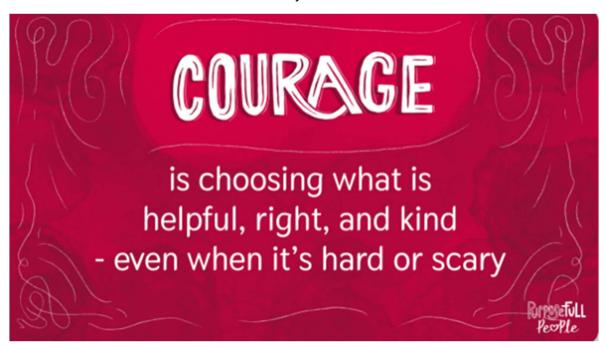
## Counselor's Corner

by Mrs. O



## **PURPOSEFULL PRACTICE: COURAGE**

Dear McKinley Family,

Over the next few weeks, I will be visiting all classes at McKinley School and discussing the character trait (we call them *PurposeFull Practices*): *Courage*.

Want to get involved in the fun? Besides reading through the parent newsletters (available in English and Spanish- below), here are a few ideas:

- 1. As a family, watch and discuss the short video clip: What is Courage?
- 2. Watch *A Little Spot of Courage* together. Discuss times when you had to use your Courage to do something that was helpful, right, or kind; even though it was hard or scary.
- 3. Watch **What is Mexican Independence Day**? Utilize the discussion prompts to engage in meaningful conversation with your family.
- 4. Have your student teach you our Courage Chant and the hand motions.
- 5. Have your student teach you how to Breathe in Courage, and Exhale Fear.
- 6. Share about a time when you had to use Courage to try something new.

Remember, Courage is <u>choosing</u> to do what is helpful, right, and kind; <u>even when</u> it is hard or scary.

<u>IMPORTANT</u>: During my lessons, I strongly iterate that it is <u>NEVER</u> okay to do dangerous things, things that are unsafe, or things that are not fully approved by you- their parents/guardians. I also remind students to ALWAYS put safety first, and to NEVER do anything new without YOUR permission.

I hope your week was as wonderful and fulfilling as mine. Your children are blessings and we thank you for entrusting them to us.

Warmly yours,

Mrs. 0 McKinley School Counselor