



"TIME TO PAWS"

WEEK OF AUGUST 27-31, 2018

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&

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Instruction "Shout-Out"

A big "shout out" to 5th grade, Ms. Halpern for putting learning scales in the hands of students the first week of Literacy instruction. Students were in small group rotations using their scales with several evidence check boxes next to each level to help them determine their own progress toward mastery of RL1.1. Students were able to cite the standard and say what they had to do to show evidence of learning.

Upcoming School Events

Monday, 8/27 – 11-day count (we anticipate a decrease)

Tuesday, 8/28 – PDD Day – Work in grade level teams on curriculum mapping for high yield standards per math and literacy. 4th grade Barton Elem @ 8:30am.

Kinder and First Grade PLCs cancelled this week.

Wednesday, 8/29 – Vision and Hearing K, 1, and 3 – See Google sheet sign up for 3 days and times sent by Susan Figueroa.

PLC 2nd Grade, PTA Mtng @ 5pm, SAC Mtng @ 6pm.

Thursday, 8/30 – Fall Picture Day (sign up shared as a google doc by Susan Figueroa), PLC 3rd Grade, PZT Mtng @2:30.

Monday, 9/3 – No School.

All week – Administrative Safety and Conduct Classroom Presentations (we are doubling up classes to get through faster).

Super Speed Math – Molly Mueller will visit 1st and 5th grades during PDD day Tuesday to spend 10 minutes passing out class sets of materials and explaining Super Speed Math. Recall this is what all students will practice for 5-10 minutes after daily WPAW to work on basic Math facts and fluency. 2nd-4th and Kinder – Molly to provide materials next week.



Weekly Schedule Reminders

- iReady Diag Schedule— See Google Doc shared by Susan Figueroa for cart assignment:
- 8/27—Wrubel, Atkns, Rambharose, ESE
- 8/29—Yodowitz, Cohen, Salaam, Woolfson, ESE
- 8/30—Castillo, Stuart, Weisberger, ESE
- 8/31—Davison, Litvak, Smith, Yehia, Singh, ESE
- FLKRS—TBD (Data still being uploaded for our school by the district)
- Continue finishing RRR before iii starts—Due date for all students first trimester 9/14
- PLCs —2nd grade on Wednesday and 3rd grade on Thursday at 1:30-3:00

Instructional Focus

***Board Configurations**—Make sure you have your "I can" statements posted and the standard referenced for Math, Reading and Science.

***Small Group Rotations**—small group instruction should begin as you finish iReady diagnostic with data to inform the groupings. 1st and 5th grades are completed. 2nd and 3rd grade will be completed this week.

Math Block: whole group followed by: iReady, independent or paired practice, teacher-supported group. In teacher-supported group, take time to plan how you will scaffold the lesson to meet students' needs. Think about 3 levels of math learning—CONCRETE to REPRESENTATIONAL to CONCEPTUAL. One group has manipulatives, visuals, charts for concrete. Representational practices using the computational algorithm, and conceptual practices with word problems and real-world application.

Literacy Block: read aloud/shared reading followed by: iReady, independent or paired/shared practice, guided reading, strategy groups.

Teacher Spotlights

Ms. Natalia Egan – 4th

Grade Teacher. We welcome Natalia to Del Prado! She graduated from FSU and holds a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. She loves football (Fear the Spear!) and spending time with her family watching the games and going on vacations. She is passionate about authentic, hands-on learning experiences for her students in order to instill a love for learning that she hopes will extend beyond their time with her.

Kudos to Ms. Egan for getting her small group rotations started right away in Math. Students were working with manipulatives, online problem solving and with her in small group support.

Teacher Spotlight

Welcome Ms. Nirali Singh to the 4th grade team! Nirali has earned the Department of Education Commissioner's acknowledgment letter 2 years in a row for her "high impact" teacher status. She has a background in social work, too! She always goes the extra mile for her students. Nirali hails from Mumbai, India and infuses her rich heritage into her daily performance and interactions with all. She has two lovely children and a hard-working husband. Nirali is a wealth of knowledge and support for her team and students.

Weekly duty Posts

Please report to duties by 2:05:

Liberati—Basketball Court
Hurley—Courtyard near the pit
B. Smith—Hallway "A" Bldg 400
Garmon—Hallway "B" Bldg 400

All other permanent locations see schedule.

Farewell to Maria Leggio our School Treasurer - We wish you the very best!

A big welcome to Philip Seidenstucker our new School Treasurer—please make it a point to stop in and say "Hello!"

PTA—Has raised the funds for teacher mini grants! Grant applications were provided in your preschool folders. These are due by 9/21. Birthday shout outs coming next week!



Professional Development

Tuesday, 8/28—Full PDD day at Del Prado working on curriculum mapping in grade level teams—See SIP plan. Use the unit planning focus calendars uploaded into the Google Del Prado—Best Practices Drive for the day's work. See my email on this.

STEMScopes—https://drive.google.com/open?id=1v-tdKVax9DNB8yJNimHpYah2-ILmW8_X

The above link provides a STEP 1 overview of instructing with STEMScopes (SC).

STEP 2—Tom Medcalf from District will be at Del Prado (9/4-9/6 TBD) 2:15-3:00 for continued customized learning of SC.

STEP 3—Amanda Hughes from District will be at Del Prado on 9/19 from 2:15-3:00 (media center) for a deeper dive into SC.

*ESP starting soon! Susan Figueroa and Tyler Montgomery will lead; contact Susan if you'd like to be a mentor.

*Del Prado Best Practices Google Folder—has been shared with everyone! This will become our repository of model instruction coming from you! Video examples tied to our focus areas will be uploaded for our continued learning.

GENERAL REMINDERS

*Be sure to display your "Soaring Silently and Safely Through Del Prado..." so students may acquire letters for orderly and silent lines.

*Safety Patrol DC Trip—Feb. 5-7th and 5th Grade Epcot Trip—MAY 23rd

*Please be in your classrooms with door open for students by 7:50am.

*Super Speed Math starts on 9/6—Reminder will be provided during WPAW to spend 5-10 minutes practicing math facts and fluency daily during lunch count and attendance.

*ESE and ESOL will be attending PLCs based on serviced grade levels to assist in planning.

*Don't forget to send home iReady parent report with each student—iReady tile—Reports—Choose subject—Choose student—Diag results—Families-print PDF.

*PGPs must be activated in iObservation by 10/15.

*Team Leader meeting on 8/27 has been cancelled and moved to 9/4 @ 2:20.

IMPORTANT: The "all clear" signal for any and all drills is: ALL CLEAR.PANTHERS.

Staff Spotlight

This week we spotlight our lovely Nancy Purdy, media clerk! She has been in the district for 25 years and at Del Prado for 14! She is the blessed mother of 2 beautiful girls. She loves animals and has rescued many. She loves sharing Captain Jack on WPAW to provide a smile for everyone. Nancy loves her walks on the beach. She says they're good for the soul and it's there that she snaps pictures of sunrises, sunsets and smiles. She loves making jewelry and reading, too! Nancy personifies positivity!

MAKE IT YOUR AIM TO SOAR HIGH EVERY WEEK.