MIDDLE SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

August 2025

MATH AND ELA DATA MEETINGS

Middle School Math and ELA teachers met on September 11th for their first Data Meeting of the year. Data (STAR, grades, & attendance) was analyzed, then Math and ELA Lab Classes were altered to reflect those students that needed to be moved in for extra help. A few students who were already seeing success will be moved out of their Lab Class at the end of the 1st quarter.

PBIS BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION

On August 29th, students who had collected at least 10 tickets were treated to a cold treat and time on the playground. Students earned tickets by taking responsibility the first few weeks of school. What does that look like? Having all of your supplies in class, getting your homework turned in on time, cleaning up after yourself, etc. The PBIS team wanted to help the students hit the ground running and give them feedback for a strong start by acknowledging their positive behavior. In the past they had to wait until the end of October for that acknowledgement. Only 4 students didn't participate (even though they had ample opportunity to meet the goal). The students had loads of fun playing basketball on the new courts and getting to hang out with their friends, and of course, ice cream!

FAMILY NIGHT

On September 10th, ICMS hosted our 2nd Annual Family Night. In an attempt to bring families together, teachers had short activities ready (related to their content area) that families could do together. Activities included trivia, experiments, art projects, and even a chance to challenge mom and dad to a game of Pickleball. Students led their families throughout the school, showing them their lockers (as they look 4 weeks into school), some posted projects, resources for their parents, and their classrooms/teachers. About 30 students brought family members, from siblings all the way to grandparents. This was a wonderful surprise compared to last year's Family Night which brought in 10 students and their families.

TOO GOOD FOR DRUGS

Chestnut Health Systems out of Bloomington has started their annual "Too Good for Drugs" curriculum with our 6th and 7th graders. They are presenting 1 lesson each week, during Science, for 12 to 13 weeks. Chestnut Health Systems is also a partner in CPAC, which provides the mentoring program for the sophomores.

PBIS FUNDRAISER KICKOFF

Wednesday, September 17th will be the PBIS Fundraiser kickoff for this year. We listened to families that had "fundraiser fatigue" and arranged a simple donation based fundraiser through a national company. The goal is to have this fundraiser eventually happen bi-annualy. The funds help us pay for the PBIS activities like the ice cream treats on the playground, field trips, activities, and student recognition..

IAR DATA NOW AVAILABLE

IAR Data was released September 10th.. In order to take a deeper dive and give a more thorough summary, this will be presented at the October Board Meeting. The preliminary review is encouraging!

Coming Events

9/29 - First home MS Girls Basketball Game

10/2 - Career Spark Peoria - 8th Graders

10/8 - P/T Conferences - 4 to 8 pm

10/9 - P/T Conferences - 4 to 8 pm

10/10 - No School

10/13 - No School - Columbus Day