

# Quintanilla Middle School

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## The Middle School Archive Project

[www.StudentMotivation.org](http://www.StudentMotivation.org)

An Achievement & Goals Archive is a 10 year rotating time-capsule system designed to improve middle school student motivation. It involves a vault with 10 shelves to hold letters 8th grade students write to themselves before graduation. The letter is about their achievements, stories from their life, and their goals for the next 10 years. Their letters are sealed by them and stored in the archive for 10 years, until the same students, as adults, return to open their letters. At this 10 year reunion they will also be invited to give their "10 years of Wisdom Talk" to the then current students, answering questions such as: **"What would you do differently if you were 13 years old again?"**



The Achievements & Goals Archive "lounge" is located between the stairs going up to the 8th grade floor.

### Achievements & Goals Archive

This safe contains letters written by Quintanilla 8<sup>th</sup> graders to themselves about their lives, achievements, and goals. They will return to open these letters in ten years. On their return alumni will be invited to speak with students of the most valuable lessons they took from Quintanilla. What would they do differently if they were 13 years old again?



### Archivo de los Logros y de las Metas

Esta caja fuerte contiene las cartas escritas de los alumnos del 8vo grado para a sí mismos sobre sus vidas, logros, y metas. Volverán en diez años para abrir estas cartas. Al regresar, serán invitados para hablar con los estudiantes sobre las lecciones más valiosas que tomaron de Quintanilla. ¿Qué harían diferente si tuvieran 13 años nuevamente?

Above is the wording and photo from the sign hanging inside the Plexiglas door of the Archive.

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