

May 29, 2015

Celebrations:

- A STAFF MEMBER saved abandoned books! Way to be a rescuer!
- Love-fest e-mails between lots of staff members are SO HEARTWARMING. Country Meadows truly is the BEST place to work, and no one is allowed to retire OR leave :)
- Three cheers for consistency through the end of the school year! Students (and teachers) are learning and staying focused until the end! Fo realz yo!
- Cop on Top at Dunkin Donuts! Raising money for the Special Olympics! Support!
- “Hey You” signs are soooo cute! They are such a pleasant surprise when walking down the hall. Love the positive affirmation!
- The Biliteracy Celebration was a HUMONGOUS celebration! There was so much food! The weather was perfect! The company was great! The kids had a blast! It was so much fun! Lots of great stories about the awesomeness of the event!
- A 4th grade family said, “It’s expected that you’ll get one or two good teachers at some point in your child’s education, however, it’s unbelievable to be a part of a school that all teachers and the entire staff is so amazing. Our son’s success is attributed to all of you!”
- Let’s celebrate A STAFF MEMBER’s really hard work. She is here so early and stays so late, never misses an event, is so positive, never seems tired, and WILL DO ANYTHING!
- 3rd and 4th are doing some creative math mix-ups to intervene on skills for students and do some previewing. The kids are engaged and LOVING IT! WOO!
- A STAFF MEMBER set-up awesome math stations for kids outside. The kids were so appreciative that she took the time to do that. She also makes fantastic anchor charts to support the learning of kids. She is always asking others for ideas!
- Thank you to 1st grade for loaning 4th grade their computers so 4th grade can take the benchmark on the computer! The kids do an awesome job and actually like taking the benchmarks on the computer!
- During CBMs, kids read super fluently with great expression. It was so nice to hear!
- Adults were impressed with kids saying thank you at the end of their CBM sweep time. Way to go manner! In addition, kids also say hello when approached by adults in the morning.
- We love the Scholastic book sets from the book room! The new ones and the guides are great!
- Thank you to everyone for supporting kindergarten transition day. It was so fun and the kids loved it! It ran really smoothly thanks to everyone!
- We are still reveling in the glory of Cub Crawl!
- Here’s to celebrating OUR SUPERINTENDENT on District Institute Day! She did such a great job making sure everyone understood the importance of having an asset-based mindset about CLDs! We also love that not too much is changing at CM for CLDs because we always do and have always done what is best for kids and practices aren’t new to us!

Sweepers Schedule

- 6/1 - All Staff Present Until the End

To Do:

- 5/1 starts ABC COUNTDOWN
- Get your Office Depot order to Cheryl!
- Finish your team budget (budget template doc from Cheryl).
- Finish class placement with your team, **give ALL placement cards to Cheryl.**

Upcoming Dates:

- 6/1 - PRO Committee Meeting - Purpose: candid conversation about our own cultural assets
- 6/2 - LUNCH PROVIDED IN THE LOUNGE!!! SALAD, PIZZA, AND DESSERT from Lou's! Why? A combination of "The Office's" creative budgeting with a little help from the PTO when we didn't have enough money to make this happen!
- 6/2 - 5th Grade Transition to WL 9-10:30 / 5th Grade Party in afternoon (they will have lunch in the cafeteria at their normal time first.
- 6/3 - 1st Grade Field Trip
- 6/4 - End of the Year Celebration starting at 3:05!
- 6/5 - REPORTS CARD DUE by 8:30AM GET TRANSLATED REPORT CARDS DONE FIRST!!!!
- ****NOTE: Schedules on the Last Day of School and Field Day will be flipped if we are rained out for Field Day****
- 6/5 - Field Day and Hot Dog Lunch (no specials today):
 - 9:00 - 11:00 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade Field Day
 - 11:10 - 11:50 Lunch for all (will call a grade level at a time from your classrooms for lunch to manage the line, please sit with your class - teachers designate an area).
 - 12:00 - 2:00 4th and 5th grade Field Day
- 6/6 - Construction starts on the track so no one will be allowed out back except if we need it for Field Day on Monday. All in all, don't plan on going beyond the blacktop on Monday if we don't have Field Day.
- 6/8 - Last Day of School - Released at 2pm
 - End of the Year Pro Assembly! @ 8:45am-ish
 - Yearbook signing @ 1:00 - 1:30pm. (Or 2:00-2:30 if Field Day is rained out)
- Last Day of School Staff Hours: Once a certified person is checked out with the office, (keys turned in, room packed if appropriate, etc) they can go after kids are gone for 15 minutes. Non-certified staff will work typical hours for an Early Release Day.
- 6/9 - The Building will close to staff by the end of the day (time is TBD based on custodian availability - it'll either be 3:30 or 11pm if Raul is staying late). This is the real date/time!
- 6/24 - PRO Summer Meeting Facilitated By OUTSIDE CONSULTANT to explore Social Justice and issues impacting our school community. Location: CM. Room: TBD. Time: 9am-3:30pm. Even if you're not on the PRO Committee, you can still come if you're interested! We would love to have you! RSVP to Katie so she knows how many to plan lunch for.

Upcoming Staff Meetings:

- June 2 - Grade Day - you can work on report cards, goal updates, etc...anywhere in the world that you would like to!

Information from Katie

- Are you looking for something to do on X-tra Day? Or perhaps before or after Field Day? We started the year with the book ZERO and kept that as a running theme this year. We also have a copy of the book ONE for each classroom. Let's wrap up the year the way that we started. Feel free to have fun with the kids while reading the book that will be donated to your class collection. Coming at you in your mailbox soon!
- **Rumors are flying!** - Nothing new to report this week. Screening for music teachers is in progress and 2 candidates are teaching in Q's room on Tuesday (1st grade). Candidates for ILC just completed phone screenings and will come in for interviews soon.
- If teachers have any old textbooks or resources they want to discard, please have them box it and write DISCARD and the NAME of the RESOURCE on the box. Teams are asking for clarification on what has to be kept of Jeanne on Tuesday!
 - Please let Frankie know if you need boxes for this.
 - This does not need to happen before the summer... they can hold on to items until the Fall if they have room and it is not urgent to get the materials out of their room. In fact, if there's something you think should be in the bookroom, please don't move them until the fall.
- Yep, certified staff, you get to keep your badge and it will only work when and where it needs to work this summer.
- The Leadership Summer meeting date needs to move August 5th or August 7th. Once Leadership Team is decided (apps due today), we will go for a majority rule on which date we pick. These will be building specific date, not district-wide dates.

Information from Others-

- None at this time!

Leadership Agenda-

7:30-7:45 - Questions, Comments, Compliments, Clarifications, Celebrations...

7:45 - 8:00 - Master Schedule Feedback

Thoughts, comments, reactions to this year?

4th Grade- What is something in our schedule that you would LOVE to see again next year?

-having intervention first thing in the morning (even though we didn't love this at first because it was hard to maximize the time)

-11 to 12 math block is awesome (it's a nice break-up for the kids and kids who arrive late don't miss math)

-literacy in the afternoon (pay attention to sped overlapping grade levels)

-please don't change our schedule :)

What is something that you would like to see changed for next year (if anything)?

-specific to biliteracy - literacy afternoon is very broken up with no 1 hour long block and also draining to have back-to-back guided reading / team read (Schedule: 12:45-1:15 rounds, 1:15 TR English, 1:45 TR Spanish, 2:15 Rounds)

-second grade likes having literacy in the morning, and then math and specials in the afternoon

-would prefer to not start interventions, team read, specials, etc. right at 8:30 (can be difficult to get the little ones ready quickly and where you need to be)

-would prefer an hour of uninterrupted lit block if possible

-still like recess before lunch

8:00 - 8:15 - Final Team Meeting Ideas

- 1. MLP Sign-up**
- 2. MLP Clean-up**
- 3. Report Card/Comment Questions for each other**
- 4. iPad pick-up all together! Fun!**
- 5. Reflect on what went well this year and what are our goals/next steps for the upcoming year.**