Good morning, it's March 25, 2013, and welcome to Panther News. I'm _____, ____th grade.

RYSS is affiliated or connected with the National Council of La Raza (NCLR). It is the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States, and it works to improve opportunities for Hispanic Americans.

Every year, NCLR hosts a "Lideres Summit". The summit brings together nearly high school and college students, youth leaders, and young professionals (ages 14–25) from student organizations and youth programs throughout the country.

Participants polish their leadership and teamwork skills, discuss issues that impact the Latino community, and explore ideas for community involvement and empowerment. Students are exposed to best practices in a range of issue areas, and learn how to create innovative programs in their home communities.

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The summit will take place July 19th through the 22nd of this year in New Orleans. Students will have a chance to meet national leaders, and network with young people from across the country.

Mr. Valle would like to invite those students who participated in the Austin Legislative visit to get more information about this summit. A meeting will be held today in room 309 at 4:15pm.

The NCLR "Lideres Initiative" is a national program designed to create opportunities for Latino youth that will elevate their influence as leaders in the United States. It empowers, equips, and enables young Latinos to pursue positions of leadership, and serve as agents of positive change in their communities.

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The program seeks to develop future generations of civically-minded professionals, corporate executives, public officials, and community leaders who will promote social justice at local and national levels.

Nearly half of all Latinos in the United States are under the age of 25. "Lideres Initiative" is working with this source of leadership, nurturing and developing the potential of young Latinos in this country.

The program provides students with information they need to organize, educate, and foster leadership in their communities. Check out the program's website at: lideres.nclr.org

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We've talked about the "Lideres" program, so let's now talk about leadership. What is leadership? It has been described as one person getting the support of others to accomplish a task, or organizing a group of people to achieve a goal.

What qualities define or show someone as a leader ... intelligence, acceptance of change, concern about things around you, carefulness, openness to experience.

A leader creates situations and events that lead to emotional response. He or she shapes events. A leader provides direction, implements or begins plans, and motivates people. His or her results are based on philosophy, personality, and experience.

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A leader is focused on the tasks that need to be performed in order to meet a certain production goal. A true leader is more focused on the relationships among the group, and is more concerned with the well-being and satisfaction of group members.

Are you a leader? Do you think you can become one? Do you take the initiative, or begin something? Are you at a high energy level, and can you assert yourself, or be strong? Can you persist, or last until something is completed? Are you ambitious, or have a strong desire for success or achievement? Are you competitive with others to do as well or better? Do you have good judgment and verbal abilities? Do you have self-confidence, and are you consistent?

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If you think you are a leader based on what we have just talked about ... great! Lead the way for yourself, first, and then lead the way for your classmates and others. If you think you can't become a leader, first of all, change this way of thinking. You can become a leader!

According to answers.yahoo.com, know your core values and beliefs and why you believe that way, and then stand on those values. Listen to what people have to say, and see how you can maybe help them. Look for opportunities to get involved and do so to make things better.

Find someone who is a leader that you admire and read about them, read about their beliefs and what they did, and then adapt that where you can to your own style. Being a leader isn't necessarily about being popular, and it isn't about being right, it's about doing right. Look also for someone to mentor you in leadership and show you what has and hasn't worked for them. Be positive and upbeat.

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According to Fastweb.com, to achieve success and become a leader, it is important that you believe that your dreams can become a reality. First, you must believe that you are a future leader. You must believe in yourself and your abilities. Leadership starts with confidence, a vision and an idea.

Look for a role model who shows positive qualities, can offer you the necessary guidance and support, and who can share their time and talents with you. Consider your teachers, counselors, family members and other adults in your life as role models.

You need to ask yourself these questions: How far can I take this? How big can I make it? How fast can I get there? Plant the seeds for your future vision. It is up to you to create an environment in which you can move upward.

Enthusiasm - expressive and energetic; **conscientiousness** - sense of duty, high character, high standard of excellence, inward desire to do your best, need for order and self-disciplined; **self-confidence**; **toughmindedness** - practical, logical, to-the-point, comfortable with criticism and poised or in full control.

Leaders are made, not born. You can become a leader. Begin with motivation and educating yourself. Good leaders develop through a never-ending process of self-study, education, training and experience. You are a leader of tomorrow, and your future as a leader depends on your ability to follow these practices. When you set your mind to do something, you can achieve greatness.

Some quick announcements:

This week is “College Prep Spirit Week”. For 5 dollars for the week or 2 dollars per day, you can dress up:
Today – “Tacky Day”; Tuesday – “Western Day”;
Wednesday – “Twin Day”; Thursday – “School Spirit Day” (black and gold colors).

There is no school this Friday. It is “Good Friday”, a religious holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Calvary. It is also known as “Holy Friday”, “Great Friday”, “Black Friday”, or “Easter Friday”. The Crucifixion of Jesus was most likely to have been on a Friday. The estimated year of the Crucifixion is AD 33.

The Tejano Center Board of Directors meeting will take place this Thursday here on campus. In an upcoming broadcast, we will talk about a “board of directors” ... its definition and function. And we may have one of our board members appear on PANTHER NEWS as a guest speaker.

Students, read your composition on PANTHER NEWS ... a great experience! Ask your teachers to send us your work, and we'll contact you. We talked about leadership earlier. This is a good beginning to show who you are and what you do as a human being ... a future leader.

Also, send us your comments and other submissions. PANTHER NEWS can only get better if you help us make it better. And if you are interested in being a newscaster, please let Mr. Chambers know in room 331.

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We are students. It’s important that we come to school with supplies: pens, pencils and paper. This shows everyone around us that we are prepared. And we should use our planners so that we are organized.

Let’s make sure that we are following the uniform code in our student handbook. Being in proper uniform makes our school culture stronger. It brings us together. People from the outside see us as one ... the “Mighty Panthers”!

We should wear our ID badge at all times while on campus. Many of us are not wearing it. It’s important to have it in case of an emergency, and it also makes our school culture stronger. And again, people from the outside see us as one ... the “Mighty Panthers”!

We should respect each other as we pass by in the hallways. Stay to your right, and NO BULLYING, please!

If you see trash in the hallways of our buildings and anywhere on our campus, pick it up, and throw it in a garbage can. One piece of trash can make our whole campus look like a dump ground, and we don’t want this.

Do not enter the buildings until 7:55am, and do not walk in with open containers of beverages. Drinks have been spilled in the hallways, and this does not look good with messy and stained floors.

After school, stay in the gated area ... courtyard ... and wait for your parents to pick you up. Students have been seen wandering around. Please don’t do this for your own safety.

Communities in Schools

Today: Math Tutoring – Math Unit Review, Homework Completion. Math Enrichment – “Trail Mix”, Homework Completion. Physical Activity – Kickball, Xbox, Wii.

Tuesday: Science Tutoring – Science Unit Review, Homework Completion. Science Enrichment – “Soda Can Shake-up”, Homework Completion. Fine Arts – “Texture Drawing”. Health and Wellness – Soccer Drills, Cosmetology, Xbox, Wii.

Wednesday: Reading Tutoring - Workbook Vocabulary Lesson Review, Homework Completion. Reading Enrichment – “French Toast”, Homework Completion. Physical Activity – Dodge Ball, Basketball.

Lunch Menu

Today: Chicken Fajita Strip with Salsa and Whole Wheat Flour Tortilla, Mixed Vegetables, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Pineapple Tidbits.

Tuesday: Backed Potato with Beef BBQ or Chunky Chicken Salad, Saltine Crackers, Squash Zucchini, Sugar Cookie, Sliced Pears.

Wednesday: Oven Fried Chicken or Chunky Chicken Salad, Sweet Corn, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Banana Bread, Rosy Applesauce.

That’s all for now. We’ll see you Thursday. Have a great day, and study hard! Your future depends on it!