

Monday Message

April 8, 2013



WELCOME BACK!

I hope that you had a delightful break and were able to relax and take time for yourself. May this be a terrific week back for you and your students.

CALENDAR...

Don't forget to check out Joe's user friendly view of the Costello calendar. These dates are consistent with the Microsoft calendar this just gives you another viewing choice.

<http://costellocalendar.weebly.com/>

SMARTER BALANCED PILOT UPDATE...

On April 4 the MDE released a change in the Volunteer Pilot. They have pushed back the pilot to May 29. The Volunteer Pilot will be replaced with the Practice Test which is suppose to follow the Smarter Balanced test blue print making it very similar to the assessment experience in 2014-2015.

Teachers, parents, and community stakeholders will have access to some of the items designed for the SBA. More updates will be coming as the May 29th rollout approaches.

CRISIS DRILLS...

The Oakland County Tornado Drill will take place on Wednesday, April 10 at 1:00. We will participate in this drill. **Please review these procedures with your students.**
Thank you.

LUNCHROOM PROCEDURES

A committee has been reviewing the lunchroom procedures and making recommendations for improvement. We will keep you informed of any changes so that you help reinforce the expectations with your class. Rather than waiting until next year there are some changes that we would like to try out and tweak now to see what will or will not work for the fall.

STAFF MEETING...

Thursday, April 11 at 8:00.

LOVE & LOGIC CONFERENCE...

Several of you expressed an interest in attending the April 16 Love & Logic Conference in Livonia. Four staff members will be able to attend. Those who attend will develop a plan for ongoing Love & Logic PD for next year so that all Costello staff can

benefit from this worthwhile conference.
Names will be drawn today.

ELL SUMMER SCHOOL...

will be held at Morse and Troy Union. ELL teacher have or will be informing parents of student who are level 1 or 2 of this opportunity. Transportation will be provided from home schools.

TRANSFERS...

If you are interested in a grade level transfer at Costello for the 2013-2014 school year **please notify me in writing by tomorrow evening Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 pm.**

Though enrollment and staffing numbers could change between now and August, here are the anticipated changes...

- Eliminate one first grade classroom
- Add one second grade
- Eliminate one third grade classroom
- Keep three fourth grades
- Add one additional fifth grade classroom

If you have any questions please let me know. Thank you.

OBSERVATIONS...

I will be starting the third round of observations this week. I will follow the schedules that you have posted outside your classroom. These observations will be unscheduled.

“Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm.” –
Sir Winston Churchill

Have a great day back with your kiddos!
Hope you get a lot accomplished on your workday on Friday.

Tammy