



Whittier Education Campus --- January 30 – February 03, 2012

Thought for the Week

“Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news. The good news is that you don’t know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is!”
-- Anne Frank

BEST PRACTICES OF THE WEEK

Literacy

1. Reading
2. Literacy Work Stations
3. Guided Reading
4. Complex Texts
5. Use of Academic Vocabulary

Monday, January 30, 2012

Collaborative Planning (All teachers) – 8:10 AM

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Collaborative Planning (All teachers) – 8:10 AM

Wednesday, February 01, 2012

Collaborative Planning (All teachers) – 8:10 AM

Thursday, February 02, 2012

Awards Ceremony

Friday, February 03, 2012

No School for Students

Professional Development Day for Teachers

Teacher Reminders

-- Please remember that reporting time is 8:00 AM. Please adhere to the rule.

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Game Plan of the Week

COLLABORATIVE PLANNING WEEKLY FOCUS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
01/30	01/31	02/01	02/02	02/03
PS – Flowers	PS – Hamilton	PS – Gwanfogbe	PS – Bacon	Professional Development Day
K-2 – Nelson	K-2 – Corbitt	K-2 – Hamilton	K-2 – Duncan	
3-5 – Brazey	3-5 – Mann	3-5 – Davis	3-5 – Hamilton	
6-8 – Scruggs	6-8 – Perotti	6-8 – Scott	6-8 – Ola	

JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 3, 2012

STEM Focus: Integrated Lessons/Project Based Learning

Data Focus: How to Prepare Students for Standardized Tests (PD in Focus)

Reading Focus: PIA Brief Constructed Response Scoring (Reading)

Mathematics Focus: PIA Brief Constructed Response Scoring (Mathematics)

DIBELS MOY TESTING AND PROGRESS MONITORING

All staff in charge of Dibeling has completed Dibeling. However, please push hard to complete TRCs. The expected deadline is January 31, 2012. NO exceptions. Remember our goal for the year is 70% as it relates to TRC. I know we can make it happen!! Thank you for working as a team to complete this very important task.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Please plan to attend the awards assembly to be held on Thursday, February 2, 2012. Grades K-3 will attend at 9 am while 4th grade through grade 8 will attend at 1.

STAFF ATTENDANCE

As a reminder, staff attendance is a direct correlation to student achievement. Whittier’s staff attendance rate continues to decrease as the year progresses. It is imperative that staff members report to work as expected. On days, when there are 6 or more staff REQUESTING leave, it truly becomes a hardship for the school, thus, please be aware of unapproved leave requests after the sixth leave request per day. Many staff is out due to various reasons, however, attendance must improve in order to reach our full potential as a staff.

DISCIPLINE REFERRALS

If you need to send students to Ms. Williams for disciplinary reasons, please ensure they have a written referral with them.

BCR INITIATIVE

Please plan to have another student BCR completed by your students by Thursday, February 2, 2012. They are to be submitted to Ms. Moore-Williams by cob Thursday, February 2, 2012. Please present them to her ready to be hung in the breezeway. Please put the background paper on them, scores, etc.

GRADE LEVEL INSTRUCTIONAL WALK THROUGHS

Grade level instructional walkthroughs will begin again in January starting with 6th grade teachers. We will continue to improve our instructional program at Whittier. Therefore, please plan to participate in instructional walkthroughs that will occur once per month during your planning period. The schedule is attached for the month of January. Please take this time to improve and reflect on your educational practice. Please plan to do the walkthrough with a member of the administrative team. There will be a schedule coming out for that. The walkthroughs will last approximately 10-15 minutes with a short debrief.

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BURST INSTRUCTION

Burst Groups

- The total number of Burst groups should be equal to the total number of K-3 classrooms in a school
- Burst groups should receive instruction ***daily***. Burst lessons are approximately 30 minutes.
- Progress monitoring measures are built in to the 10-day Burst lesson plans. The progress monitoring measures are typically DIBELS subtest measures (ISF, NWF, etc.) and occasionally a Burst-specific measure.
- Burst kits should be available for every educator delivering Burst instruction. Each teacher in grades K-3 should have a Burst kit.

DUTY

All teachers except for 7th and 8th grade teachers are expected to report to duty every week. Please make sure YOU are on TIME to allow for smooth transitions.

SAFETY MEASURES

A couple of reminders:

1. Please continue to ensure your students are in a straight line while transitioning through the building. Students should always be supervised in the hall and classroom
2. As it relates to all 6-8 grade teachers, no back packs should be in classes. They should be in students' lockers as well as cell phones.

PD DAY

Please plan to be ready to begin at 8:30 AM.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!