



CONWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Jefferson County Public School

Weekly Staff News

November 6, 2022

This week...

Yet another week down! We are getting closer to our holiday breaks. Thanksgiving break is only about 2 weeks away and Christmas break is about 3 weeks after that. We've got this! But we need you here. And more importantly, our students need you here. It is not a secret that this has thus far been a tough year, but one thing that helps is having you here. When you are not here your absenteeism affects us all. You as well as your colleagues have stressed that covering classes is becoming very straining. However, when our colleagues don't come to work, we have no choice except to cover classes. Everyone, including all of your admin team, has to help cover those classes. And although we are covering, we cannot teach your class the way that you do. Only you can truly teach the way that you do. So again, WE ALL need you here. We value you. We appreciate you. Therefore, for those of you who make it a priority to come to work everyday until Thanksgiving break, your name will be placed in drawing for a weekly prize of \$50 cash! Yep, for the next 2 weeks, we will be giving you this opportunity to win this cash. Just a small incentive, but hopefully you will understand how much we really want you here.

Again, I thank you for a productive staff meeting last week. I am now even more encouraged and determined to work with my team of great staff to find solutions to those things that we have expressed as concerns and issues. Let's continue to communicate and work together to move our school in the direction of greatness. We've got this! We are Conway strong!

Please check your email for our Gold Day schedule. See you tomorrow.

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

- Gold Day- Nov. 7 @ 8am- Library
- No School- Nov. 8 - Election Day
- Staff potluck- Nov. 22
- Thanksgiving Break- Nov. 23-25

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.



Big News!!!!

All schools will be given some additional funding to provide some adult incentives. This means we can step up our game to show you how much we appreciate you. So start sharing your appreciation ideas with me. I'm sure we can't do everything, but we will try!

This Week's Teaching Tips

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES			
Monitor Progress  <ul style="list-style-type: none">Alternative AssessmentsAnchor ActivitiesGrade as You GoHomework OptionsKWL ChartsLearning ContractsMenus/AgendasMini White Boards	Form Groups  <ul style="list-style-type: none">Appointment ClocksCubingCurriculum CompactingFour SidesJigsawLearning ContractsMini white BoardsQuestion ChoicesThink-Tac-ToeVaried Texts	Get Moving!  <ul style="list-style-type: none">Appointment ClocksFour SidesHeads togetherJigsawLiterature CirclesReading BuddiesSticky Note Graph	Compare & Contrast Ideas  <ul style="list-style-type: none">CubingSticky Note GraphThink-Tac-ToeThink-Pair-Share
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For definitions and examples: www.fortheteachers.org/instructional_strategies ©2013 For the Teachers



"To educate a person
in the mind
but not in morals
is to educate
a menace to society."

Theodore Roosevelt

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Teach the children...
so it will not be
necessary
to teach the adults.

~ Abraham Lincoln



“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

