



Staff Update

September 8, 2017

Better Today than Yesterday, Better Tomorrow than Today.

GROWTH

What's on the calendar:

September 11-ELL Team Meeting
PTO 6PM

September 12-Coffee Connection with the Principal for Grades 1, 2 and 3 9:15 AM

September 13-Staff Meeting 8 AM----JW GROWS Challenge Planning

September 14-Coffee Connection with the Principal for Grades 4 and 5 9:15AM

September 15-JW YOUiversity Kick Off! 9:15-10:15 AM

September 18-Buster the Bus at 9:30 AM in the cafeteria

Lock Down with Barricade 10:30 AM (as long as buster is finished)

September 19-ELL Data Team 1st grade and 2nd grade (ALL DAY---Dana get a full day sub/Lisa get a ½ day)

September 20-ELL Data Team 3rd and 4th grade (Floating Sub---and then in Webb for PM)

September 21-Fall Carnival (formerly Fall Fun Night) 5:30-7:30 PM

September 22-JW YOUiversity 9:15-10:15 AM

Data Team Leaders 8:00 AM

September 25-R Factor Team Meeting 3:45

September 26-First Grade Data Team FULL DAY

September 27-K Full Day Data Team

Staff Meeting 8 AM

September 28-2nd grade Full Day Data Team

September 29-J.W. YOUiversity

R Factor Details

The R Factor team met Tuesday and finalized our plans.

I shared a google folder with all of you called JWRFactor

Here is the plan:

Starting Monday Sept. 11 and every Monday following, we will spend the first 30 minutes of the school day (9:15-9:45) doing a whole school R Factor Lesson.

DUE TO CO-TEACHING SCHEDULES WE DID CREATE AN MONDAY RELATED ARTS SCHEDULE:
PLEASE USE [THIS LINK](#) TO VIEW IT.

Each Monday there will be a new lesson for you in the folder. Each grade level; me, Jeff and Eric; Related Arts; and Title, Media and Tech will be in charge of planning the lessons for a given week.

The schedule is in the folder along with a lesson plan template and a google slide template. You can add any other things that you might need for your week into the folder for your week.

I am going to scan the R Factor training book into the folder as well--this will be a great reference.

We will run our Alternate Related Arts schedule every Monday!

If I did not share the google folder with you, please email me.

This folder is also shared with Dr. M---FYI 😊

Currently-kindergarten is not on the schedule but may jump in later-they are rolling out Zones of Regulation with their students.

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 STUDETS IN SUB PLANS!

Lots of Meetings

I know that you've all be asked to attend lots of meetings to get the school year up and running! Thank you for doing this without BCD. Thank you for continuing to think about where you are along the mountain of average----let's all strive to be a TOP 10%er.

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

News Update

This year 5th graders will be doing news a bit differently.

Here are the important updates you need to know:

-Please play the news **Monday morning** before Mindset Mondays

We will share a google drive folder titled **JWR News**

Be sure to add this to your drive as all newscasts will be placed in this folder!

-News will begin on **September 18th**

-News will be no longer than 10 minutes

-A 5th grade student will come to your class in the morning, **BEFORE** the tardy bell, to ask for assistance in saying the Pledge of Allegiance on the announcements (you can pick 2 students to speak).

See attached schedule for when the 5th graders will come to your classroom

-Students will select an option out of determined categories (i.e.: JW news, sports, kindness counts, interviews, rule reminders, etc.)

If you have any ideas for a new news segment feel free to reach out to Whitney or myself!!

LLI kits

If you use LLI kits you **HAVE** to use the sign out system properly. These kits cost between \$5,000 and \$7,500 and we cannot risk losing pieces and parts of them.

Also-if there are fewer than 3 copies of a running record in and LLI folder **PLEASE MAKE COPIES.**

One2One visit

J.W. is part of a One2One tour that will take place on Oct. 12. Please be prepared to have visitors in your classrooms on this day. I will give you more details soon.

Coffee with the Principal

As part of our building goals this year I am having Coffee Chats for parents. The first two are Sept. 12 for grades 1-3 and Sept. 14 for grades 4th and 5th. Here is the plan:

-Parents will meet me in the media center at 9:15. We will grab some coffee and then head out to classrooms.

-In classroom I will have parents look for ways we are using our iPads in purposeful ways, we will also talk about R Factor language and we will pop into our World Language class.

-Then we will come back to the media center and debrief.

Here are my expectations for grades 3-5 on Tuesday:

1. Prepare students for visitors
2. Be sure that all students are clear about your learning target and the purpose for your lessons (you all do this every day anyway)
3. Please be your welcoming, ELITE selves.
4. I will tell parents that we ask that they observe and take a look at what the students and teachers are doing and ask that they do not expect teachers to be able to answer questions because they are teaching. I will answer their questions when we debrief.
5. Please fill out this [google form](#) to let me know what will be occurring in your classrooms from 9:15-10:15 on the 12th or 14th (5th, I know you'll be in special)

Video Series Coming Soon

Stacie Raterman and Kelly Ramm are helping us create a series of videos to highlight the great things about J.W. We will shoot these next week and the following week. The videos will be about:

One2One; World Language; J.W. YOUiversity

I will be emailing some of you to ask you to be interviewed for the videos! Thanks!

Title Upadte

Title schedule is coming together! Should be ready soon!

Lockdown Level 3-Barricade

Sometime in the month of September we will have our first practice Level 3 lockdown with a barricade.

Please practice this with your students.

Remember:

-Cover the classroom door window and pull blinds

-Push as many things as possible in front of the door

-CHECK YOUR SAFETY BAGS---you should have a dog leash to tie around your doorknobs to ensure that they stay shut

-If your door allows for it, keep the door locked at all times but have the magnet over the lock

-During the lock down, simply remove the magnet and pull the door shut

-After kids have helped barricade, have them hold a weapon-something they can throw, scissors, books, chairs, etc.

-Do NOT open the doors even if I come on the announcements and tell you to. The only way to be released is if your door is unlocked by someone with a key.

Coffee Connections with Principal

Please start communicating these dates to your families. I will do the same.

Grades 1st-3rd----September 12 Grades 4th & 5th

September 14 Kindergarten

October 17 9:15-10:15 AM in the Media Center Enjoy Coffee and a Tour

Birthday Treats

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

Water

If you want to use our water cooler please pay \$35 to Anna or Karen.