

# **Highlighting Alameda Schools and Employee Spotlight: Franklin Elementary School**

**April 23, 2019**

**Lynnette Chirrick, Principal**

# Franklin Employee Spotlight

Dustin Brantley  
Certificated



Erin Gilchrist-Brown  
Classified



# Connectedness at Franklin

School connectedness is the belief held by students that adults and peers in the school care about their learning as well as about them as individuals.

- *American Psychological Association*





# At Franklin, We Believe...

---

Strong family involvement, supportive school personnel, inclusive school environments, and curricula that reflect the realities of a diverse student body can help students become more connected to their school.

# When Connected



- Students are more likely to engage in healthy behaviors and succeed academically.
- Students are less likely to engage in risky behaviors.
- Students are more likely to have better academic achievement, have better school attendance, and stay in school longer.
- This is particularly important for young people who are at increased risk for feeling alienated or isolated from others.

# How Franklin is Increasing Student Connectedness

---

1. Create decision-making processes that facilitate student, family and community engagement, academic achievement, and staff empowerment.
2. Provide education and opportunities to enable families to be actively involved in their children's academic and school life.
3. Provide students with the academic, emotional, and social skills necessary to be actively engaged in school.
4. Use effective classroom management and teaching methods to foster a positive learning environment.
5. Create trusting and caring relationships that promote open communication among administrators, teachers, staff, students, families, and communities.

# Connectedness at Franklin

---

**F**riendships & Pro Social Behaviors

**A**dult Interactions and Relationships

**L**eadership, Decision Making, and Involvement

**C**onnections with Buddies

**O**wning Tier 1 - Kinder Helpers & Yard Leaders

**N**urturing Inclusivity

**S**ocial Skills & Emotional Regulation (Lunch

<sup>7</sup> **Bunches)**



---

# Questions?