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Joe's Corner

Dear Fellow Dragons,

I just wanted to take a moment and share a welcome back message with you. We are off to a great start this year! The potential of our students is higher than ever before. Many staff members have commented on the quality of our student body. Each of you have great talents and qualities that are undiscovered or need further development. I want to take this opportunity to discuss your personal potential. I have high expectations for you this year and in life.



All of us have our own unique gifts and talents. It is important that we recognize what our talents are and apply ourselves to the best of our ability to use them. Everyone that has ever lived up to their full potential first had to recognize what their talents were. Tiger Woods and his parents realized that he had a gift for golf and started his training at the age of five.

It is not enough to recognize that we have a gift or talent; we have to work hard and use those talents if we are to reach our full potential. Have you ever known someone that was really good at something but had no interest in doing it! Like when a student is very bright and intelligent, but does not apply themselves enough to make good grades.

Let's imagine that we are on journey through life. On our journey we are traveling in this great vehicle called Potential. How far this vehicle will take

us will determine what kind of person we become. The fuel needed to efficiently operate our vehicle is called confidence. Confidence is the belief that we can become and accomplish anything if we believe in ourselves and apply our full potential. The more we believe in ourselves, the further our potential will take us.

Tips to better fuel our potential:

- Never listen to the negativity of others. If we hear enough negativity, we will start to believe it.
- Always practice positive self-talk. Our attitude is developed by how we think of ourselves. Never say

"I can't...always think "I will do my best!"

- Don't let your mind be a garbage dump. Be careful of the things you watch on TV, the books you read, or the things people tell you. Everything that you allow in your mind determines how you think and feel, and therefore determines what kind of attitude and confidence will fuel your potential.

In order to enhance our gifts and talents and live up to our full potential, we have to understand what challenges we may have. The only way we can improve our talents is to recognize what our weakness or challenges are and work hard to correct

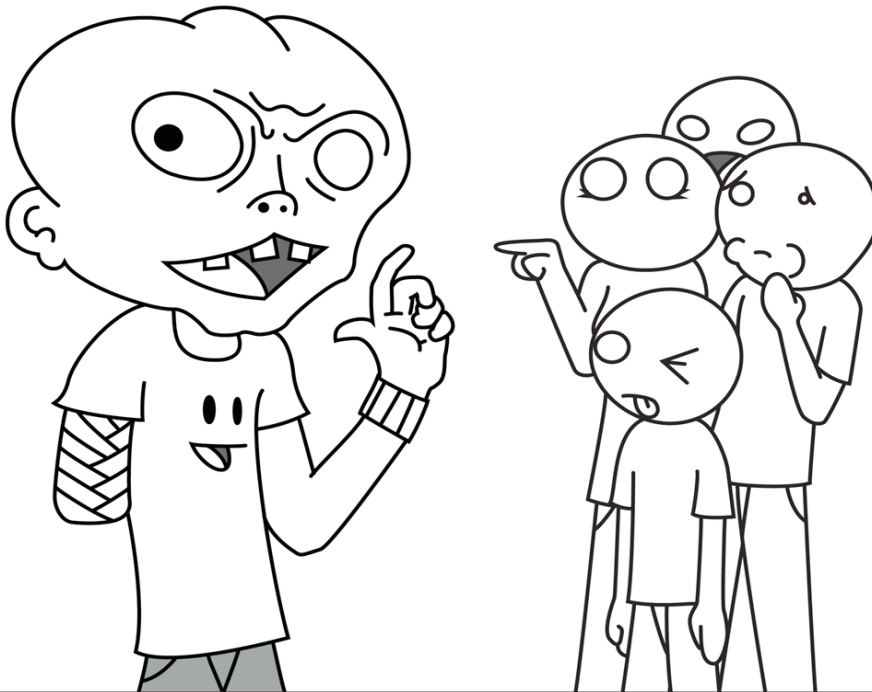
them. A challenge is simply an opportunity to succeed. Once we know that we need to improve on something we should be excited at the opportunity to become better.

We are here to help you reach your potential. This school has been set up for you to succeed. We will do our part and I am asking you to do your part. We are going to have the best year of the Dragon ever!

Go Dragons,

Joe Kelly
Joe Kelly
Principal

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Beauty Just remember,
 its all in the eye of
 the beholder...

...And there are a lot of people to behold you.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

When you look for “beauty” in things you shouldn’t only look skin deep. You need to look pass that, some things may look all nice and dandy or ‘beautiful.’ But deep inside they are ugly. A lot of the times it’s the opposite way as well, something might not be very ‘beautiful’ but inside they are. Guys when you’re looking for a girl do you want a gorgeous super model that is high maintenance and likes you for the wrong reasons. Or do you want someone who is pretty and loves you for who you are and

what you stand for. When you can find something that ‘beautiful’ then you’ve got it pretty good.

Here at Landmark I’ve learned that you need to look for ‘beauty’ in things and it necessarily doesn’t always mean beauty, it can mean good in things also. Kids that go here may not have made some of the best choices, but they are here trying to better their futures by graduating. The teachers here want you to, and I really, really love that! It makes it so easier to go to school

knowing the teachers want to help as much as they can. Also you can really be yourself here, because most kids are in your same shoes so they really don’t care. Landmark is or equal to a family to me, and we have something going here because more and more kids are graduating and they wouldn’t if it wasn’t for Landmark and that’s “beautiful!”

Whenever you find something ‘beautiful’ fight for it. Whether it be an amazing girl or a great guy, or something that just makes you happy. Don’t let people tell you otherwise, because if it’s beautiful to you that is all that matters.

Dragons Welcome back to Landmark High

by: Jason Holcomb, Trevor Bradford, and Jennifer Barrera

The ice cream social was lots of fun, was held on August 21, 2009 to celebrate the end of the dragons program. The whole school was let out 7th period to have ice cream. It was meant to give us a break from all the boring and sitting in the same class for 2 full days. It was not too social for an ice cream social; there was a lot of running around throwing ice cream everywhere, and leaving garbage on the floor. A lot of pictures were



being taken of all the fun we had. It was a good event for all the new students here at Landmark High School to get around and have a chance to meet everyone while eating ice cream Sandwiches. Going throughout the day was very tiring and sitting in long classes was not much fun. It was mostly just getting disclosure documents and listening to all the rules of the classes.

Starting the day off was not the best but getting out of class that



last period and eating ice cream was very refreshing and fun. Cliques were a big thing at the ice cream social; the school needs to work on moving past just the friends, and this was a great time to go and meet new people. We also need to have a little bit more respect to the school to throw our trash into the garbage cans so we can have more and more fun events like this one and have a good, clean learning environment. Landmark is a very caring school that tries to let us have activities like this. We hope you all had fun and thank the faculty and Joe for letting us have this much fun we appreciate it.

Landmark High School Celebrates Patriots Day with Retirement of the United States Flag Flying over LHS

By: Tiffany Branin

On September, 11th 2009 the United States Flag flying high on the flag pole in front of Landmark High School, in Spanish Fork, Utah was to be retired. Joe Kelly Principal of LHS, wanted to start a new tradition of retiring the US Flag, so he invited members of the US Military, the student council, faculty, staff and student body to help retire the flag during a special ceremony.



Trevor Bradford, student body president, spoke first about why we retire the flag, and in the manner that it should be retired. Jackie Sauter, student council member, spoke about what the flag represents and why it should be retired when it is tattered and worn. Chelsea Charlson, student body publicist, then spoke of the event that happened on September, 11th 2001, and why we should remember this day. Howard Bonzo a faculty member that has served in Iraq and is a member of the Utah National Guard, talked about all

the soldiers over in Iraq and what they were doing for our country, and told us how he had the chance to go over to Iraq and protect our country, the flag and everything we stand for.

The US flag was lowered by Corporal Nutters and Staff Sergeant Schmidt both are members of the Army Reserve unit located in Salt Lake City. While the flag was being lowered and raised the stud-



ent body and invited guest were standing, with hands over their hearts and were silently admiring the work done by these two members of the US Military. While Nutters and Schmidt tried to lower the flag it got stuck on one of the lights and pieces were ripped off and left behind. Then with the assistance of Trevor Bradford they folded the retired flag and presented it to Principal Kelly. The flag will be put in a special case, where it will be displayed for Continued on Page 4

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all that enter the school, to view the first flag to fly over Landmark High School. Then corporal Nutter and Staff Sergeant Schmidt raised a new American Flag, which was presented to them by Alena Samora, Senior Class President.

Once the new flag was put back in place atop the flag poll the student body was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Erich Egles, student council member. Principal Kelly was very pleased with how the ceremony went, and how most of student body were quite and respectful while they were taking down the flag and putting the new one up.

Later that day Principal Kelly address the student body, saying how he noticed that a part of the flag got caught on the lights of the flag poll, and how it made him feel, like the flag didn't want to retire, that it wanted to continue to be part of the LHS and the wonderful student body. He also mentioned that, "it wanted to stay up and keep going strong." He told the students how much that this meant to him. And that the flag would be in his office for any one that wanted to come down and touch it, and see it up close.

This is the first year that LHS has done anything of this sort, and now it will be a long standing tradition. The flag that was retired will be put in a case and put in the cabinets for everyone to see. The students are excited about creating a new tradition for us here at LHS. Although however next time the flag will be incinerated and not put in the case.

