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YEAR'S END IS NEITHER AN END NOR A BEGINNING, BUT A GOING ON, WITH ALL THE WISDOM THAT EXPERIENCE CAN INSTILL IN US.—HAL BORLAND

YOU CAN TEACH A STUDENT A LESSON FOR A DAY; BUT IF YOU CAN TEACH HIM TO LEARN BY CREATING CURIOSITY, HE WILL CONTINUE THE LEARNING PROCESS AS LONG AS HE LIVES.—CLAY P. BEDFORD

IF PEOPLE DID NOT DO SILLY THINGS, NOTHING INTELLIGENT WOULD EVER GET DONE.—LUDWIG WITTGENSTEIN

We have 10 school days left and when we all pull together; we will make them great days. Provide constant reminders throughout the day about staying on task and following rules and procedures. Many students need this reminder.

This Monday, the counselors from Wade Carpenter will be delivering copies of the registration forms for our 5th graders who will attend Wade Carpenter. They have mass registered them already in Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. The students will only be selecting their two electives and one alternate. The counselors will take the returned forms and enter their classes in Powerschool for the students. They will enroll students in honor classes based on their AZmerit scores and recommendations from their 5th grade teachers so we also need a list of honors recommendations **from the teachers**. We would like to collect the forms on Wednesday afternoon.

We have the final Character Counts lessons today. Thanks for Edith, Michele and Rene for getting this Tier I instruction on the program to all students. It builds a great base for these last ten days, and next year!

Our Azella scores came in last Thursday, and I emailed them out already. Our reclassification rate was 26.4%, which is lower than last year's rate of 29%. Our making progress rate was 54%, which is lower than last year's rate of 58%. We are not allowed to share it out yet, so this is just information for us.

I sorted, labeled, and graphed the data by school, by grade level, and finally by teacher level. Please use this data to create next year's class lists and reflect on our instructional delivery and programs. I have already talked with some of you about how what we did impacted our students. This is great information for next year.

DIBELS continues and Galileo K-2 makeups will be taken care of today. Students can work on Imagine Learning in computer lab time. Imagine Learning is back on as regularly scheduled. This is a good opportunity for students to be engaged and easy to manage.

Our STEAM Night is this Wednesday. Please let Tania know if any of your students said they would like to be there to describe their projects. It is our first time, and each year should be better and better.

Any student attending gets a "No Uniform" coupon, and staff attendance is not required, but a nice bonus for the students who are there.

Santa Cruz River art projects: Please select the top 3 from each class. Wednesday is the absolute last day to submit them, and sooner is better. We can post the remaining ones in the cafeteria for STEAM Night next week.

We are not having library specials any more. Alicia needs to collect and account for the library and textbooks. Please set up a time with her to turn in textbooks. Any student owing a textbook or library book will not get the report card. We will provide you with the list of which report cards to withhold.

Let me know if you don't know whether or not you received a package with **Important Information regarding our health insurance benefits and Open Enrollment Period (April 11-May 20)**.

I included a list of staff assignments for next year in last week's memo. There's not enough room to include here again, so if you don't remember, check out last week.

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Grade level leaders—please send me a copy of the notes you took at the cross grade level team meetings last week.

End of year forms were emailed last week. I do want all staff, classified and certified, to turn in the forms before going home for the summer. Anything that doesn't apply to you, we will indicate with N/A on the form.

Prop 123—the May 17 election day is coming soon. I sent some information home to parents. Do your part and talk to everyone you know about voting. The passing or failing of this proposition will have big impact, so spread the word!

I have heard a definite yes from one teacher and a maybe from another for the math professional development program called LIMES Project: Leadership Institute for Mathematics in Elementary Schools. We need to have a solid team of at least three teachers to be able to participate. I hope we can send a team, because this is a great training opportunity for us and our students. Please check your email and let me know.

Thanks to those who have already turned in the safety procedures for areas you supervise. If you haven't, please get that to me this week.

Parent Volunteers: Please include the names of parents who went on a field trip with your class. This is the time to show our appreciation for any and all levels of help, to promote an increase in parent volunteers in the future. Extracurricular clubs sponsors should also submit names— anyone who helped at an event, organize, attend a parent meeting, etc should be included.

I will be collecting the blue slips your students have received this year. I am using this as documentation, along with planning for next school year. Be sure to keep them in a safe place to turn in at the end of the school year.

Have a great week—make each day count in continuing to increase our Hawks' skills and knowledge, and prepare for the next grade level and their future.

The safety committee is meeting tomorrow morning to review and update emergency plans for different scenarios. I have given those of you attending copies of what we will be looking at. Don't get overwhelmed—there's more than we will be able to tackle in one session.

Upcoming events

5/9 Character Counts lesson; Gov Bd study session Pierson 3pm; DIBELS continues

5/10 Safety committee work on Emergency Plan; STEAM Projects due

5/11 Staff of year nom due; 3rd and 4th field trips; STEAM Family Night; last day to turn in SC River projects

5/12 CST mtgs; 4th gr field trip

5/13 Parent Volunteer recognition 1:30pm; SCC River Art Exhibition 6:30-8:30pm Americana Hotel

5/16 STUCO/Cheer field trip; Grilled lunch; Field Day K-2 12-1pm, 3-5 1:15-2:15pm

5/17 Prop 123 election; Hawk of the Month lunch with principal; Yearbook signing 8am; Report cards due; Pierson Graduation 5:30pm

5/18 Cumulative Folders must be done; 5th grade Transition 1:30pm; WCMS Transition 6pm

5/19 Walk to School; Kinder Transition 1:30pm; DSMS Transition 6pm

5/20 No Uniform; Honors Assembly K-2 8am; 3-5 8:30; Sack Lunches; ER 10am; Last Day of School;

NHS Graduation 6pm

5/23 Gov Bd mtg 5pm

5/30 Memorial Day