



Staff Update

September 29, 2017

Better Today than Yesterday, Better Tomorrow than Today.

GROWTH

What's on the calendar:

October 2-Title Meeting 5:30-6:00
TGRG Meeting 6:00-6:30
PTO-6:30

October 3-4th grade data team ½ day AM
October 4-3rd grade FULL DAY DATA TEAM
October 5-5th grade data team ½ day AM
October 6-J.W. YOUiversity

October 9-BUILDING VISIT from Northridge Local Schools (info below)
October 11-Fire Prevention Field Trip and Assemblies (see below)
October 12-Blended Learning Building Visit (more details to come after my meeting on Sept. 27)
October 13-J.W. YOUiversity

October 16-19-Conference Week
October 18-Conference Late Night

Grateful

Today I am grateful for many things but here are a few:

1. Anna and Karen for holding down the fort on a daily basis in the office!
2. Amanda for doing her FIRST half day math data teams as our math coach!
3. Melissa Miller, Susan Cook, Alicia Maynard, Gail Tanner and Yvonne Haight for so seamlessly jumping in and joining the team here at J.W. Reason!

October 12-Blended Learning Visit

We are the elementary school that was chosen as the site for the HCSD site visit day on October 12! This is a BIG DEAL.

Here is [a link](#) that will explain the purpose of the site visit.

Here is what I need from you!

If you are willing to open your room for the site visit, I need you to fill out [this form](#) and let me know that you are interested.

Then, when we get a little closer to the 12th, I will need you to let me know what your learning target, activities, and what blended learning look fors we might see in your classroom from 9:30-10:15 AM.

Visit from Northridge Local Schools

We will have 16 teachers and 1 principal from Northridge School visiting J.W. on MONDAY, October 9th. They are just beginning to explore best practices for literacy within the Literacy Collaborative Framework. They will be here all day and we will be taking them into classrooms. Their main focus has changed and will be seeing the WHOLE LITERACY FRAMEWORK!

We will have to close the media center at times throughout this day.

I will be asking you to provide me with information about times that you'll be doing read aloud on this day AND your learning target for the read aloud. They are at the VERY beginning of their journey.

R Factor Details

Starting OCTOBER 9th we will **SWITCH TO OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE for Mondays!** We will now only use our alternate schedule for JW YOU days AND assemblies!

Fundraising

If you hear any concerns about fundraising, please direct them to me. Also, we are DISREGARDING the letter I sent home to parents about prizes! We are now ALLOWED to give our the original prizes that were on our fundraising packets.

From here on out we will have new rules for fundraising.

Gifted Referrals

Dear Colleagues,

This year we are opening our **Gifted** Testing Referral Window on October 10th. **There will be new forms available to give to parents, or email to parents starting on Oct. 10th.** Please do not pass out or collect any that are dated before the 10th. That way, we can roll all the referred students into the testing window together, and I won't have to pull kids separately.

The window will be open from October 10, 2017 - December 1, 2017. This will allow you to distribute forms during conferences as parents ask for them.

A couple reminders: **Anyone** may ask to refer a child. Even the child herself. Any teacher, including specials teachers, ELL, PT/OT, guidance, etc may refer a child for testing. The form must be signed by a parent.

I will email you a digital copy of the form, and have printed copies in my mailbox on...you guessed it... October 10th!

EL Conferences

We are doing interpreted EL Conferences the week of Oct 9th. Please check the file to see the day and time your student has been scheduled. If it is scheduled on Oct 10th or 12th, your room will be covered while you attend the conference. The conferences are scheduled for 30 mins. If there is a family with 3 students, the family was scheduled in an one hour block for all three conferences. Please try to honor the time because we have many conferences scheduled back to back. Below is the link to the doc.

<https://docs.google.com/a/hilliardschools.org/spreadsheets/d/1m-3xwrHRSAbZurXa7hpdHVfWZcfsavaRfGWZQCFOMeU/edit?usp=sharing>

Jim's Tech Update

Tech Updates:

- [Here is the next Tech Study Lesson I would love for you to use with your students focused on Digital Footprints/Citizenship.](#) Spending time on this now and throughout the year will decrease the number of incidents of technology misuse and allow our students to be safe. *Please try to complete the lesson with your kids by Friday, September 29th.*
- 3-5 teachers - If you haven't, please have your students write their iPad passcode on their white cards and remind them that they SHOULD NOT change these throughout the year. It can make troubleshooting difficult.
- Wifi Issues - There are 4 separate servers that our students are routed to when connecting to Wifi. Once students "trust" or "accept" these 4 certificates it should not kick them off of Wifi as often because the device should recognize the server as trusted and stay connected. Nothing for you to do, but just some knowledge when troubleshooting and checking Wifi with students.
- Open Office hours - This Wednesday, September 27th I blocked out my schedule to be available for whatever you need support in from 10:30 - 4:00 in the MC. Come on down if you want PD, help setting up Canvas/Kidblog, creating #JWGrows QR's or Goal Sheets, or anything under the sun I can assist with :)

No Photo List

Please be diligent about the NO PHOTO LIST.

Your kids who are not allowed to be photographed NEED TO KNOW THIS!!! Please don't keep it a secret from them.

If you have a NO PHOTO student in your classroom you will need to make sure your NO PHOTO sign is hanging by your door AND make sure the folder with the name of NO PHOTO kids is in the clear container. ALSO INDICATE THE NAMES OF NO PHOTO STUDENTS IN SUB PLANS!

Fire Prevention Assemblies and K Field Trip

Oct. 11 Kindergarten Field trip to Fire Station—IT'S OFFICIAL

(2 classes will go in AM and 2 in PM)

Kindergarten 9:45 arrival---depart at 10:45

Kindergarten 1:00 arrival----depart at 2

October 11 Fire Assemblies 1st-5th

4th and 5th 1:30-2:15 in the cafeteria

3rd grade LADDER RIDE 1:15-2:45 (3rd grade please make a schedule and have 1 class out at a time)

1st and 2nd in cafeteria-2:30-3:15

Coffee with the Principal

This event was a huge success. I will definitely be doing this again. Kindergarten coffee is October 17th!

Birthday Treats

Please be diligent about enforcing our new Food Guidelines that I handed out at our staff meeting.