A PEEK INTO 2017-18

PRINCIPAL COFFEE - MAY 23, 2017



STARTING WITH START TIMES...

- WE STILL DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER ON THIS. THE DISTRICT WILL MAKE A DECISION BY JUNE 15TH. WE MIGHT START AT 8... OR 9... OR SOMETHING CLOSE TO OUR CURRENT START TIME.
- WE WILL HAVE A 75 MINUTE EARLY DISMISSAL EVERY WEDNESDAY. THESE TIMES WILL BE USED FOR TEACHER COLLABORATION.

NEW CURRICULUM

• NEW ELA CURRICULUM – CENTER FOR THE COLLABORATIVE CLASSROOM: PART OF THE CCC COLLABORATIVE LITERACY SUITE OF PROGRAMS, MAKING MEANING PROVIDES A FULL YEAR OF RESEARCH-BASED INSTRUCTION FOR GRADES K—8 THAT HELPS TEACHERS DEEPEN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF BEST PRACTICES FOR TEACHING COMPREHENSION AND VOCABULARY. THE CURRICULUM INTENTIONALLY COMBINES ACADEMICS WITH SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH STUDENTS LEARN TO COLLABORATE, AGREE AND DISAGREE RESPECTFULLY, AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR OWN LEARNING. CAREFULLY SELECTED NONFICTION AND FICTION READ-ALOUD TRADE BOOKS PROVIDE A RICH, REWARDING EXPERIENCE AS STUDENTS ENCOUNTER INCREASINGLY COMPLEX TEXTS AND BUILD THEIR VOCABULARY.

PHASING IN NEW SCIENCE STANDARDS

- NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS:
- <u>HTTPS://WWW.NEXTGENSCIENCE.ORG/SITES/DEFAULT/FILES/PARENTGUIDE%20GRADES%20KT02%20</u> -%20GENERAL.PDF
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HOMEROOM DATA PORTAL SYSTEM

 TM PILOTED THIS SYSTEM ON A SMALL SCALE THIS SPRING. NEXT YEAR IT WILL BE ROLLED OUT TO ALL TEACHERS, ALLOWING THEM TO MORE QUICKLY AND EASILY LOOK AT A STUDENT'S DATA IN ONE PLACE TO MONITOR THEIR PROGRESS.

EQUITY WORK

 STAFF WILL CONTINUE A FOCUS OF EXAMINING OUR BIASES AND LEARNING TO IMPLEMENT CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE TEACHING STRATEGIES. OUR SUMMER READ BOOK WILL BE <u>CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE</u> <u>TEACHING AND THE BRAIN</u> BY ZARETTA HAMMOND.

SOCIAL STUDIES

- WE HAVE RE-APPLIED FOR OUR SOCIAL STUDIES WAIVER. THE REVIEW COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO MEET
 IN EARLY JUNE AND GIVE US THEIR RESPONSE SHORTLY AFTER.
- WE PLAN TO CONTINUE OUR WORK IN DEVELOPING AND ALIGNING SS CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENTS
 ACROSS GRADE LEVELS. WE HAVE A PLAN TO INCREASE COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS THROUGH A SS
 NEWSLETTER EACH TRIMESTER AND A DISPLAY ILLUSTRATING THE SOCIAL STUDIES PROGRESSION SO
 PARENTS CAN SEE HOW THE CURRICULUM BUILDS ACROSS GRADE LEVELS.

QUESTIONS?