

Staff Update

January 7, 2021

WELL HERE WE GO! 2021

OUR ONE WORD

LIFT

The United States of America needs us to LIFT it up!

We can make a difference.

Grateful

- 1-**SOME OF OUR KIDS CAME BACK-**I was so happy to see so many of our students return to us from the Online Academy.
- 2-**This staff**-You all did an amazing job getting the kids reacclimated to school! We had over 40 kids come back to JW this week. Most of them have not been in a classroom since March of 2020!
- 3-**Jim Smalley-**as much as I don't like to give him any positive reinforcement, I am grateful for all that Jim does for us to keep us from drowning in the technology that we need in order to teach kids this year!

Love is an Intervention

Kids Deserve It!

Kids deserve an excited adult. They need someone who's ready to explore and laugh with them all day—someone who's looking for those magic moments, full of high fives coming down the line with energy radiating all around. Our kids have far more issues to deal with at home than many of us realize. School is their safety net, their safe place, their one true home. They want and need us to come to school every day, ready to surround them with love, encouragement, and hope.

Leave your problems in your car. Take a deep breath and focus on the positive. Find hope. Kids need the best you. Step out and be your best every single day. Be awesome! The kids deserve it!

This excerpt from the book <u>Kids Deserve It</u> seems appropriate for this week! Thank you for all you do.

THE LAST TURKEY HAS BEEN FOUND!!!!

Melissa Miller found the last turkey! It was on the back of her door! Whew! That took a while!

R Factor For January

We will move on to learning about R1-Press Pause; R2-Get Your Mind Right and R3-Step Up in January!

Here is the link to the virtual assembly.

Please be sure to VIEW THIS VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY WITH YOUR A AND B GROUPS BY JANUARY 15th.

We will have lessons ready for the AT HOME days as well. They will be in The Commons SOON! You can add those in after your class watches the Virtual Assembly.

Equity and Diversity Team Update---TIME TO GET YOUR CEUS

We have formed our smaller book groups! Each group has a leader who will be communicating meeting dates and will be sharing a timeline for reading the chapters.

If you are participating in the White Fragility Book Talks please register for your CEUS. As always, ignore the dates and times listed.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE "SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUBS" course that is on the PD Express!

THE ZOO IS COMING....kind of

We were able to connect with the Columbus Zoo to schedule virtual assemblies for our students! The assemblies will be February 8th and 9th.

K-2--9:45-10:45 (but should only last 45 min)

3-5-1:50-2:50 (but should only last 45 min)

Teachers will receive a zoom link for the presentation and will need to log in at the scheduled time.

Assessment Calendar

Please review the <u>assessment calendar</u> and plan ahead for all of the assessments we need to start giving. It is now ideal, but <u>we can do "not ideal things".</u>

What we are not doing is: worrying about Calkins writing...give it and move on

These are the main changes but please refer to the calendar that is linked above:

Assessment	Administration Date	Grade(s)	Change
HRSIW (winter)	1.11.21-2.19.21	K-1	Expanded window Removed 2nd grade
Calkins Writing Assessment	1.11.21-2.26.21	K to 5	Expanded window
F & P Non-Fiction	2.1.21-3.26.21	Gr 1 to 5	Moved and expanded window Removed K Students below 40th %ile on Winter Star
F & P Fiction	4.5.21-5.14.21	All K students	Only K Expanded window

Zoom Log In for Students

Zoom Login for Students:

In order to provide a more secure and safe environment, beginning Mon, Jan 11, 2021, the district will require students to login to Zoom before entering a zoom session. Zoom authentication will identify each student with their official district name (first name/last name) just as they are identified within Canvas so that you know who is in your Waiting Room.

Teachers will need to update their existing zoom meeting (or make a new one) to require the login with their Hilliard account starting on Friday after 2PM. See the tutorial below for the steps and options available.

Directions:

Teacher tutorial on how to create a <u>Zoom with Authentication</u>

<u>Student tutorial</u> on how to login. (Students will see this as an announcement in Canvas.)

Details for Authentication:

- When authentication is required in the meeting setup, only users with a HCSD login will be able to get into the Zoom session.
- Doesn't allow students names to be changed when joining the meeting.
- Records student name and email address, allowing for both added security and attendance tracking.
- This process does not create Zoom accounts for students. They will use their school district username and password to login.
- This will provide an accurate attendance report and ensures that only Hilliard students have access to the meeting.
- Staff still can create a meeting that does not require authentication when meeting with parents or individuals outside the organization.

Please see your Edtech Coach if you have questions.

PTO Update--SPEND THAT MONEY

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!

What's Coming Up

January 13-5th grade and 2nd grade data teams at planning times

January 14-4th grade, Kindergarten and 3rd grade data teams at planning times

January 15-1st grade data team at planning-Title Data Team at 1:45

January 15-Staff Meeting 8am

January 22-Staff Meeting 8am

February 1-PTO Meeting via Zoom 7:00 PM
February 8 and 9-Zoo Zoom-K-2 9:45 and 3-5 1:50
February 10-PTO Late Night
February 12 and 15-No School
February 17 and 19-School Picture Make Up Day