

To: Mr. Mahoney and Board of EducationFrom: Kip CrandallRe: October Board ReportDate: October 15, 2019

Current Enrollment:

7th Grade – 123 8th Grade – 109

SIP Goals & Progress:

An attendance scoreboard is up in the first floor hallway and others are coming soon. All first quarter classroom rigor visits were accomplished by staff by completing them with Diane Jones, instructional coach for the International Center for Leadership in Education. This allowed staff to calibrate their findings with Diane in an effort to become more comfortable using the rigor rubric independently.

Our next scheduled staff social is the November 9th School's Foundation draw down event. Goal is to have 50% of the staff attend.

7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens book continue in the 7th and 8th grades during homeroom. PLC team work in ELA/Social Studies will culminate with Diane Jones reviewing Social Study assessments for appropriate levels of rigor.

PPAC Meeting: - First meeting for our DLR PPAC was a success, agenda items included:

- a. 2019 school improvement data and 2020 SIP outlook
- b. Chrome Book pilot discussion
- c. Discussion regarding 7th grade being accustomed to standards based grading vs. traditional grading
- d. Parent thoughts and suggestions

Professional Development:

10/11 – Creating Culture and Leadership all staff training.

Wednesdays – On a rotating schedule, reteach/enrich rostering and planning, staff meetings, grade level Student Assistant Team mtgs. and grade level meetings, professional development (independent and staff led), Professional Learning Community (PLC) work and SIP/Leader in Me sessions are conducted. ducate students to be lifelong learners who are productive, responsible citizens.

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Beyond Textbooks Update:

- 7th and 8th math and ELA are following the pacing calendar provided by BT, with minor adjustments where appropriate. Currently math is just a step behind pacing.
- Reteach/Enrich period is a work in progress. The next step to make rostering more efficient will be the use of an automated rostering process which should be available this week.

The Leader in Me:

Both our 7th and 8th grades continue in the 7Habits of Highly Effective Teens book study. We have identified a Lighthouse Team coordinator, Adam Albrecht and secured a full Lighthouse Team, Logan Cann, Jeff Donmeyer, Bonnie Rasmussen and Dawn Manser.

All staff went through the Creating Culture and Leadership training on October 11th. Staff will now be asked by our Lighthouse Coordinator which team they prefer to serve on moving forward. There are three teams in each of the two categories for staff to choose from.

Events List:

- 1. Oct. 17 8th grade field trip to Holocaust Museum all day
- 2. Oct. 18 Report Cards
- 3. Oct. 18 Student Council trip to Jonamac Orchard
- 4. Oct. 24 FCA Mtg. 7:00 a.m.
- 5. Oct. 25 1st qtr. award assembly, 1:45 pm
- 6. Oct. 26 DLR Costume Ball, 7:00 pm
- 7. Oct. 31 Student Council Mtg. 7:00 am
- 8. Nov. 5 Art Club, 3:00 pm
- 9. Nov. 7 FCA Mtg. 7:00 a.m. (Rally Around the Pole)
- 10. Oct. 1 Art Club Mtg. 3:00 4:00 p.m.
- 11. Nov. 13 Student Council Mtg. 7:00 am
- 12. Nov. 20 FCA Mtg. 7:00 a.m. (Rally Around the Pole)

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Positively Speaking:



Pictured to the left is the entire 7th grade group that served at Feed My Starving Children on Friday, Spetember 27th. Pictured to the right are the 8th graders in action at Feed My Starving Children on Tghursday, September 26th. The trips were part of kicking off our SIP goal to complete more service hours this year than last.



7th grade girls volleyball team members load up More than 200 items collected at their annual food Held during their final volleyball game.



Pictured is a scoreboard to help encourage student's attendance at school. Another SIP goal is to improve Attendance and have a school rate of 96%.

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The DLR fall concert held on October 8th was another great performance. Good job Mr. Hall and Mr. Beske.

Respectfully submitted... Kip Crandall



DLR staff watch through virtual reality goggles as Mr. Rogers takes them on a virtual field trip to Angel Falls. This is really cool!

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