

We are off and running with the school year! We are four full weeks into the school year, so students are settled into classes, with expectations set and fully engaged in the curriculum. As part of our school improvement process, reading comprehension has been a focus across all curriculum areas, and in classroom observations, I can see staff making a conscious effort in reading instruction.

Clubs and Activities are also in full swing. The Stu Council promoted an activity fair during lunch the last week of August prior to most clubs' first organizational meeting date. It was great to see what the clubs used for promotional items and the questions from the students who were unsure what each club did.

NSCAS/MAPS - Math, English, and Science teachers have administered the appropriate assessments to their classes. We will use this assessment data to determine where our students are academically and next steps. In the MS, we will use the data for interventions with Mrs. Camenaind. She has used the initial assessment along with DIBELS to determine who will qualify for intervention time throughout the semester.

In-Service - We are very grateful that our school calendar allows us to meet as a staff once a month. September in-service agenda included a mentoring meeting, School Improvement work, department team meeting, Fun Force organizational time, and work time for staff. A lot of work goes into preparing for these days to make sure we have a good balance of informational material, collegial conversations, and work time for staff. I'm really excited about our October in-service as the School Improvement Committee is preparing mini-sessions of professional development for our staff.

College Fairs - Big Thank You to Whitney Armstrong for getting our college fair toolkit prepared. Patrick and I have both already attended a few college fairs to meet and greet the next generation of educators. NBC is set up with a nice tablecloth, vertical signage, informational flyers, and a few goodies. I have been attending these college fairs for a while now, and the signage and tablecloth truly help make the opening of a conversation so much easier for the college student and us.

Homecoming - Homecoming celebrations start next week. The cheer and dance squads have already put in a ton of effort to prepare for the festivities. This year's theme is HocoChella.

Each day has a theme, which we encourage our students and staff to participate in as we build excitement throughout the week. The week will end with the homecoming football game, which will kick off at 6:30 PM, followed by the coronation and the homecoming dance.