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# WAPAKONETA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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**September 25, 2018**

**Subject: Principal's Report**

## Updates:

**DLT/BLT Goals:** Currently, WMS has two building focuses:

- Promote high expectations for students with extra help and time; provide interventions for at-risk students
- Engage in data-driven, continuous improvement through strong leadership and quality professional development

**Progress:** The Building Leadership Team has worked together to identify strategies and action steps to achieve these goals. So far this year, we have worked on a building plan to orient new co-teaching teams, completed one set of peer-to-peer observations, developed a plan for pulling students from band and choir for intervention, read chapters one through eight of the *Power of ICU*, and instructed on how to read and use the Measures of Annual Progress (MAP) class report. We have generated a great deal of momentum through our TBTs and in building professional developments. The building staff is working towards a common goal. TBT time has also been used to discuss new interventions, building relationships with students, and building relationships with each other.

**Power of ICU:** As a building, we are studying the book *Power of ICU*. Last week, we finished the first section. Its primary focus was how the zero based, grade system is not effective in motivating our apathetic students. Apathetic students would rather take a zero than be held accountable to completing the work at a high standard. Through our TBT discussions, teachers' beliefs were challenged as they reflected on their own practices. The book has generated thoughts about what we need to know, what we are worried about, what we, as a building, can sustain, as well as what excites us about this philosophy.

**Item Release Party:** Ok, so maybe it isn't your traditional party, but our tested subject area teachers had the opportunity to get together to look at the 2018 released questions. Teachers identified the standards being questioned, the vocabulary students needed to answer the questions, the preparedness of the students for the questions, and the data that informs our teaching. We also used the time to look at the state report card and MAP data.

**Action Team Day:** On Tuesday, September 11, we had our first committee meetings with the following action teams: PBIS/Character Card Committee, Attendance and Discipline Committee, and our Data Committee. We focused on the following topics:

- PBIS/Character Card Committee: We discussed our positive behavior programs which include our Character Cards. We discussed how we will reward our students that reach the school-wide goal at the end of each quarter.
- Attendance/Discipline Committee: We discussed data from last school year and created action steps for this year. We also discussed how we will reward our students with perfect attendance for each quarter as well as for the year.
- Data Committee: We discussed the process of providing systems to be able to identify student needs and the plans that would meet their needs. Similar to a doctor's office, we would be able to diagnose the problem areas and prescribe the right treatment plan to correct them.

**Mike Tizzano:** Wapakoneta Middle School had the amazing opportunity to host sculptor Mike Tizzano. For our students, he presented his progress in the creation of the Neil Armstrong bronze statue for downtown Wapakoneta, commissioned by the Armstrong Air and Space Museum Association and the City of Wapakoneta. He also presented for the community in an after school event. The bronze statue depicts Armstrong in his homecoming parade. Mike interacted and engaged with the audience, providing opportunities for questions and answers. Previous works of Mike's were also viewed.

**Other INFO:**

- PTO Fundraiser started September 18, 2018.
- Multiple planning meetings have been held for the Making Middle Grades Work Site Review in December.
- Next month, we will begin a fundraiser to benefit the community in its efforts for a new K-9 for the Wapakoneta Police Department. We will be working with Lieutenant Welker and retiring K-9 Ricco.
- Mercy Unlimited has partnered with our building to provide food, hygiene products, and clothes to students in need. We received our first delivery last week.
- Redskin Red Fridays have been well received. The first week 63% participated and the second week was 61%. A huge thank you to Coach Travis Moyer and Athletic Director Brad Rex for donating Redskin items for the students to wear.

**Upcoming Events:**

September 26, 2018 - Early Dismissal (Work to 4 PM)  
October 2, 2018 - PTO Fundraiser Ends  
October 5, 2018 - Full PD Day  
October 8, 2018 - PTO Meeting at 5:00 PM  
October 9, 10, & 11, 2018 - 5th Grade Field Trip to Aullwood  
October 10, 2018 - Picture Retakes  
October 12, 2018 - 6th Grade Field Trip to Symphony  
October 15, 2018 - 6th and 7th Math Release Party  
October 16, 2018 - DLT Meeting  
October 17, 2018 - MMGW Regional Workshop  
October 22-26, 2018 - Red Ribbon Week  
October 22, 2018 - WMS Fall Choir Concert at WHS PAC from 6:30-7:30 PM

October 22, 2018 - BLT  
October 23, 2018 - BOE Meeting at Cridersville at 7:00 PM  
October 26, 2018 - Red Ribbon Assembly  
October 26, 2018 - End of 1st Quarter  
October 30, 2018 - Grades due by 9:00 AM  
October 30, 2018 - Action Team Day  
November 5, 2018 - BLT  
November 12, 2018 - Veterans Day Assembly  
November 14, 2018 - Choir Auditions for Winter Solos from 3:10-4:30 PM  
November 15, 2018 - PTO Fundraiser Pick-up  
November 15, 2018 - Parent Teacher Conferences from 5-8 PM  
November 19, 2018 - Professional Development  
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November 20, 2018 - Staff Breakfast at 8 AM  
November 20, 2018 - Parent Teacher Conferences from 8 AM-3 PM  
November 21 - 23, 2018 - No School  
November 27, 2018 - BOE Meeting at WHS at 7:00 PM  
December 4, 2018 - MMGW Teacher and Student Interviews  
December 6, 2018 - MMGW Site Review  
December 10, 2018 - Choir Concert at WHS PAC from 6:30-7:30 PM  
December 11, 2018 - MMGW Site Review Snow Date  
December 11, 2018 - Mary Poppins, Jr. Auditions from 3-5 PM  
December 14, 2018 - 7th Grade Choir to Wapakoneta Manor  
December 18, 2018 - BOE meeting at BOE Office at 5:00 PM  
December 21, 2018 - Spelling Bee in WMS auditorium at 9:30 AM  
December 21, 2018 - Group Photos in gym from 1-3 PM



