

Weekly Principal Updates & News

Good evening! I hope that everyone of you has enjoyed your weekend as we get ready to begin our short week with our Labor Day holiday! It may be a short week, but we have lots of things to do. So this week's newsletter will be a little long... Here we go!

Walkthroughs- I hope that you had a chance to look over the feedback from the ELEOT walkthroughs from our visiting KDE ERLs. We had a lot of good things that we are doing, but there are also some growth points. For instance, 1) I need everyone to make sure that your CIF posters are completed (correctly). If you don't have a CIF poster, your standards, learning target, essential questions and agenda should be posted somewhere visible for observers to see. 2) Some classrooms that I visited had too much off-task time towards the end of the class. Bell to bell instruction is expected and free time should be minimized. We should not see students just playing around and talking because "there is nothing to do." Lastly, 3) Students need to be more engaged. Lessons need to capture the attention of the students and keep it. Students should be learning and doing. Try to move to making your job become that of a facilitator. Let the students do most of the work. Do not be afraid to give them the power to do. If you don't, you will work yourself too hard and get burned out before Thanksgiving.

DEAR Fridays- Starting this Friday, Sept. 9, all students (and staff if possible) will participate in DEAR Fridays. DEAR stands for Drop Everything And Read! For the 1st 15 minutes of Advisory, everyone should be reading. I know this may be difficult to enforce in the beginning, but by the end of the month we should be comfortable with it. I ask that you start telling students about DEAR Fridays and start reminding them to bring something to read with them to Advisory. This should be a protected 15 minutes. Again, we will start this Friday and continue for the remainder of the year. If we can find a way to track it, we may be able to offer incentives to students who read a certain number of books. We will work on that part with the PBIS committee.

Student Council- We will begin our new Student Council next month. The Social Studies teachers have asked to take the lead on this. Therefore, all activity should run through their classes. Here is the timeline:

Sept. 6-7- Introduction of Student Council

Sept. 8-9- Nominations taken (3 nominees per team)

Sept. 12-15- Student campaigns (Students will be given the opportunity to create a video to be played during advisory for their teams)

Sept. 16- Voting- Winners announced at the end of the day

Hallway Transition- Hallway transitions have begun to lose their structure. Students are not walking in lines and there is a lot of noise during the transitions. The expectation is not for students to be like robots, but they are expected to use their inside voices and remain in the line when they transition. No running & horse playing! Students should always be directed to walk to the right unless given a different directive. The expectation for you as the leader is to set the expectation and correct the behavior if it is not the expected behavior. Students will follow the lead of the teacher. They will live up to your expectations whether they be low expectations or high expectations. For you, my expectations are high. I expect you to lead transitions that are structured and have a minimum noise level.

Teacher Needs Survey- Please complete this [survey](#) by the end of the week. The data will be used to determine future professional development and coaching opportunities. **New Teachers** should be receiving a different survey from Ms. Woodward to help determine your needs as well.



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Weekly Happenings/ Important Dates

9/2- PGP due to your administrator

9/9- Week long sub plans due to your administrator

9/6- ILT @ 2:45 pm

If you are not a part of the ILT you have 2 choices to fulfill this time:

1) Meet with the following committees- Parent Engagement, Hospitality, Safety Advisory or

2) Use this time to make parent communications. Use this sheet to log your communications.

9/13- Open House- 6pm (Required attendance)



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Important Reminders/ Announcements

Each week we want to send a shout out or two to our colleagues who go above and beyond. If you have shout outs that you would like posted each week, please send them to me.

Mr. Brown , Mr. McDuffie & Mr. Pat- Being A-1 Responders! You gentlemen go above and beyond.

Ms. Sheppard- For jumping right in and making sure that our school is safe. You are building great relationships with our students and it is obvious.

Mr. Vititoe- For working with our ECE students and teachers to make sure that students are placed in classes that allow them to be successful.

Mr. Mucker- For being a super star in the classroom. He is teaching, but more importantly, students are learning. And they are having fun doing it! Great job Mr. Mucker!

Resources

[2022-23 Compliance trainings](#)

[Committee Sign-up](#)



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