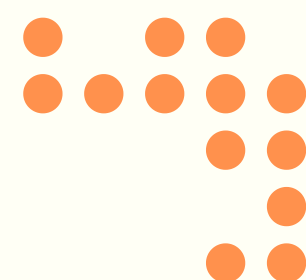


MARGARET WILLIS ELEMENTARY HOUSE SYSTEM



ALTRUISMO-HOUSE OF GIVERS

Altruismo traces its origins to the rainforests of the Amazon, where a group of powerful Brazilians were given the name because of its Portuguese meaning: “the Givers.” This special group is known for striking a balance between bold strength and altruistic giving—a team that understands true power comes not from looking out for oneself, but from empowering others. They care deeply about lifting others up, while also maintaining a fiercely competitive spirit and strong sense of pride.

SOLLEVARE-HOUSE OF UPLIFTING

Sollevare is the House that originates from Italy. It was formed by a group who understood that the true strength of being undefeated warriors lies in always getting back up, no matter how many times they may be knocked down. The members of the House of Sollevare are known for their uplifting nature — always rising above, and helping others do the same. This is where their name comes from in Latin, meaning to “lift” up.

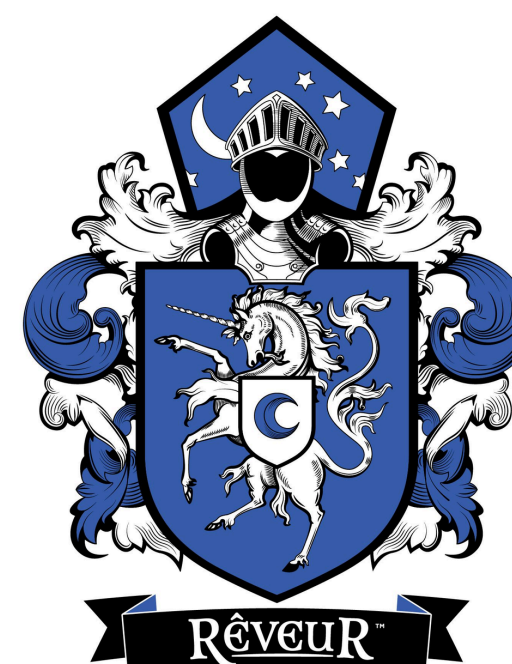


ISIBINDI-HOUSE OF COURAGE

Isibindi is a tight-knit group of individuals, akin to a pride of African lions, where family means everything. The House’s symbolic animals, the mute swan and the lion, serve to empower incoming members. While new students might initially be quiet or shy, the longer they are in the House, the more they begin to display characteristics of strength and bravery. In Zulu, Isibindi means ‘courage.’

REVEUR-HOUSE OF DREAMERS

Rêveur is a royal House whose name in French means ‘dreamers’ or ‘idealists’—because the members who fill this group are students filled with freedom and wild abandon, recognizing their dreams and letting nothing stand in the way of achieving them. This spirit is embodied in the unicorn, situated at the center of the House’s crest—a powerful creature almost impossible to tame. Similarly, the House of Rêveur is a House of passion.



Parents: Download the Ron Clark House App: <https://bit.ly/HouseAppInfo>

We will transition from ClassDojo to the Ron Clark House App for the 2025-2026 school year.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to announce that our school will be implementing a program called the House System for the 2025-2026 school year. This system was created by the Ron Clark Academy (RCA), and it has a proven track record of creating a positive school climate and culture that is embraced by students, staff, and families. We want our students to look forward to coming to school each day, and schools around the world that have implemented the program have reported many positive outcomes, such as a decrease in discipline referrals, more positive relationships among peers and staff, better school attendance, and improvements in academic performance. This is because the system encourages students to take ownership of their learning and behavior while working together to achieve common goals.

A key element of the House System is the way that it increases students' motivation to succeed in school by fostering a sense of belonging among all students and staff, and parents often report feeling more connected to the school community as well. To achieve this, each student will be a part of one of four houses and will have the opportunity to participate in house-specific events and activities throughout the year. (Parents will have some opportunities to participate, too!) By being a part of a house, every child has a smaller group within the larger school community. In other words, every student will have "a crew and a cause." Additionally, students will have the opportunity to take on leadership roles within their houses, such as serving as heads of house, heads of committees, or organizers of house events.

Throughout the school year, students will have the opportunity to receive points for their houses. Points are awarded for going above and beyond expectations in areas such as academic achievement, character, school spirit, and uplifting others. While points are not the primary purpose of this program, when students work together to earn points for their houses, they celebrate, support, and encourage one another to achieve excellence. The house who earns the most points at the end of the year will be named the House Champions!

We are confident that the RCA House System will be a valuable addition to our school community, and we look forward to seeing its positive impact on our students. Thank you for your support, and we can't wait to see the effect this system will have on our students.

Sincerely,
Amanda Hefner
Principal