

Monday Message

April 21, 2014

Hope that you got to spend a wonderful weekend with family and friends. The weather could not have been better for hunting Easter eggs and baskets. Even my oldest two still get a thrill out of searching for their baskets.

Internal Review....

Thank you to everyone for submitting the NCA data last week. Grayson, everyone was impressed with your awesome graphs! Val, Lindsey, and I will be working today to pull the information together and organize the “before the meeting” materials for the visiting team. One of the thoughts we considered was to have the visiting team take a walkthrough throughout the building to look at student work.

Lisa, Brian, and Julie will be finalizing the presentation on Tuesday. The Internal Review will be a time to reflect and celebrate all that we have accomplished so far this year. **The meeting on Thursday will be from 4:30-5:30**, this meeting is the second part of our NCA meeting for April. We will be meeting in the library. Though fifth grade has graciously volunteered to present each goal team information please be sure to assist during the presentation. None of this could be accomplished without everyone’s teamwork.

The fifth grade team will be passing the torch to a new team for next year.

Cultures of Thinking Meetings...

that were scheduled for this week will NOT be held this month.

Report Cards...

Thank you for the hours of work that went into this task. Your comments are always very thorough and meaningful.

5th Grade Cohort...

Julie Eldridge has volunteered to be the lab classroom for her cohort this round. **5th grade visitors from other Troy buildings will be at Costello on Thursday, April 24th**. Julie, thank you for being willing to be vulnerable! What an incredible learning opportunity for all participants. We know you will be terrific!

The teachers will be meeting in the LGI in the morning and debriefing in the LGI after their time in Julie’s room. ***All Spanish classes will be held in the art room on Thursday.**

Staff Meeting Follow-Up

Teachscape...

We discussed reflection on the goals and where you are to put those in the Teachscape workflow. As you recall last year there was a page with questions and a box for entering the text. Teachscape has the same system. Last year you labeled GOAL 1- (Visible Thinking) and answered the question with reference to goal 1. Then, in the same box you labeled GOAL 2 – (Student Growth) and answered the same question but for goal 2. Please follow the same format this year.

The reflection portion in Teachscape can be started whenever you are ready. If you would rather not do this all at once you can save and edit numerous times before submitting.

How many artifacts for the student growth goal?

3-5. Please consider the size. 3 is perfectly fine if it answers the questions, think quality not quantity.

Goal #5 – Student Growth, more information to come after my meeting on Wednesday.

Dates...

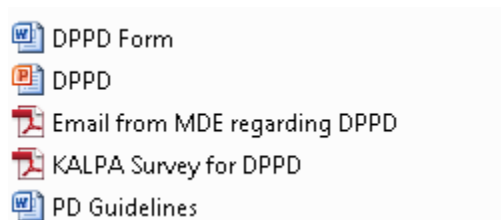
We reviewed the timeline and put dates in for the evaluation process. I gave these dates to Jen. She is going to enter them into the electronic calendar and provide a single page sheet for you to refer to as well.

Goal Meetings...

In June I will have goal meeting with you so you can share your accomplishments and further explain your goals, similar to last year. These meetings will be after June 6, they will take place after you have submitted the artifacts and goal reflections. These will be 30 minute meetings. I will provide a substitute to cover your class for this meeting. I will let you know the dates and when you can sign up for your time slot as soon as the substitutes are reserved.

DPPD...

In shared staff there is a folder titled DPPD. Below you will see the files that are included in this folder. Please review this information as it does impact certification.



Here are the big ideas that you need to know...

1. MDE may send you information to your home address on recertification. (I believe Wendy received this last year as she was up for renewal).

2. The Powerpoint explains updates in detail. Slides 3 and 16 are particularly important.
3. Human Resources does not have access to accounts, all must be done through MDE.
4. I would strongly encourage you to review your certification timeline through MDE. Teachers are responsible for keeping their certification current.
5. Past Kalpa hours may be able to be used even if these hours were taken prior to the district using the Kalpa system.

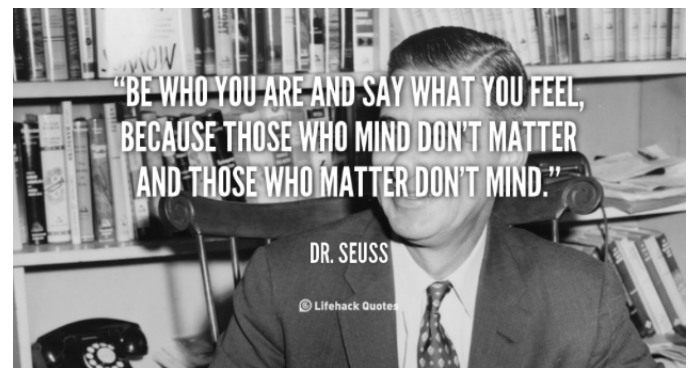
Please let me know if you have questions and I will do my best to find an answer for you.

Homeless Identification...

MDE requires that all schools participate in McKinney-Vento Homeless Training. **All school district staff is required to complete this training by April 28, 2014.** Districts/schools that fail to train school staff will be prioritized for site reviews. **Please see Jillian to sign off that you have viewed the training video by April 28, 2014.**

<http://servepres1.serve.org/intro/> - McKinney-Vento Introduction – general awareness (13 minute video).

You are not required to take the 1 minute quiz after the video.



Enjoy your week!

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