



CENTER DRIVE SCHOOL

HOME OF THE EAGLES

To: Members of the School Committee

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Keep your fingers crossed that May will bring warm, drying days. I would like to thank all of the parents that worked on the fields and snack shack over April vacation, getting us ready for Spring and Summer sports.

I will be starting the Kindergarten thru Grade 4 class lists this month. I will meet with teachers to gather information on their students, including their academic levels and behavioral needs. This information will then be used to create the lists, making sure that students are evenly distributed among teachers for a balanced classroom. Teachers will then have the opportunity to review these lists for accuracy during the upcoming in-service day.

Work with the Assessment Literacy workshop that the 4 trainers have been participating in has continued. On Friday, April 15th, middle school math teachers met for the day and created a document that identified the power standards and indicators with expected mastery for students in grades 5-8. On Tuesday, April 26th, middle school ela teachers did the same. Unpacking these standards, ensuring that everyone has a similar understanding of the standard and what it is expecting, is a tedious, yet important task. This work will focus our teachers on what is important to not only instruct on, but actually assess. We will continue with this work during our May Inservice.

Following the Teacher Evaluation Procedure adopted by the Board in the Fall, all probationary teachers have had 2 formal observations and 4 mini observations. One additional mini observation must be completed by May along with the Summative Effectiveness Rating completed. All continuing contract teachers have had 2 mini observations completed to date. One additional mini observation along with the Summative Effectiveness Rating needs to be completed. This system has allowed me, to date, to be in the classroom for a total of approximately 37.5 hours of time, focused directly on instruction and management! This time does not include the meetings with teachers for pre and post conferencing, discussions on the goals and slo's or the writing up of the observations. More work to come! I continue to be impressed with the fabulous lessons I observe, both announced and unannounced, and the professional discussions that take place with the teachers.

Enjoy the upcoming Spring weather!