



Staff Update

September 28, 2018

Better Today than Yesterday, Better Tomorrow than Today.

PURPOSE

Grateful

1. **Cathy and Regina**-It's been a crazy start to the year in Cathy and Regina's room! Thanks to both of you for holding down the fort with some of our kiddos until we get them in the correct placement.
2. **Ryan Young and Andi Cunningham**-I'm thankful for our transportation coordinators for fixing our bus 26 issues. Feel free to send them a thank you email!
3. **Amanda Davell**-Amanda is so excited to get ½ day data teams for math with everyone. Thanks to Amanda for all of the hard work she has put in to making this time meaningful.

R Factor Assembly so we're on an ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE!

Our first R Factor Assembly is MONDAY, OCTOBER 1. We will have 3-5 first---I'll call them down starting at 9:15. I hope that they are out of the gym by before 9:45 and I can start calling by 9:45!

Hilliard U is coming

Here is [the link](#) to propose a course for Hilliard U! We have so many awesome things happening here! I'd love for lots of us to present.

JW Grows is COMING!

We're so excited that JW Grows is coming! Be thinking about what you'd like to observe. Lisa and I will organize the schedule on Oct. 5th and get everything ready for Oct. 10 and 11!

Media/Tech Planning

<u>J.W. Reason (Usually 2nd Tuesday of the month)</u>
<u>Tuesday, October 9, 2018</u>
<u>Tuesday, November 13, 2018</u>
<u>Tuesday, December 11, 2018</u>
<u>Tuesday, January 8, 2018</u>
<u>February 26 (as needed)</u>
<u>Tuesday, March 12, 2019</u>
<u>Tuesday, April 9, 2019</u>
<u>Tuesday, May 14, 2019</u>

A message from Jim

Please read all the way to the bottom.

1.) I've been to each classroom and emphasized setting our iPads up to be efficient and improving the quality of our digital work. Most of the work we create and share involves photo/video, so students learned and practiced photography techniques from a pro. Check out the photos attached to see the best of the best at JWR! I'm going to print them out as an 8x10, have the "artist" sign them, and am going to hang them in the hallway as a reminder of the amazing digital work our iPads can create. I'm going to continue to challenge our kids to create and share work that looks like students in their 3rd year of 1:1. We got this!

2.) I've created a website that I've added to my email signature so it can be easily accessed. The purpose is to help all staff when tech issues arise, which we all know is daily. In an effort to send out less email, the hope is that you can click the link when you are having an issue and see the updates, issues, and resolutions in a timely manner that allows us all to work more efficiently 😊 This will be a living document that I'm going to give a whirl. I hope it adds value!

3.) Coding Champions - The district has released our coding curriculum. We are excited for what opportunities this can provide for our kids. I am looking for some people to join a coding committee at JWR. This committee is not a district initiative, just a "Smalley Initiative". THIS WILL NOT BE A HUGE TIME COMMITMENT. The goal is to work with and gather teachers excited to try

some coding and that are willing to share what you have learned with other staff. If you are interested in the slightest, please email me back with a simple, "I will be your champion!" and I will touch base with you!

District Coding Information:

Why: The vision for a Coding Curriculum for Hilliard City Schools came out of a desire to bring more resources and experiences to our students K12 around the coding language, robotics, and app development. For more information: Coding Why Statement

What: District Overview of the Coding Curriculum (Not a scope and sequence)

Resources: Each building will be provided a set of (18) Ozobots for grades 3-5 and a kit of Dash & Dots (4 Dash & 3 Dots) for grades K-2.

****These will be available for check out from our library in the mid October****

4. Canvas Exploration/PD - I've heard many request for some time with me to dive into Canvas and for some PD support. To help with this I will be available in the MC before school on Wednesday, October 3rd at 8:00 am.

Have a great rest of your week and I truly thank you for all you do!

October 17 Site Visit

Hilliard has many requests each year for site visits therefore we have begun to have 2 official site visit dates per year for school districts who want to visit us. Just like last year, JW has been selected to be one of two elementary sites for visitors.

We are the AM elementary stop on the visit day. We will have visitors here from 9:15-10:15 AM on October 17th. (Yes, I know this is late night.)

The focus of the visit is-One to One, SEL and Culture.

Jim, Tasha, Jeff and I will welcome our guests at 9:15 for a short 10 minute introduction in the media center.

We will offer our guests 3 different experiences to choose from:

1. Visit classrooms for a look at One to One in action
2. Remain in the media center with Jeff to discuss Mental Health and Wellness Data Teams
3. Take a tour with me to discuss and see Culture in action

I will be contacting you for info about what you will be doing in your classrooms on this day from 9:15-10:15 that may connect to one or all of these topics.

Composting

Starting Thursday, 9/27 there were some small changes in the cafeteria due to our move toward COMPOSTING.

1. We will NO LONGER HAVE STRAWS IN THE CAFETERIA **except for KINDERGARTEN!!**
This is one of the beginning stages of switching to our new composting plan.
2. We will have a shelf by the milk cooler again with napkins/spoons and forks. Kids will begin picking these items up there just like they used to.
3. Condiments will be on the serving line AND on the white table where we put the extras.

Currently, only 5th grade is composting. We are working the bugs out at this grade level and we will add others in when we feel like we're ready. Heaven help us.

Mini Data Teams are COMING-(Academic Commitment Plan)

We will be putting mini data teams on calendars soon! Please plan for the following:

Math and Lit mini data teams will begin in NOVEMBER after the first full day data teams are complete. **Calendar invites coming soon!**

Tech/Media -see above dates from Jim

Mental Health and Wellness Data Teams Jeff will join us for our full day data teams from 9-9:30-this will give you each time to share kids you are concerned about and WHY? Then he will followed up with you further. We will begin mini Mental Health at Wellness teams at the end of Oct.

Twitter!

I love your tweets! Keep up the great work! When you tweet please add

#jwreason to all of your tweets. This will create a "digital file folder" of all of your tweets so that we can easily access them to share our story.

We can still add other hashtags as well like:

#jwrfactor

#jwyou

But always include **#jwreason**

Texting

Remember-we cannot TEXT parents!

No Photo List

No photo lists are up to date and hanging outside of rooms with no photo children.

What's on the calendar:

October 1- Title Parent Meeting 6-6:30PM

PTO 6:30PM

October 2-Full Day Data Team-1st grade (Please put in for subs)

October 3-Canvas Exploration/PD w/ Jim in Media Center 8am

Full Day Data Team-4th grade (Please put in for subs)

October 4-Full Day Data Team-5th grade (Please put in for subs)

October 8-Coffee with the Principal 9:15am-10:15am

October 9-EL CONFERENCE DAY

October 10-JW GROWS ROUND 1

October 11-JW GROWS ROUND 1

October 12-Staff Meeting-JW Grows Debrief time

October 15-October 17-Conference Week

October 16-Fire Assemblies grades 1-5----Kindergarten Field Trip to Fire Station

October 17- Site Visit-more info above

Conference Late Night

October 19-No School COI day

October 20-JW PTO Garage Sale

October 22-Coffee with the Principal 9:15-10:15