

Fort River

We Choose el Amor Elegimos Love

November 2021

“None of us alone can save the nation or the world. But each of us can make a positive difference if we commit ourselves to do so. (p. 109)”

— **Cornel West, Race Matters**



At Fort River we are thankful for so many things, but you and your children are what makes us choose Fort River every day. The halls have been abuzz with so much positive energy, diverse language, and robust learning. The families and parents of Fort River make our community vibrant and the wonderful, caring community it is.

Dates to remember/Fechas para recordar

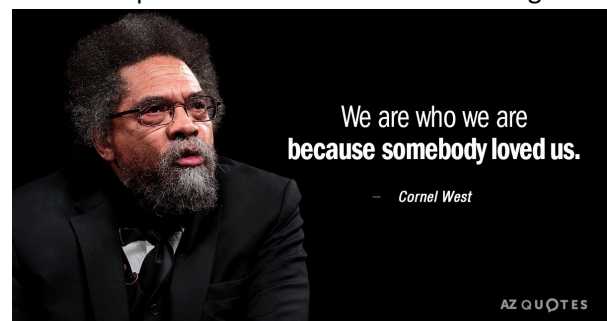
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- Wednesday November 24/Miércoles 24 de noviembre
- Jueves 25 de noviembre/Thursday November 25
- Viernes 26 de noviembre/Friday November 26

Important Dates/Fechas importantes

On November 18th at 6:30pm, Julio and I would like to welcome you to our monthly, Elegimos el Amor on the ARPS youtube channel. We hope to showcase student work, interview a teacher(s), and allow you an opportunity to get to know us. We also plan to address topics of interest at the building and community level.

On November 2, your teachers took part in district and local level professional development. While we had hoped to have Dr. Cornel West speak to us, technology had other plans. Instead, teachers across the district came together and shared quotes from Dr. West and we were given an opportunity to talk amongst ourselves about the impact and intent of the work that many people like Dr. West has on our learning community. In the near future, we will have an opportunity to hear directly from Dr. West, who has authored several books, with the most recent titled, Race Matters. As a Fort River team, we look forward to sharing more about Dr. West, and the impact his work has on our teaching .



Upcoming Events

- **Starting November 18th** → Ruthie, Julio, and Tammy will be visiting communities, organizing a fun game, and checking in with YOU, the family, to see what you need, what's working, and what you would like to see in the future. On November 18th from 4pm-4:30 we will be at **Colonial Village!** We will bring snacks. Be on the lookout for our December dates and where we will be heading next!

Datos **divertidos**/Fun Facts

- We are 350 students strong
- There are more than 10 languages in our school and spoken by our families

Colder Weather is coming . .



Parent Guardian Organization

is sponsoring a T-Shirt design contest. Don't forget to get your design in by November 23rd to Mr. Austin - austint@arps.org.



What's on our walls?

What are you thankful for? This work is from Ms. Rivera's 1st grade class.



6th graders learned to write Odes in the style of Pablo Naruda. Odes are a great way to practice writing in a meaningful and creative way.



Expanding what we know about South America.



Learning outside is an effective practice as noted in this small group reading book in Spanish.



Huge shout out to you for this wonderful message we received Wednesday morning. We feel the same!