Weekly Staff News

This week...

Yes, we are almost there! Only 5 days until our Thanksgiving break! As we get closer to this time, I can't stress how important it is that we all try to be here. Remember, not only do your colleagues need you here, our students need you here. We are starting a new grading period and it's important that our teachers are here to help our kids get a good start or prepare to finish strong in January. Either way, we ALL need you. So let's show up! #Conway Strong

In that same vein, we need all teachers, either individually or as a team, to create GOOD lesson plans for those who will cover your classes when you need to be out. I asked that you create a week long plan at the beginning of the year, and now is a good time to revise these lessons. If you plan to use a virtual lesson, please make sure that there are hard copies for students who may not have their technology devices. Also, please make sure that the work is enough for the ENTIRE class period. We are seeing too many crossword puzzles or worksheets with very few problems. It is hard for a teacher or substitute to maintain your class when there is nothing for students to do. Team leaders I ask that you make sure this is done when a team member contacts you about being out.

Next, here are a few vacancy updates: A VILS coach has been hired, but she is waiting to be released from another school. Our new 7th grade counselor, Mrs. Natascha Andrews- Jenkins will be here on Nov. 28. Our new library clerk, Ms. Chambers is here. Please stop in to say hello. We are still waiting on our librarian. We are still interviewing for another In-School Security person and data clerk. I will continue to keep you updated.

Lastly, parents, students and staff members have asked that we review the current dress code policy for next year. I have created a <u>Google form</u> to get feedback. Please share with your students in your Google Classroom so that we can get student feedback as well. I will share the link with parents also.

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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

- Budget Committee Nov. 21
- Staff potluck- Nov. 22
- No PLC or Staff meeting Nov. 22
- Thanksgiving Break- Nov. 23-25
- Testing Code Training- Nov. 29 during PLC time

Don't Forget!

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

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Coach Taylor for winning our 1st \$50 cash prize for simply showing up to work everyday! Can't wait to see who walks away with my \$\$\$ this week!

You make a <u>difference</u>



"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