

Monday Message

May 5, 2014

HAPPY TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

You will be spoiled with tasty treats throughout the week, enjoy! The doors are so unique and special, just like each of you.

CLASS PLACEMENT FOR 14-15

Please complete the yellow student information located in front your students' permanent records. This form includes information from the students' previous teachers.

After completing this step please get together with your grade level team and create class lists for next year. I would like to be part of these meetings as I have parent information that needs to be considered when making class lists. As you know these are critical and team decisions. Your input is extremely valuable.

First grade and third grade, please make a two section class list and a three section class list. Enrollment will be continually monitored in order to determine the number of classes that we will have in the fall.

ASSESSMENT REMINDER...

**Spring writing assessment to be completed during the first two weeks of May

**Spring Scores entered into Mastery Manager by the end of MP4

****For Spring use current end-of-year rubric to score student work.**

ONE TO WORLD INITIATIVE...

During part of our upcoming NCA/PLC meeting you will get the most up to date district rollout plan for the one-to-one technology initiative. This will be an exciting journey.

VISITING AUTHOR...

Thank you Wendy for your efforts to bring Mark Newman to Costello. Please see electronic calendar for dates and times.

UPCOMING DATES AND REMINDERS...

Between now and May 14 think about the student work that you will be reflecting on for your personal growth goal in Teachscape. This should be a minimum of one student and his or her work over time on the routine that your grade level team chose. Now that you have identified the student(s), and have the work samples/artifacts this is what you will reflect on in Teachscape. To assist with the district reflection questions in Teachscape on May 14th we will have a staff meeting from 8:00-8:45 (please note time change). For this meeting please bring these work samples. The purpose of this meeting will be to help you with this process. If you have not put anything into Teachscape for the CoT goal yet, I would encourage you not to enter this information into Teachscape until after this meeting.

May 14 – Staff meeting 8:00-8:45 help with writing your CoT reflection

May 21 – CoT/Teachscape Optional Meeting 4:30-5:30 – lab (uploading/Teachscape, sharing, etc.)

May 29 – Goal setting meetings (sign up for 30 minute time slot with Jenny, sub will cover your class)

May 30 - Evidence/Artifact goals submitted into Teachscape for CoT goal and student growth

June 3 – Goal setting meetings (sign up for 30 minute time slot with Jenny, sub will cover your class)

June 4 – Staff meeting 8:00-8:45 Collaborative

CoT/Teachscape reflection sharing (please note this meeting was moved up by one week)

STUDENT LEARNING SHOWCASE...

If you are interested in participating and visiting the Showcase of Learning please let me know so that a substitute can be arranged to cover your classroom. This is a great opportunity to see other buildings' goals and to gather ideas for next year. This event is on May 22 in the afternoon.

SMARTER BALANCED PILOT...

Lisa and Grayson will participate in the Smarter Balanced pilot in May. All teachers will be able to view the administration of this assessment.

The pilot assessment will take place on May 19-22. Grayson's class will be using I-Pads and Lisa's class will be taking the assessment on laptops.

SUMMER SCHOOL...

Do you have students who would benefit from summer school and who might need scholarship assistance? Please let me know this week.

MAILBOXES...

Please remember to check your mailboxes, or send a student to the office to retrieve your mail.

THANK YOU!

DISMISSAL....

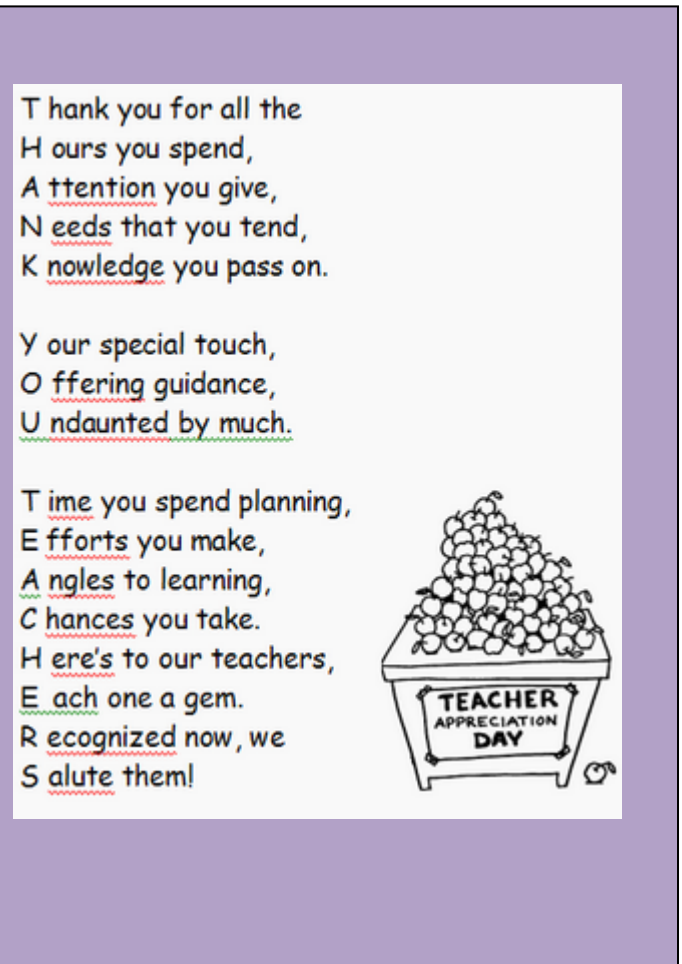
Thank you so much to everyone for assisting and supervising at dismissal. We have had numerous comments from parents stating how much they appreciate this added safety measure.

RECOGNITION...

Ann will be recognized on Thursday, May 8 at the Oakland County Teacher Celebration for the Teacher of the Year for Oakland County. Congratulations again Ann!

JOB FAIR...

I will be at the district job fair all day Wednesday and Thursday of this week. All elementary principals are required to participate in this recruiting event.



Have a terrific week!

Tammy