

Date: January 24, 2016

To: LES Staff

Fr: Tim Stinson

Re: Informational Update the week of 1/25/2016

Greetings everyone. Here is our update for this week. Go Patriots!!!

Tim's schedule for the week: I will be at Line School for the majority of this week. On Wednesday, I will be at WES in the afternoon with instructional staff participating in CITW training. On Thursday, I will be at Shapleigh Memorial from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

Early release this Wednesday: Here is one final reminder regarding our early release this week. You all should have received a district email from Central Office around 12:00 PM on January 23rd with all details. Please reference that email and make sure you come prepared to participate as detailed. In addition, instructional staff will have our scheduled staff meeting at WES following the training (location TBD).

Ed Techs: Please sign up through Inservice for your choice of topics:

- MS/HS Behavior Management & Support Techniques 12-2pm @ MMS Rm. 103
- MS/HS Dealing w/Anxiety 12-2pm @ MHS East training center
- MS/HS Professional Look @ Child Abuse @ MMS Rm. 114
- K-5 Behavior 101 1-3pm @ MMS Rm. 124
- K-5 Adverse Childhood Experiences 1-3pm @ MMS Rm. 118
- K-12 CPR/First Aid 12:30-3:00 @ MMS Rm. 120

Guidance Staff, Nursing Staff & any other PLCs not included in above groups: Please submit your agendas to Lori Lodge.

Staff meeting agenda:

1. Recess SOP final review and feedback (Tim will provide draft copy no later than Tuesday afternoon for advance review)
2. Technology mini-lesson: setting iPad restrictions: Tim
3. MEA assessment: what we know so far.

Welcome Jason Decker: I would like to officially welcome Jason Decker who will be providing interim tech support while the technology department transitions with permanently replacing Ben. Jason will be at Line School on M/W/F from 8-12 and will be at Shapleigh during the same time on T/Th. His district email is jasondecker@rsu57.org. Until we have a permanent replacement, please send any requests for service directly to Jason via email and cc Tim (Line requests) and Marisa (Shapleigh requests) rather than completing a tech work order. We will continue to follow our established procedure for iPad app requests using the app request form in place.

Running records reminder: This is just a reminder that running records need to be complete and submitted to Tim and Marisa by January 30th.

MEA assessment information: Assessment information is starting to be shared at the state level. Available at <http://www.maine.gov/doe/assessment/math-ela/administration/index.html> are grades 3-8 sample practice test items for both Mathematics and Reading in pdf documents. Writing practice items are due to be posted on 1/27/16. Nothing has yet been released in digital format for electronic practice using technology in the manner in which students will be testing.

“Pasta Love Around” community dinner: We are still collecting RSVPs for the dinners this week through the end of the day tomorrow. Please place any forms returned to you in Melissa Knight’s mailbox. If you are available to lend a helping hand at either of the dinners, please let Melissa Knight know as soon as possible.

Video link to share: With the focus of our early release being “CITW: helping students develop understanding,” here is a link to a video specific to this topic for your reference.

http://video.ascd.org/services/player/bcpid18377529001?bckey=AQ~~.AAAAAmGjiRE~.escbD3Me8-wT_coVb7sTe18vG6vv3Oyk&bctid=2350468965001

Upcoming Events:

1/11 – 2/12	NWEA window is open	
1/26	“Pasta Love Around” spaghetti dinner	5:30 PM
1/27	Early Release: Classroom Instruction That Works	12:30 PM student dismissal
1/28	“Pasta Love Around” spaghetti dinner	5:30 PM
1/30	Running Records due	

2/2	School Spirit: Crazy Hair Day (grade 1)	2:00 PM Assembly
2/10	Early Release: On-Demand Scoring	12:30 PM
2/11	PTC Sponsored Valentine's Craft and Cookies	6:30 – 7:30 PM
2/12	Mid-year Everyday Math assessment due	
2/15 – 2/19	Winter Break	

Thanks for listening and have a great week!

- Tim