**September 12, 2014**

**I attended a good conference on Monday that focused on the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support. MTSS is simply a broad view of supports that uses data to improve outcomes for all students. Previously, PBIS, RTI, and Cross Categorical services operated independently from one another. However, a student’s needs and weaknesses will often overlap. That is why it makes sense to combine services. For example, when a student struggles to read effectively, they may be embarrassed. Rather than be embarrassed, the kid might quit trying and act out in class. As a result, the student may get in trouble and be removed from class--losing more instructional time. This puts them further behind and the process repeats itself. As educators, when a student is struggling, we often wonder if it is the academics that are the problem or the behavior. The truth is that it is a combination. Improved behavior improves academics and vice-versa.**

**That is why integrating PBIS, RTI, and Cross Categorical services make sense. The major challenge is finding time to have everyone work together as a team. The group that attended the MTSS conference will meet after school on Monday to work on incorporating what we learned into practice. This group includes Paul Nettles, Emily Turner, Becky Bullard, Crystal Durand, Amanda May, Deb Mueller, Toleia Hill, Mic McCormick and Mr. Aldridge. MTSS is simply a better and more efficient way of meeting individual student needs.**

**Kudos & FYI**

**Congratulations to Pam Bohm, Kathy Behm, Dawn Burkiett, and Michelle Davis for receiving a score of a 98 from the Tazewell County Health Department. The only thing that kept the Parkview kitchen from receiving a perfect score was a hole in a kitchen wall that’s been there for 50 years. I appreciate the great work these ladies do in providing two meals a day for 300 individuals.**

**Stacy Starman and Sarah Beal are partnering with educators from East Peoria and Robein to align the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). These standards place an emphasis on incorporating math skills as part of science and taking more of a “hands on” approach to science.**

**Thanks to Student Council for purchasing the new flag pole that was installed yesterday. Becky Barton will be working with Student Council while Tammy Conway is absent. I am happy to welcome Barb Langjahr back to Parkview while she guest teaches in Ms. Conway’s room.**

**Good luck to Coach Sea and Coach Liske as we began regional baseball play next Tuesday. It has been a challenging season as roughly half of our games have been cancelled due to weather.**

**P.A.C.E. purchased three new fans for Parkview to help us combat the heat. They are having a fundraiser at Mickies Pizzeria in North Pekin next Wednesday from 5:00 to 8:00.**

**Next week’s *Warrior Way* lesson is titled, “Putting Down Put-Downs.” Thanks for reviewing this.**

**“Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, and a civilization work.” --Vince Lombardi**

**Looking back at my notes, a year ago at this time, the upstairs classroom temperatures were near 100 degrees. So it’s great to have temperatures in the mid-sixties. Thanks for a great first four weeks of school and for being an awesome group of educators. Happy weekend! --Brad**

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**Upcoming Events**

**Tuesday, September 16: Picture Day!**

**Tuesday, September16: BOE meeting at 6:00**

**Wednesday, September 17: Full Teacher’s Meeting 2:45-3:15 (Accelerated Reader, evaluation updates, walk throughs, PACE update, *Warrior Way* update, Greg Liske--*WGTDD* Chapter #3)**

**Wednesday, September 17: Constitution Day**

**Wednesday, September 17: mid-terms end**

**Wednesday, September 17: PACE fundraiser night @ Mickie’s Pizza in North Pekin 5:00 to 8:00**

**Wednesday, September 24: mid-terms go home**

**Wednesday, September 24: Grade Level Team Meetings 2:45-3:15**

**Thursday, September 25: Student Council Fannie May Fundraiser kick-off (during PE classes)**

**Friday, September 26: Charity jean’s day**

**Tuesday, September 30: GBB home vs. Peoria Quest @ 5:00**

**Wednesday, October 1: Teacher collaboration meeting 2:45-3:45**

**Tuesday, October 7: GBB home vs. Edison @ 5:00**

**Thursday, October 9: PACE Fundraiser night at Pizza Ranch in Morton**

**Monday, October 13: Columbus Day—no school**

**Wednesday, October 15: GBB home vs. Rossville @ 5:00**

**Thursday, October 16: GBB Home vs. Rankin @ 5:00**

**Thursday, October 16: PACE Meeting @ LaSalle 6:00**

**Friday, October 17: 1st grading period ends—1:35 dismissal**

**Monday, October 20: Boys Basketball Tryouts 2:45-4:15**

**Thursday, October 23: No School--Parent Teacher Conferences 2:00-8:00**

**Friday, October 24: No School—Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00-11:00. Staff Meeting 11:00-1:00**

**Tuesday, October 28: GBB home vs. Bartonville Grade @ 5:00**

**Friday, October 31: Happy Halloween!**

**Monday, November 3: GBB Home vs. Bartonville Monroe @ 5:00**

**Tuesday, November 4: Teacher’s Institute—no school**

**Wednesday, November 5: Teacher Collaboration Meeting 2:45-3:45**

**Tuesday, November 11: Veteran’s Day—no school**

**Tuesday, November 18: GBB home vs. Dunlap @ 5:00**

**Wednesday, November 19: Mid Term Ends**

**Thursday, November 20: PACE Meeting @ Parkview 6:00**

**Tuesday, November 25: All Day Reading Day/PACE Popcorn Day—mid-terms go home**

**Wednesday, November 26: Thanksgiving Break!**

**Monday March 9: PARCC Performance Based Assessment this week**

**Monday, March 16: PARCC Performance Based Assessment continues**

**Monday, April 27: PARCC End of Year Assessment this week**

**Monday, May 4: PARCC End of Year Assessment this week**