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WJHS October 2025 Board Report

Grade Level Assemblies- Growth Mindset

In September, the focus of our grade level assemblies was “Effort over Outcomes.” Our message to students during this assembly was to place their focus on things that they can control such as hard work, determination, resilience, etc. instead of focusing on things that they may not be able to control like a particular grade or a specific outcome in a sport.

Book Study

We had twenty staff members participate in our study of the book *10 to 25: The Science of Motivating Young People*. This will be wrapping up on October 19.

Mentoring

We began a Monday morning mentoring program for students who were having a difficult time connecting with adults as well as peers. We decided to start small. Currently, we have 11 students who meet with staff on Monday mornings. It has been a very positive experience to this point.

Staff Member of the Month

Our September Staff member of the Month is 7th grade science teacher Jenny Vise. In addition to her teaching duties, Jenny has assumed responsibility for a lot of extra curricular activities such as: planning and planting a flower garden behind the school, serving as the student council coordinator, and being an active member of the PBIS (behavior supports) team.

Sports

- Baseball had a very successful season. Their accomplishments included winning conference, winning regionals, and finishing second at state in Marion.
- Softball also won the conference and regionals and qualified for state in Marion.
- Both Cross-Country teams won their conference and regional meets and will compete at state on October 18 in DuQuoin.