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Solana Vista Students Create Sportsmanship Code of Conduct

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With input and a heartfelt commitment to a peaceful playground environment, the Solana Vista student body helped our Sportsmanship Committee, made up entirely of third grade students, establish Solana Vista's first-ever Sportsmanship Code of Conduct.

It began when a group of third graders came together during the 2018-2019 school year to talk about sportsmanship, specifically what it looks and sounds like on the Solana Vista playground. These students, under the guidance of Jeff Bibler, the physical education instructor at Solana Vista better known as "Coach B," recognized that there were concerns among classmates about sportsmanship. This committee decided to create a video that would be shared with all students to demonstrate both positive and negative versions of playground sportsmanship. (cont.)



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I like helping people and making sure they do the right thing. I also like making sure students are not left out of playing with other kids."

Linden, 3rd grade student and committee member

Photos (above): Solana Vista students practice positive sportsmanship on the playground; (left) current committee members continue to refine and share the Code of Conduct during the 2019-2020 school year.

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My favorite part of being on the committee was making the video and watching it! I hope that our work helps everyone have good sportsmanship and helps students play cooperatively."

Guiliana, 3rd grade student and committee member

Sportsmanship Code of Conduct (cont.)

At the beginning of the current school year, a new group of third grade students was nominated to participate in the Sportsmanship Committee, with representatives from each of our third grade classrooms. The committee then invited all grade levels to watch the sportsmanship video and asked each class to go back to their classrooms and brainstorm four to five essential guidelines for the school’s Code of Conduct. The 13-member committee received input from each classroom and recognized similar themes across all grade levels and classrooms. Members synthesized the information and created the Sportsmanship Code of Conduct, with simple rules and examples of how to use them on the playground (see photo page 1).

The 2019-2020 student committee created a new video to model each of the sportsmanship guidelines and reinforce the desired positive behaviors. Again this year, each grade level was asked to attend a video-viewing party and to review and discuss the Code of Conduct, which is also displayed in each classroom. Once students felt they could uphold the tenets of the Code of Conduct, students signed their names.

“The video these students created was very visual and gave lots of real-life examples for students to relate to,” said Justine Gallant, third grade teacher at Solana Vista. “It is great that we, as teachers and staff, can revisit the video with students, and it is important that students are active in the process so there is ownership of their choices on the playground.”

Sportsmanship Code of Conduct

We solve disagreements peacefully.

(ex. rock, paper, scissors)

We cheer for everyone.

(ex. “Go, Waves, Go”; no targeting one player)

We win and lose gracefully.

(ex. fist bump, saying “Good Game” or “Nice Try”, not yelling “You’re out!”)

We include everyone.

(inviting others to play; We don't say, “You can't play!”)

We always follow the rules.

(going down the slide, not up; not skipping bars; no ball hogging)

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Developed by the SV Sportsmanship Committee
with input from all students.



Above: 2019-2020 Solana Vista Sportsmanship Code of Conduct; (photo right) Sportsmanship Committee members, all third grade students, for the 2019-2020 school year

