**September 19, 2014**

**Throughout the building at Parkview each day, I see classroom lessons that are a combination of fun, meaningful, and educational. Kids are excited about learning and they are actively engaged in the process. As teachers, it’s important we share our successes with one another in order to help improve our craft. That’s why a major emphasis for this year is collaboration, particularly with English Language-Arts and Math. In being student focused and results driven, we are a team and we need to stay connected. At the monthly collaboration meetings for ELA and Math, while there is a focus on scope and sequence, more importantly, this is an opportunity for teachers to share their successes and what they are working on in their subject areas.**

**Another way for teachers to learn from one another is through the Instructional Practices Inventory walk throughs which will restart on Monday. The IPI process is not about the activity in which the students are engaged, it is about *how* students are engaged in the activity. IPI walk throughs help open up the discussion of how to develop an increased amount of higher order learning situations. The IPI process is simple enough that a student could walk through and measure the level of engagement. I encourage everyone to participate with this.**

**Kudos & FYI**

**In conjunction with national Constitution Day on Wednesday, students in Mr. Bradford’s class used prior knowledge of the constitution to discuss what prompted certain amendments in the Bill of Rights. In Mrs. Sponholz’s room, students created Constitution history booklets and watched Constitution related episodes of *School House Rocks.* Mrs. Wettstein students are creating United States lap-books that include when congress granted statehood to each individual state.**

**I can’t tell you how many times Sylvia Murphy and Kathy Harvey have been proactive in working to prevent student conflicts from escalating. We are fortunate to have them at Parkview.**

**In conjunction with reading about the Aztecs, students in Mrs. Boyle and Mr. Heubi’s class researched the meaning of their own names.**

**Students with Ms. Thatcher & Mr. Grys enjoyed playing adjectives & adverbs tick-tack-toe.**

**Thanks to Kathy Sponholz, Jeff Kluesner, and Katie Ritchie for attending the PACE fundraiser event at Mickies. With any funds that are raised, I am encouraging PACE to purchase laptops.**

**In Ms. Beal’s science class, students physically acted out what is a solid, what is a liquid and gas.**

**Good luck to Jennifer Cole and Jason Thompson as the girls’ basketball season kicks off next Tuesday. Our 8th grade team begins play at the Pleasant Valley Tournament at 6:00.**

**Next week’s *Warrior Way* lesson is titled, “Respecting Differences.” Thanks for reviewing this. When the *Warrior Way* team meets on October 1st, they will discuss creating a PBIS school –wide activity to take the place of Operation ISAT.**

**“The best teachers have the best students every year.” –Todd Whitaker**

**Monday officially marks the first day of autumn. Thanks for a great first half of the first nine week grading period and for all you do for the students at Parkview School. Happy weekend! --Brad**

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**Upcoming Events**

**Monday, September 22: Positivity Group in Ms. Callahan’s room from 3:15 to 4:15**

**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**