

**Staff Update** 

September 2, 2021

**OUR ONE WORD** 

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# **Grateful**

- 1-**Noon Aides**-We finally found 2 more noon aides! I know that Jeff, Amanda, Michael, Andres and I are super excited b/c we are DYING! We think they may only need us for one more week!
- 2-Barry Walters-We are so excited to have Kim's husband, Barry, joining our team as our Grant Coordinator. His first day is Sept. 15 and he will be sharing an office with me!
- 3-4th and 5th grade teachers-Our 4th and 5th grade teachers are working together to implement Vocabulary Surge in their classrooms. This is a brand new way of teaching and it's not easy, but we know it will benefit our kids and our teachers are DOING THE WORK to make it purposeful in their classrooms!

**CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES--BUS 20 STARTS TOMORROW** 

## LOVE IS AN INTERVENTION



# **Cameron Maxey's Dad's Business**

Cameron is one of our sweet 4th graders! He gave me a business card from his dad's new business. He even said "I am so proud of my dad! He has worked so hard and even made a website!"

His dad's business is a car detailing company called LionHeart Detailing! I'd love to have us support his dad.

If you would be interested in getting your car detailed please fill out <u>this form</u>--once I gauge interest his dad will give me possible dates for the service. He will come to school and detail the cars while we are working!

### **NEW STAFF**

**Noon Assistants**-Jen Markewicz---yes he is Drew's mom! and Dianna Piscitello-Dianna was a 1st grade teacher for 15 years and wants to get back into a school!

#### STAFF MEETING ON FRIDAY-AGENDA

Grade K-2, EL and Spec Ed if you work with K-2

Kelli Webb's Room

Agenda:

Review beginning of year assessments

95 CORE PHONICS DEEP DIVE--BRING YOUR MANUAL IF YOU HAVE ONE

Grades 3-5 and Spec Ed if you work mostly with 3-5

IDC

Agenda:

IDC Deep Dive---connecting grade level content to IDC

## **21st Century Grant**

Here is where we are with the grant.

Please fill out this form if you want to teach Power Hour. Monday-Thursday-7:25-8:25am \$55 per hour

Please fill out this form if you want to teach an Enrichment Course. Monday-Thursday (see form for details)

(I HAVE A GIRLS WHO CODE CURRICULUM THAT I NEED A PERSON TO USE FOR ENRICHMENT!!!)

Power Hour Coordinator-Michael Jenkins Grant Coordinator-Barry Walters

Erynn McHenry is looking for someone to split POWER HOUR with her!

Start Date-Sept 27 and end date May 12 There will be three 10 week sessions!

This is an AMAZING opportunity for our kids and families! Thanks to everyone who is helping this get off the ground.

# **Gifted Referral**

I know that it is early, but there is a MAP-Math gifted <u>testing window</u> with a referral **deadline of 9/27/21** coming up! The testing will occur 10/4 - 10/20. If you are seeing students with unmet needs in Math, please refer them **by the deadline** for gifted testing! I will have gifted referral sheets in my mailboxes in all 3 schools, and you can also retrieve a form from the district website under <u>gifted referral form</u>. In addition, STAR READING IS ON THE ODE APPROVED TESTING LIST AS AN IDENTIFIER for this year (95%ile and above)! **STAR Math** will still need to be referred for further

testing. Please make a copy of the Gifted Testing Calendar linked above so that you are aware of the further deadlines for referrals on each testing window.

Please notice that there is only one CogAT (verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal assessment) testing window. Also, continue to refer students showing mastery in any area! Thank you.

## **Hispanic Heritage Month**

Hispanic Heritage month is September 15- October 15. We would like to celebrate this important month, just like we did Black History Month.

#### Why?

We have a large hispanic population. This will represent a majority of our students. But for our non-hispanic students, this gives them a chance to "travel" the world and learn about new cultures.

#### What to do?

- 1. Get together with your team (you may do this as a team or by yourself)
- 2. Pick a hispanic country from the list as a grade level or as an individual teacher
- 3. Have 1 person from your team fill out this google form
- 4. Decide how you would like to teach your students about this country throughout the month.
- 5. Make something as a class to represent your country (this should teach others about your country).

#### How do we present it to others?

On October 14-15th, we will have a "world tour." Students will get passports. We will "travel" from hallway to hallway learning about each country. Once your class has visited a country, they can take a sticker from that hallway and put it in their passport. Passports will be provided to all teachers when the time comes.

#### Hispanic Countries to Choose From:

- 1. Venezuela
- 2. Colombia
- 3. Ecuador
- 4. Peru
- 5. Bolivia
- 6. Paraguay
- 7. Uruguay
- 8. Argentina
- 9. Chile
- 10. Mexico
- 11. Espana
- 12. Cuba
- 13. La Republica Dominicana
- 14. Panama

- 15. Costa Rica
- 16. Nicaragua
- 17. El Salvador
- 18. Honduras
- 19. Guatemala
- 20. Puerto Rico

### **Diverse Books**

Check out these Antiracism Read Alouds!

## **Kids in Quarantine**

We are responsible for continuing to educate kids who are in quarantine. Please be sure that you have a plan (most likely---make sure that your kids know how to use Canvas) and teach kids how to access work from home if they happen to end up in quarantine.

### Snack

You can have snack outside and spread the kids out. This way, we wouldn't have to quarantine kids if we end up with a positive case!

## **Dolly Dash-FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 24**

The PTO is sponsoring a DOLLY DASH this year. This is just a fancy name for a walk-a-thon!

We will kick off the DOLLY DASH ON SEPT. 7th! We will have packets to send home for money collection and a website to collect as well.

We will have a schedule for DOLLY DASH times for the 24th coming soon!

# **Water Money**

If you want to use the Culligan please pay Kim \$35. You can pay with cash or a check made out to JW Reason.

# **Chelsey and Jeff**

When emailing about kids of concerns please email both Jeff AND Chelsey! That will ensure that issues get resolved faster!

## **Nurse**

When calling for the nurse, please do not have kids wait for her in the hallway! Sometimes the nurse has a few kids ahead of your kiddo and we don't want them unattended in the hallway! If it's an emergency be sure to indicate that when you call down.

## **Field Trips**

We CAN go on field trips! We have to get them approved on a case by case basis! So I say---start planning!

The most important things to consider are how closely you can tie the field trip to the curriculum! I REALLY want this to BE a goal for us this year!

The PTO has set aside money.

## **Positive COVID cases**

If you have a positive COVID case in your classroom, I will be sending you a "CLASSROOM NOTIFICATION" letter to send to the parents of your students. This will have to go out every time there is a positive case. I will also send a WHOLE SCHOOL letter when we identify a positive case, but that will only go out once or twice a week depending on how many cases we have.

# VBOs are our "classroom rules"!

Keep talking about, practicing and helping kids understand our VBOs: Stand Up and Own It Power of the Team Passion for Growth

## **No Photo List**

WE DO NOT HAVE ANY KIDS ON THE NO PHOTO LIST THIS YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!

# **Pop Machine**

They are supposed to fill the machine next week. There is still pop for you in the refrigerators for free!

# What's on the calendar:

September 3-STAFF MEETING

September 6-NO SCHOOL September 8-Picture Day

September 10-Data Team Leaders 8am (will be naming data team leaders soon)

September 13-PTO Meeting 6PM

September 17-STAFF MEETING

September 21-K FULL DAY DATA TEAM

September 22-1st FULL DAY DATA TEAM

September 23-2nd grade FULL DAY DATA TEAM

September 24-DOLLY DASH

September 28-K 95% training

September 29-1st 95% training
3rd grade FULL DAY DATA TEAM
September 30-2nd grade 95% training
October 1-Staff Meeting 8AM
October 4-PTO 6PM
October 5-4th grade FULL DAY DATA TEAM
October 6-5th grade FULL DAY DATA TEAM