

## ILLINOIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

### OCTOBER 2014 BOARD REPORT

As we approach the end of the first quarter we're proud of the success that students and staff have created with implementing the new schedule. Staff and students continue to make strides setting and reaching high standards. We're proud of the fact that the majority of our students are proficient in the core subjects and for those students that are not, we've built an intervention period that provides extra support in re-teaching and re-assessing content.

**Dan Fiske Memorial Day of Service:** On October 4<sup>th</sup> the IVHS students gave back to the community with a day set aside for community service projects around the valley. Skyla Patton (a senior) led the charge with developing and organizing this event which memorialized Dan Fiske, a local veterinarian that devoted his life to community service. These projects ranged from clean-up at Lake Selmac and The Forks, bench painting for the tough tracks event, clean-up around the high school and maintenance around Evergreen Elementary School. This day proved to be successful as well as a rewarding event with over half the student body willing to serve their community. We hope to continue this tradition in the years to come and make it an annual event.

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Program:** The 21<sup>st</sup> century after-school program continues to grow with providing academic support as well as enrichment classes for IV students four days a week. The enrichment classes are well attended and we have added a few classes including: All about Music, Welding, P90X, and Mountain Biking. Additionally, we look forward to implementing community education classes in Microsoft office and IPAD use for community members.

**Conferences and Cakes:** As we complete the first quarter we're gearing up for our first round of parent-teacher conferences. This year we're rolling out our theme of **Conferences and Cakes**. During conferences this year we will be hosting our parents and community members for conferences as well as serving pancakes. We want to encourage participation; the hope is by implementing this fun event it will encourage parents and community members to attend their student's conference. We're also going to give away a couple \$50 gas cards to parents that attend the fall conference. Additionally, to better support freshman as well as make-sure their off on the right foot we're going to schedule conferences with parents for those students that are "at-risk" of being credit deficient at the end of the first semester.

Thank you for your interest in Illinois Valley High School, we look forward to seeing you in our building so you too can see the great things the staff and student body are doing.

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