

## 🖫 Principal's Message 🥕





Garden Grove Unified School was recognized as a CA Distinguished District in 2018. Faylane Elementary was among 11 GGUSD elementary schools who received the 2018 CA Distinguished School Award. This award marked the beginning of Faylane going FAR. "F.A.R." stands for "Focus \* Act \* Reflect," a part of the GGUSD Strategic Plan that resides in Goal 1C (Academic Skills- Scholarly Habits) and Goal 2a (Personal Skills-Motivation). FAR emphasizes 6 descriptors; believe in yourself, make a plan, take action, control your thoughts, make changes, and know how you did. I am confident Faylane will go FAR, very far, as we pursue these descriptors.

I am a fan of Star Wars. As several Falcons now know, I actually have a variety of interests. I am an avid Denver Broncos fan, I have an interest in martial arts, I enjoy surfing and soccer, I am a father and husband, I'm an active church goer... I like superhero movies, sepecially Marvel! Yoda makes a few epic statements in his movie appearances (it's always great to learn from a muppet!) "Do or do not, there is no try," and "Difficult to see. Always in motion is the future." I have to disagree with Master Yoda in favor of the FAR model. I agree with his "DO." When one's plan and actions don't go the way that is hoped, such attempts (or "trys") should be evaluated ("know how you did") and changes should be made. By such attempts, failures, and "retrys," a person's future is forged. Be like Mr. Devin,

Mr. Devin→

←Yoda's buddies >>

As I came to Faylane, I experienced connected to the same event. After 10 belt in Karate. Related to this, I community with an ugly black eye, students. I didn't look so good, and I sparring match during the test! With the pain of attempt... and defeat. In

And I tried!

both personal triumph and setback years of training, I received a black greeted my new Faylane staff and startling teachers and scaring absolutely did not win the related growth sometimes comes bruising and this case, I both "DID and DID NOT."



I am believing that Faylane students, community and staff will LIVE LARGE; try hard (while at times we will attempt and "do not"), overcome bruising, change the plan, DO and DO MORE! Pursuing their passions, focused on academic interests, filled with future possibilities; whether robotics or writing; coding, engineering, science or musical performance, Falcons will continue to go FAR! Fly on, falcons, may we soar.... higher!

