



Staff Update

Oct 9, 2020

It's not a marathon. It's not a sprint. It's a marathon and a sprint...and sometimes it's a "run for your life, I'm being chased by cheetahs"!

OUR ONE WORD

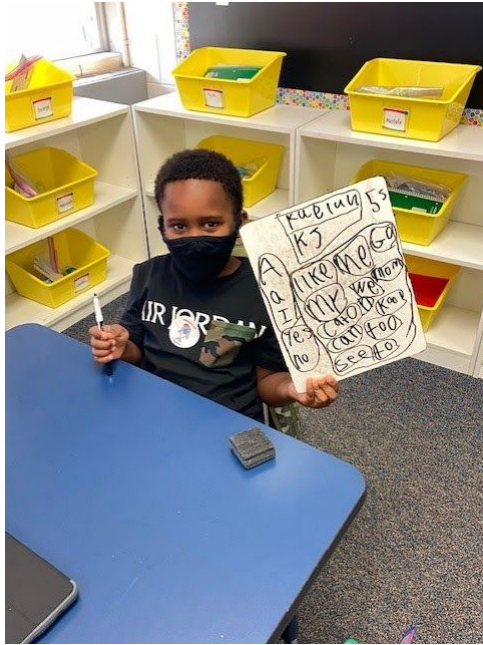
LIFT

Have you lifted someone this week, has someone lifted you?
It's not too late.

Grateful

1. **Amanda Allen, Saima Khan, Colleen Csiszarik, Molly Ells, Amanda Davell**-It was quite an undertaking to get our Title Schedule together this year! But we are officially up and running. We had some tech issues on the first day but now we are rocking! Thank you for your flexibility, collaboration and POWER OF THE TEAM!
2. **Hanan Aljacksy**-What would we do without Hanan! Thank you Hanan for being a gift to our families and helping us learn what our Arab families need! I have learned so much for you and continue to do so!
3. **Stef and Mallory AND Sam and Alicia**-I continue to LOVE, LOVE, LOVE coteachnig and I feel like a proud mom (cool aunt, I mean) when I see our coteaching teams working so well together. Thank you Stef and Mallory AND Sam and Alicia for your hard work this year, your collaboration, your flexibility and team spirit and all that you are doing for our kids!

Love is an Intervention



If anyone needs love it's our sweet KJ. And he is getting it! KJ is having a great year-he is feeling the love from Mrs. Zawisza and Mr Allen! He was grinning behind that mask!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DELIVERIES

Love is truly an intervention here! Chelsey Steiner asked for volunteers to deliver food bags over Thanksgiving and within a few hours had over 20 volunteers. I LOVE THIS PLACE!

PTO Update--NO ONE HAS SPENT THEIR MONEY YET

1. **INDOOR RECESS TEACHER GRANTS**-Each CLASSROOM TEACHER is able to spend up to \$50 on supplies for INDOOR RECESS courtesy of the PTO! They opted for this as opposed to purchasing supplies and giving them to you because they wanted you to decide what would be best for your class. You MUST FOLLOW THIS PROCESS FOR USING THE \$50:
 - a. Fill out [this form](#)

- b. Save your receipt and put it in the PTO mailbox with your NAME ON IT.
- c. PTO will fill out a check and give it to you within a few days!

Equity and Diversity Team Update

Thanks to everyone who attended the Equity and Diversity Team meeting. I will share the ideas we came up with on Friday at our Staff Meeting

Staff Meeting-Friday at 8am

I am so excited about our staff meeting on Friday.

Here is the agenda:

- Equity and Diversity-The Why
- Update from the Equity and Diversity Team
- Intent vs Impact lead by Hanan Aljacksy

I would like us to meet in the gym but if you are not comfortable with this, I completely understand. Here is a [zoom link](#) if you prefer this option.

Book Room Update

Amanda and Sam are excited to be working in the bookroom this year. We wanted to share a few details with you to help us keep the bookroom nice and organized.

We are currently working through getting the large amount of unbagged books back onto the shelves for us all. **We just wanted to send a reminder to please take the whole bag of books with you, not individual books.** Even if you are only using one book, take the bag with you! This will make putting them back on the shelves more efficient. **When you are done with the bag of all books, you can place it into the "Return Books Here" box. We will take care of them after that for you!** 😊 Each room has its' own return box.

For those that are interested, we will be creating a document to keep track of all books and their location. This may help to identify where books are located if you are looking for a specific book. This is in the works and not ready yet.

If you have any comments or questions, let us know!

Amanda and Sam

October 15-Teacher Work Day

I want to respect your time and allow you to make the most of the October 15th Work Day!
We have been told that we can do 2 hours of PD with staff. But we are going to do this:

9am-10am PD in the gym-Topic:BIG WINS

Each grade level team plus, Title, Spec Ed and Related Arts will share a BIG WIN with the staff
The goal is for us to learn what is working for others in the hopes of trying some of the new ideas!

After the meeting you will have the rest of the day to work. Please know that Michael and I will be available to meet with any team or individual as needed!

From Mr. Smalley

In the simplest terms possible...

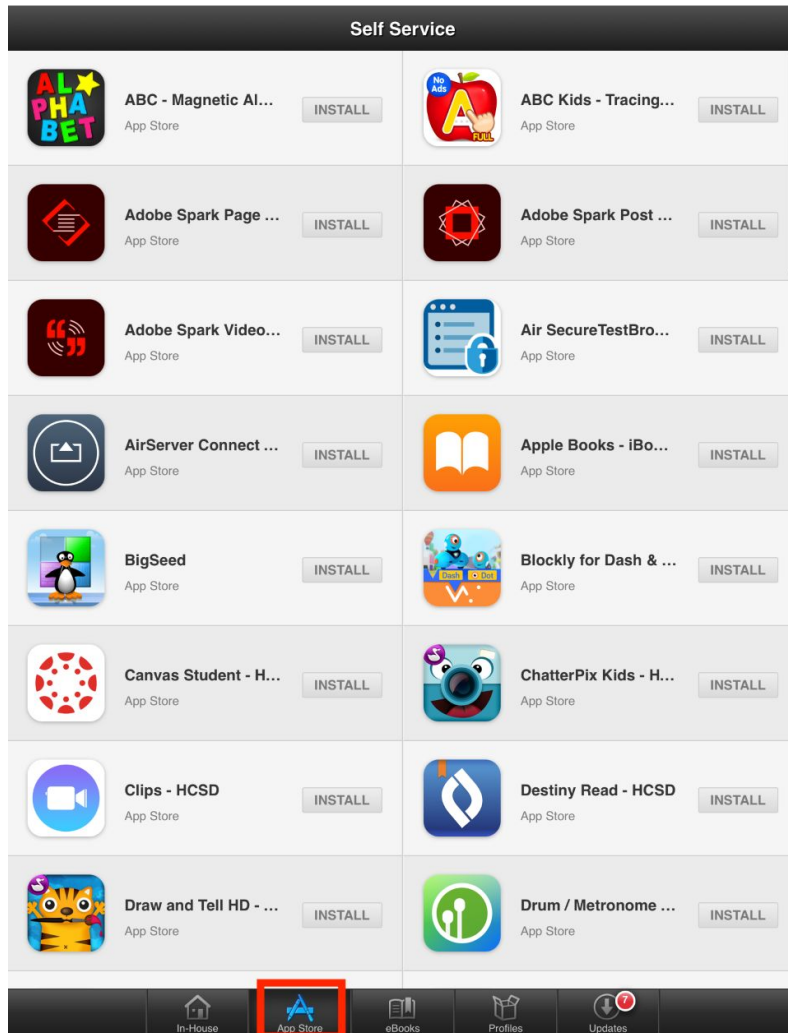
Problem: Self Service APP was still giving message "Cannot Connect to Server" and kids couldn't download apps.

Solution: Self Service WEB VERSION (Looks exactly the same as the app and cannot be deleted) was pushed out to ALL student iPads as a fix to the app issue.

In Summary: the app is dead and it is now a webclip. All parents were notified by email last Friday and you shouldn't notice anything different on students devices except for inside the app it looks slightly different. (see below)

Apps are downloaded using the "App Store" Tab and if you don't see the app you are looking for, look in the "Updates" tab.

Good News, students can update apps on your own if needed and you shouldn't experience any more cannot connect to server messages.



3rd Grade AIR TEST DATES UPDATED

We will assess 3rd Grade on October 19th and October 20th and we will assess on October 21st and October 22nd!

Students will NOT do both parts of the AIR on the same day.

On Oct. 15, Mrs. Jenkins will be touching base with teachers who will be proctoring the AIR test!

All 3rd grade teachers:

1-Please go into TIDE you must reset your password and make sure your account is set up and ready to go. If you need any support with this I will be glad to help.

2-Also, students need to go into self-service and install the CURRENT secure testing app (version 6). Please have students do this next week so if we run into any issues we have time to resolve.

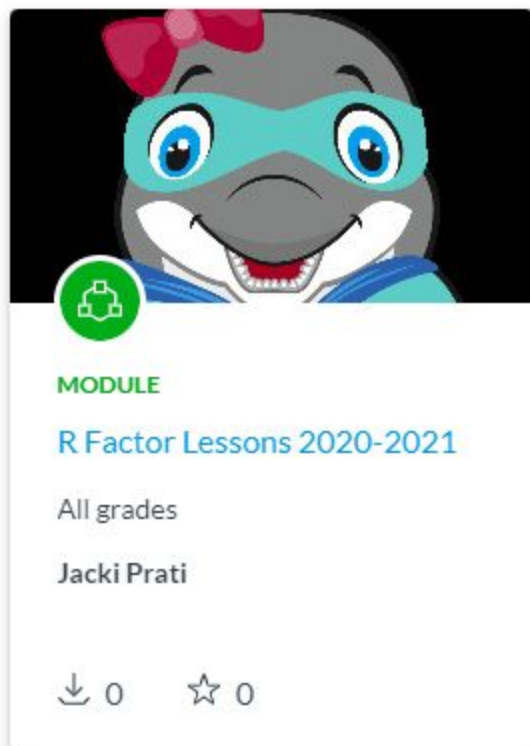
3-Please log into TIDE once you have updated your account and click on the Test Administration Certification, watch the video (it is helpful, it explains how to pause a test, set up session, etc.).

4-Please print the certificate at the end of the video and put it in my mailbox.

5-Please click on the Bicycle Icon in TIDE to see practice questions. I believe students can now navigate through the APP to get to the practice tests. If you would like help in reviewing the testing tools in the app please let me know. I am here to help in anyway, you may want to spend time next week doing this.

R Factor-Lessons

All lessons are in The Commons! There are 4 lessons for this month! I hope you can take some time to have students share their work or ideas from the lessons during AT SCHOOL days.



YOU WILL BE GETTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

-Paper to send home for kids to make origami for the Passion for Growth lesson

Panorama---MUST BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 9th!

It is time for Panorama, please **start early** in the window so you can allow enough time for all students to finish the survey. This is a quick survey and it only takes about 20 minutes. Students

will access the survey through Eschool, there will be a link added soon. I encourage you to go over the vocabulary found in the link below with your students prior to the survey. As always please reach out if you would like support in administering. All students do need to finish survey within the time frame. THANKS!!!

Test window

Sept 28-Oct 9 - grades 3-5 only

F and P Due Dates

Since we did not get the opportunity to assess the students last spring it would be beneficial to complete an FP on every student for instructional purposes. Please use fiction titles for the fall assessment. **F and P scores must be completed and entered into TAC prior to October 23.**

Parent Teacher Conferences

This year we will have our conferences via zoom!

I have discussed dates with the Data Team leaders and we have selected the following dates. Gades 1-5---Conferences the week of November 16th with the late night on November 19th.

K---Conferences the week of October 12th with the late night on October 14th

Interim Time is Upon Us

Mid October marks the middle of the 12 weeks. Since most of the school will be doing conferences in November, I do encourage you to make contact with parents to update them on student progress. You can do this with a simple email or phone call just to touch base. I do not want you to put a ton of time into completing an interim report but I do want to make sure that everyone checks in with families and documents the conversation or email.

What's on the calendar:

October 9-Staff Meeting in the gym (or on [zoom](#) if you are uncomfortable with the gym)

October 14-Kindergarten Conference late night

October 15-Teacher Work Day-We will have 1 hour of building PD

October 16-COI Day

October 19 -Part I of 3rd Grade Testing

4th Grade Lit Data Team at planning

5th Grade Lit Data Team at planning

2nd Grade Lit Data Team at planning

October 20-Part I of 3rd Grade Testing

1st Grade Lit Data Team at Planning

3rd Grade Lit Data Team at Planning

October 21-Part II of 3rd Grade Testing
K Lit Data Team at Planning

October 22-Part II of 3rd Grade Testing
October 23-Staff PD 8AM