

Mr. McClure's Weekly Blog

Week of: January 11 - January 15

Week 22

“The Principal’s Post”

MVVGB

Mission - Vision - Values - Goals - Beliefs

“Clearly defining who you are as a person and as an organization, and why you are engaged in the endeavor of building and sustaining achievement for all students, provides the greatest hope for success.” - Alan Blankstein

Over the past several weeks we have been introducing, in turn, the new “MVVGB” of SMS ([click here](#)). The exciting aspect of our redefined principles is the collaborative effort and input of the entire staff. We have committed to acting in accordance with these principles, and the synergism that is resulting is creating a better school.

To put a “fun spin” on our serious intentions, each day this week the students will view a short video clip to introduce each respective principle. We think we have found an appealing way, one in which students will enjoy and talk about, to educate them about our focus and intent for their learning and achievement.

MVVGB staff shirts will be worn on “theme days” throughout the rest of the year, and into the next, to continually remind and reinforce these principles to everyone. As we move forward, and as these principles will guide our teaching and decision making, regular acknowledgement and celebration of these principles have the power to make our school increasingly positive and purposeful.

STUDENT CONVOCATIONS

This week I will be holding my third series of convocations with the students, in their respective teams, to provide some “second quarter/first semester feedback.” Since I last met with them (reference: “The Principal’s Post” - week 11), we have completed the second grading period which brought our first semester to a close. Since last meeting with them, the date of our 2010 ISTEP+ testing window has continued to quickly approach.

It is with great pleasure that I will be congratulating them, again, regarding their efforts in further reducing the total number of discipline

referrals to the office this year in comparison to the number of discipline referrals from last year at this time.

However, I will caution them to remember the “Three R’s” and to “stay focused” as they move into the second semester. We observed a slight increase in discipline referrals to the office from the 7th and 8th graders this second quarter against their first quarter efforts. The 6th grade students continue to be on a scorching pace as they reduced the number of total discipline infractions by two this second quarter in comparison to the first quarter.

In short, they continue to show dramatic improvement in their efforts this year over last year, but they regressed slightly this second quarter when compared to their first quarter efforts.

I am going to continue to remind them about their homework and academic effort. Your added reminders and encouragement at home are also appreciated!

Please inquire with your child as to what we discussed. (To view the power point that I shared with the students, please [click here](#).)

FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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2010 ISTEP+ TEST COUNTER

This week: T-minus 36, 35, 34, 33

THIS WEEK’S OWLSTANDING QUOTE:

“The one quality that all successful people have is the ability to take on responsibility.”

THIS WEEK’S PROJECT WISDOM THEME:

“Overcoming Obstacles: Stumbling Blocks or Stepping Stones”



Until next week,