

Weekly Principal Updates & News

Greetings, Cougars! Have you ever heard the saying, "...the days go slow and the years go fast"? I think that applies to us as we stare down the conclusion of our first 6 weeks of school. It's no surprise that the first 26 days of school have brought us both a healthy blend of successes and challenges. With many more days of learning ahead, I think it is important to share my vision for Conway in order to set the proper tone and to enlist your leadership and feedback as we build toward better days for our students and staff.

Vision: Conway Middle School is a school where teachers teach **standards-based, grade-level lessons**, in a **safe environment** where students are **learning** and **teacher growth and leadership** is fostered.

Our Conway Middle Vision will serve as the guidepost for all of the decision-making. We will unpack this vision together during Tuesday's faculty meeting. But before then, I wanted to put this out there for you to grapple with. I also want to place a few things on your radar so that you can add them to your calendar and prepare accordingly. All of these items are in direct alignment with our vision and our Turnaround Plan as an AIS School.

September 20, 2022- Faculty meeting. I will share my plans for Conway as I discuss my vision for our school. We will take a look at our current MAP picture in preparation for a training with NWEA on October 4 (standards-based & student learning). We will also discuss PBIS supports and what we need to do to strengthen our processes and procedures to ensure a safe environment. Be there! We need you! (safe environment)

NWEA is scheduled to come to Conway on **October 4** to meet with each team during their planning period. MAP is an important measure for student growth and we need to know where our students are and know what tools are available to make instructional decisions in our classrooms. Teams normally meet on different days of the week. For this purpose, I am asking that all teams meet on Tuesday with Ms. Noonan and the NWEA team. Be there! We need you! (standards-based & student learning)

Solution Tree & ILT join forces on **Thursday, October 18** from 2:45 to 4:00 to discuss school needs and to create a schedule that will support our work. Be there! We need you! (teacher growth & leadership)

November 7, 2022-GOLD DAY Professional Development Day. Solution Tree will work with the entire faculty & leadership team on a Professional Leadership Community (PLC) launch. Details coming your way. Be there! We need you! (standards-based, grade-level learning, & teacher growth)

I look forward to taking a deeper dive on our vision and the big work that lies ahead. All of this will take time. Let's take one step at a time and work together to realize this vision. I can't think of a better team to work alongside.

Weekly Happenings/ Important Dates

9/19- Racial Equity Committee- 2:45 pm

9/20- Staff Development- 3:00 pm [Agenda](#)

9/23- Schoolwide rewards (6th pd.)

10/4- NWEA MAP training (During Team meetings)

10/18- ILT w/ Solution Tree



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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.

Ms. Sithu- Thanks for helping me with my newsletter and Canva! It worked!

Ms. Natale- For posting student work in the hallway that demonstrates our student success in the class.

Ms. Gonzalez- For stepping in and using her SCM skills to help with a student situation that kept students safe.

Resources

[2022-23 Compliance trainings](#)

[Committee Sign-up](#)



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