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Principal Report September 10, 2019 WELCOME BACK!!



*The three professional development days on August 26, 27, and 28 were very beneficial to our teachers and support staff. Superintendent Lane spoke to the faculty and support staff focusing on excellence. Multiple meetings took place during the three days; they included a faculty meeting, leadership meeting, department meetings, MS Joint Team, 504 meetings, and IEP meetings. Bill Preble met with the faculty on the 27th. He will be working with us focusing on creating and maintaining a positive culture and a sense of belonging amongst teachers, students, and the community. The workshop was well received. More to come in the next month.

*The first day of school for students on August 29 was one of the best first days that I have ever experienced. Every teacher created a sign welcoming our students back. The teachers formed a tunnel in front of the school with songs like Sweet Caroline blasting in the background. From there students and staff met in the gym for the first day kick off assembly. Introductions of new staff, discussing the code of conduct, advisory and the new cell phone policy were important agenda items. I've included some comments from teachers concerning the first day. Audra Nolin: French and World Language classes went extremely well. In the High school, after we talked about safety and expectations in our classroom, we had a conversation in French, and talked about famous people that had an impact on French history. It was wonderful to see how much they could remember from last year. In 6th grade World Language, we are starting to learn how to have a basic conversation in French. Students were proudly practicing how to say "my name is" and "what is your name?" I love how the students arrive each day with a smile on their faces and are eager to learn more.

Olympia Clark: What an incredible change in the atmosphere! Students from the Life Skills Program have come to my room, and it was a wonderful experience for my other students. I have a student helper in my 7th Grade FACS class, and she brought in produce from her family garden. I incorporated the vegetables into my Creative Cooking lesson and also my 6th Grade FACS Class. The ABA teachers made dill pickles from the vegetables grown in the raised garden beds my Creative Arts Class made last year. Students loved the pickles and also receiving the recipe that was typed up. I love working with my mentee. Her teaching style is very inviting. There is a bridging of two different styles of teaching, and we complement one another. I find it just natural to encourage the new teachers, and they are hungry to receive advice from the veteran teachers. It has also been great putting into practice the things Sarah Edmunds spoke to us about advisory. The atmosphere in our department is very positive, and we are looking to display the wonderful things we do in our classes at community events.

Food Service Report:

Food Service started the new year with a new, refreshed, and clean look. A common program across the entire district has been created with a common menu of favorites that will rotate through the year. At the Middle/High School food service kicked off with improved food quality and presentation along with example trays on display to show the students how much food makes up a USDA reimbursable meal. Many students made sure to go back and get enough food to fill their trays – all at the same \$3.00 lunch meal price. Food Service is offering four meal options daily at the Middle/High School: a "Warrior Special", a grill item, a sandwich item, and an entrée salad. We have also set up a "flavor station" with salt-free herbs and seasonings that the students can use to flavor their selections to their own personal tastes. They have also added more visibility for the menu selections, with signage in the hallway outside the cafeteria, and electronic signage on the monitor inside the cafeteria. Menus for the month are available on the school website, or in hard copy in all of our cafeterias.

Fall Season Update:

BV Soccer Head Coach: Kristin Schwab Record: 1-0 # of players: 17 Next home game: 9/4 vs Hinsdale at 6pm

GV Soccer Head Coach: Dan Ayotte Assistant Coach: Pete Simo Record: 1-0 # of players: 18 Next home game: 9/4 vs Hinsdale at 4pm

Boys MS Soccer Head Coach: Dan Nelson Assistant Coach: Nick Lord # of players: 13 Next home game: 9/9 vs St. Joe's Manchester at 3:30pm

Girls MS Soccer Head Coach: Malin Segal # of players: 11 Next home game: 9/12 vs Epping at 4pm