

## **Curriculum Director Report December 2019**

### **Capturing Kids Hearts**

The following people attended the 2 day training on Capturing Kids Hearts on December 3rd and 4th..

Mr. Bauer

Mrs. Millburg

Mrs. Mayhall

Ms. Hahnenkamp

Mr. Donahue

After the training all of us believe that we should implement this next school year.

On January 7th, David from the Flippen Group will be coming to answer questions and get the logistics of the training for next year.

#### **What is Capturing Kids Hearts?**

It is a set of procedures to build relationships, and then it provides tools to add to our tool belts.

Goal is to capture kids hearts and lead them to their personal best.

Reduce Anxiety will produce better achievement and less discipline.

This won't eliminate discipline issues!

#### **Are others in our area using it?**

Carlville, Staunton, and Litchfield are all using this.

We ended with a visit from Carlville Students. This is after a little more than 3 months. 4 of the students came along with their Spanish teacher and Principal.

Carlville Principal said had over 400 referrals last year at this same time. This year it was in the 200, and 80 some fewer tardies.

This is a class that have taken this training to a really high level.

Some of their comments.

I felt alone in a class of 30.

You can have the best curriculum in the world, but without the relationships you have nothing.

3 of them hated math. (Probably comes as a struggle for them). Now because of the relationships they have built, they like the class, just not math.

Some teachers do the bare minimum and some have bought in fully.

One of the students gave each student in Spanish 4 class with their name on sleeve, and LaFamilia on it. Year 2020. He mentioned that he was having personal issues at home, and his relationships with his classmates and teachers help him get through those tough times.

### **Science Curriculum**

We will be looking at new science curriculum. I am not sure that we will have a recommendation for next year or not. The district has not purchased any new K-8 curriculum with the new science standards. This doesn't have to be a textbook series. It could be STEM kits or hands on materials. In addition to look at new curriculum we need to be having K-12 vertical alignment discussions.

### **MAP Testing**

Lincoln and Pana Jr. High are doing MAP testing before the break. Pana High School and Washington School are doing it after break. Mrs. Matthews did something different and she pulled some of her Title Kids for the MAP test. She pulled kids that work slower, and are easily distracted. The reason for this is when they see their classmates finishing the anxiety level goes up. From the results that we have so far, this was pretty effective. This is something that we will look into for IAR testing.