



CONWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Jefferson County Public School

Weekly Staff News

October 16, 2022



This week...

I'd like to begin this week's newsletter by thanking you for all that you do. I know that teaching middle school is a tough job, but this year with all of the staffing shortages it seems just a little tougher. However, I want to remind you of how important your job is and more importantly, how important you are. I encourage you to take care of yourself by taking some mental breaks when you can, and being sure to take some physical breaks on your time off. Rest. Relax. Rejuvenate.

Next, I want you to start thinking about our most recent data that was shared with you. Bottom line...it didn't look good. But the best part is that now we know. We know where we stand, so now we can decide where we are going and how we plan to get there. We need a plan. If we fail to plan, then we plan to fail. So be prepared to discuss the data this week in our staff meeting. Come ready to plan!

Finally, I want to remind you that you should have completed most, if not all of your required compliance trainings. You should have also submitted your PGP to your perspective Asst. Principal. If you have not done both of these things, make sure they are done by the end of this week.

We are Cougar Strong!

[October Staff Meeting Agenda](#)

[Staff & Teacher of the Month Voting](#)

Our Vision

For Conway to be a school where teachers teach standards-based, grade level lessons, in a safe environment where students are learning and teacher growth and leadership are fostered.

Important Dates

- ILT Meeting- 10/17 @ 2:45 pm
- Staff Meeting- 10/18 @ 2:45 pm
- Racial Equity- 10/19@ 2:45 (re-scheduled)
- Student Council Mtg.- 10/21 @ 7:45 am (Library)

Don't Forget!

- You should remain professional with staff and students at all times.
- Lessons are planned to be engaging, grade appropriate and standards-based. Students should work from bell to bell.
- The expectation is that your CIF poster is completed and updated daily.

Teacher Tip of the Week: Engagement Strategies Worth Trying

Encourage students to present and share work regularly

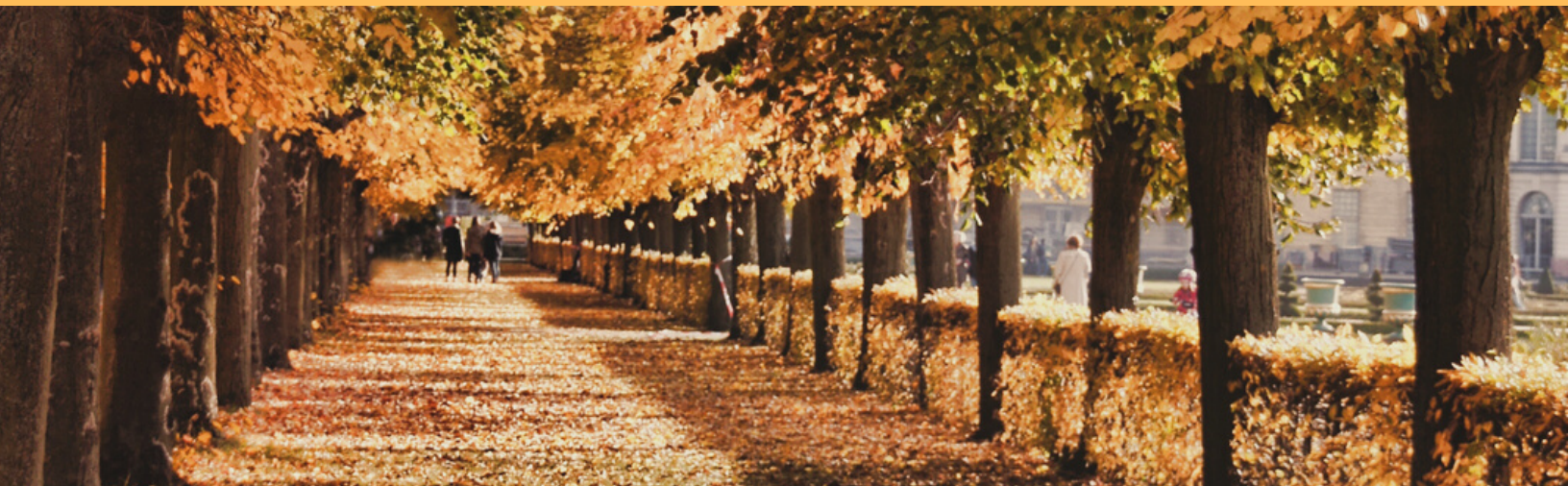
Giving students a regular opportunity to share their thoughts and demonstrate learning in front of their peers drives engagement in two ways:

- **it makes students accountable**
- **it lets them hear from someone other than their teacher.**

If your students quiver in fear at the thought of speaking in front of the class, combine presentations with group work.

A few ideas:

- **Have students present in groups after a group task.**
- **Let students share each other's work within smaller groups before asking them to choose one piece to share with the rest of the class.**
- **Let students read or present their work while sitting down. It avoids the pressure of having to "stand and deliver".**
- **Ask for one contribution from each group after discussion, with each group nominating a "spokesperson".**
- **Above all else, make presenting and sharing a regular part of class activity. Your class will become an equitable and engaging space that echoes with the voice of every student, not just your own!**





Weekly Shout-Outs

Ms. Schum

For working extra hard to make sure that our classes are covered everyday. No subs. No problem! You make it work! Thank you!



Mr. Read

Science looks so fun in your class! Your students were completely engaged and you made sure to make them owners of their learning. The students loved the ice melting activity and I loved watching them learn. Thanks for all you do for your students and your team. We're glad you are here.



Mr. Miller

Thank you for your help with the ALT Council. I truly appreciate you making this transition easier for me.



Ms. N. O. W.

Thank you for always stepping up and helping whenever and wherever you can. I appreciate you for always caring about our students and making sure they have what they need.



Ms. Finley, Ms. Beason, Ms. Henning, Ms. N.O.W.,
Ms. Natale, Ms. Moorman & Dr. Collins

Thank you for helping with Showcase of Schools this weekend. I appreciate you taking time on your Saturday to make sure we were represented well.



“Every child deserves a
CHAMPION – an adult who
will never give up on them,
who understands the power of
connection and insists that
they become the best that they
can possibly be.”
– Rita Pierson

The Daring English Teacher



What Does Mental Wellness look 🧐 like
to you?

Please join us here at Conway on
Oct. 27th from 5p to 8p
where we will have several different
methods to maintain mental wellness !!!