Griffin, 08, and Ella Taylor, 07, who qualified for the district-wide Spelling Bee.

We are a PRIDE, attending the annual Kickin' It Old School Night, CORE Plus competitions, the Annual Movie Night and the Chili Cook-Off.

WE make a difference in this world by raising \$3,512.71 in donations for Pennies for Patients, a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, with Mrs. Mindy Enley's CORE Plus earning the first place Olive Garden lunch prize.

SO... WHO ARE WE?

WE ARE the John Erwin School of Excellence, demonstrating honor and integrity.

We laid the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

We are more than just a middle school at 8000 S. Corona Way.

We exceed expectations.

AND NOW more than ever we make the most of every day.

REFERENCE DIVIDER

WE WERE a friend more than a foe, and one of many Pumas in the PRIDE.

We were one of the students who made up the CORE; and WE lived in the NOW more than ever.

WE WERE inspired to face and overcome our everyday challenges, like Maya Delaney, 06.

We lived life with dedication, like Molly Madden, 08.

We enjoyed the cinnamon rolls after every Honor Roll Assembly.

We shined a little bit brighter on center stage at the Spring Musical, Once Upon a Mattress.

WE laughed after the Puma Prowl as friends poured water on each other.

WE listened to Mrs. Stephens' 8th grade Choir perform at the District Festival.

WE danced at the Baby Shark Challenge during lunch.

WE watched Ava Mitchell, 08, finish in first place at the Track and Field District Championship.

WE devoured donuts when Ms. Goerke's CORE Plus won the annual Door Decorating contest.

WE believed it was always a great day to be a PUMA.

WE made our mark NOW more than ever.

CLOSING

We are the PUMAS who devoured over 1,407 lollipops in two days during Student Council's sold out sucker sales.

We celebrated Mrs. Christina Gelhausen Dupen's third place victory at the Taekwondo competition in Sydney, Australia.

WE cheered when we got two snow days in a row because of the Bomb Cyclone Blizzard in March.

WE explored our creativity in STEM, Wood Tech, Art and Drama.

WE supported our teachers who wore Red for Ed to increase funding for education.

WE beat every rival school, in four rival sports to become DISTRICT CHAMPIONS.

NOW, You might ask us, what's next?

WE don't know 'cause we're too busy livin' in the RIGHT HERE AND RIGHT NOW.

NOW we were proud to make a difference after donating \$1,082.50 to the Red Cross during our annual Hat Day.

WE rock 'n' rolled during Tyler Bearden's performance at the Showcase Night.

We didn't sit back and just watch our lives happen.

WE took control, even with a District wide time change to our daily schedule because it was always a great day to be a PUMA.

NOW more than ever we made each moment count.