

Staff Update

Oct 1, 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

Take a minute to think of a person who you can LIFT up tomorrow! A little lift could be just what someone needs!

<u>Grateful</u>

- 1. The person who wrote cards-To whomever wrote cards for every person on the staff, thank you for LIFTING US UP!
- **2. Lizzy Caslin**-I am so happy to welcome Lizzy to our team! Lizzy is our new educational assistant and will be working with groups of kids this year! She is a ray of sunshine and a ball of energy! So, she fits right in!
- 3. Andrea Lloyd and Lindsey Axner-Thank you so much to Andrea and Lindsey for adjusting and adapting to all of this COVID craziness! I am so thankful for you!

Love is an Intervention



There's a Global Pandemic but that doesn't stop Mrs. Davell from helping our little K friend out of his tow truck in the morning. Oh, and she lifted him up into the truck in the afternoon too! No pandemic is stopping her!

Staff Directory

Thanks to Becky for making this AWESOME staff directory!

Equity and Diversity Team

As we work toward bringing equity and antiracism to our school in Hilliard, I would like to start an Equity and Diversity Committee. If you would like to be part of this committee please join me on **Tuesday, October 6th at 3:45 in the gym**.

At this first meeting we will discuss the following:

- -What PD do we need at JW to grow our understanding of equity, diversity and antiracism
- -What resources do we need to help us on this journey

This committee is open to anyone who would like to attend.

3rd Grade AIR TEST IS OCT 19 and 20

We will assess 3rd Grade on October 19th and October 20th. Students will do both parts of the AIR on the same day. Remember we will have staff PD on the 15th and a small portion of that day will be set aside for data teams. We can talk about the testing during your data team if needed. COI day is on the 16th so just a heads up that this test is coming quickly!

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.

Heggerty Videos in K and 1

Heggerty:

- Videos were purchased to ease the transition between instructional contexts and to provide Heggerty daily for our K-1 students. Elementary Curriculum has purchased kindergarten and primary (grade 1) lesson videos for K/1 classroom teachers for this school year.
- Whenever possible, Heggerty lessons should be done live or in synchronous teaching contexts. Heggerty videos have been purchased to assure that all students have an opportunity to receive this instruction daily. Special emphasis should be placed on the live instruction of the program.

- The <u>district lesson calendar, links to videos, and other helpful information</u> can be found on our Elementary Literacy Curriculum page. In the future, this page will be linked under word study on our literacy home page.
- Following the Heggerty district calendar, program lessons will be placed in the OA Push Course for upload (OA Teachers) and the module shared for classroom teachers beginning the week of October 12th. (Teachers may use the links provided on our Elementary Literacy Curriculum page to adjust as needed.)

COVIDY EMAIL---UPDATED 10/1

We are going to start emailing teachers when students need to be OUT OF SCHOOL for an extended period of time. I ask that you do the following if/when you receive such an email:

- 1. Contact the parent of the student to determine if the student is too sick to do school work or if the student is able to complete work
- 2. Explain to the parent how the student will access work daily
- 3. IF THE STUDENT COMES BACK PRIOR TO THE DAY THAT IS NOTED IN THE EMAIL THEN SEND THE STUDENT TO THE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY!

Your email will look like this:

(Student Name) is to be out of school until (date). If this child returns prior to this date, please send him/her to the office immediately.

Kim will also be asking that you forward the email to ANY OTHER TEACHERS THAT THE CHILD HAS FOR CLASS!

R Factor-Virtual Assembly Oct 5 and 6

Starting in October we will be BRINGING R FACTOR BACK! We have a new-ish set of superheroes! And, we will have a VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY ready for you to show to your students!

We will let you know when everything is in the Commons!

YOU WILL BE GETTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- 1-Banner for your monthly badges
- 2-Recording sheet for how many Dolly stickers your class collects for the October Challenge
- 3-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

PTO Update

- 1. INDOOR RECESS TEACHER GRANTS-Each CLASSROOM TEACHER is able to spend up to \$50 on supplied 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!

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 5-Virtual R Factor Assembly-A Day Kids (you choose the time)
Title Parent Meeting via zoom 6:00 PM
PTO 7:00PM

October 6-Virtual R Factor Assembly-B Day Kids (you choose the time) Equity and Diversity Team Meeting 3:45 in the cafeteria

October 14-Kindergarten Conference late night October 15-Teacher Work Day-We will have 2 hours of buildng PD October 16-COI Day

October 19 and 20-Parts I and II of 3rd Grade Testing