

Weekly Word
Monday, October 1, 2007

We are now in our final week of the first six weeks. It is amazing how fast time seems to go.

Curriculum Teams. Dean Johnson and I are beginning to visit with curriculum teams to discuss curriculum and instruction. The purpose of our meetings is to create a dialog with the curriculum teams on what we are seeing in the classroom. This is an opportunity for teachers to discuss what is good practice and share ideas with one another.

Grading period ends. As you already know, the grading period ends on Tuesday, October 2. Please make sure that you have contacted parents of failing students and created an intervention program with them. Please also make sure that you are documenting all accommodations that you are doing for special education, 504, and LEP students. If you have questions about the accommodations, you may speak with either of the deans, Miss Smothers, or Mrs. Holmes. We will gladly assist you in answering questions. Remember that good instructional practices and clear objectives encourages successful learning in every classroom.

Training on Wednesday. Wednesday, October 3, is a training day for all teachers. We will be trained on successful teaching strategies for students with autism as well as some other pressing items. These training days count towards professional development hours.

Report cards. Report card grades are to be exported on Wednesday and Thursday, then reviewed on Friday. The actual report card will be going home the following week. Please make sure that severe conduct cuts (“U”) are passed through the deans’ offices before being issued. Also, any student who receives a “P” should have had a parent contacted. Reminder: Parent contact means that the teacher has actually spoken with the parent and an action plan has been created together. We will have a parent night on Tuesday, October 16, at 7:00 PM in the auditorium.

A+ Period. Remember that we will be assigning students to advisory this week. Advisory actually begins next Tuesday.

Daily Schedule:

Monday, 10/1	Tuesday, 10/2	Wednesday, 10/3	Thursday, 10/4	Friday, 10/5
Regular bell schedule	Regular bell schedule	Regular bell schedule	Regular bell schedule	Regular bell schedule
	5 PM Volleyball	7:00 PM Football		

Articles:

Because we have training this week, I will not place any extra articles in your boxes.

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.
Aristotle