



FLEMING MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Board Briefing

Dear Members of the Board,

This has been a fantastic school year.

PBIS

The focus of this year was to re-establish and maintain our school-wide commitment to consistency. This is a phenomenal feat in any middle school. We are proud of the teamwork of all of the adults on our campus and below are just some of results of our hard work:

- We have taught approximately 30 school-wide PBIS lessons.
- We have visited PBIS expectations during every Late Start and most staff meetings with our staff.
- We have analyzed discipline data monthly with the staff to focus our PBIS efforts.
- We have experienced a reduction in major office referrals by 15% during the first two trimesters from this year over last year.

Intentional Relationships

Building relationships is an integrate part of human success whether it is with students or with colleagues. I believe the structure of our grade level teams enhances our ability to form and maintain these relationships. Teachers met every two weeks and analyzed individual students to identify students who are struggling academically or behaviorally. These team meetings also resulted in the recognition of student success.

During our last Late Start, we were able to meet in our grade level teams in order to identify supports we have in place for struggling students. These systems will be analyzed for each student and the supports will continue to be in place next year as the students move to the next grade level.

Academic Improvement

Our students made tremendous growth this school year. We are looking forward to the accumulation of the results of our OAKS testing as a whole. Individually we've watched our students all year to ensure personal growth.

Our focus of providing 52 minutes of non-interrupted instructional time for each period, propelled our students into academic success. The hard work of the Fleming Staff should be recognized as a whole. Collectively everyone has worked tirelessly to provide all students with the skills needed to be successful. High expectations throughout all curricular areas are expected for all students. Everyone works together to give the students the support they need in order to meet these expectations.

Fleming's Extracurricular Activities

Our track season was a success. We had over 60 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students participate. Fleming also took part in co-hosting the SOMSAC 6th Grade District Track Meet. All in all, we had several students who were very successful, three of which were named SOMSAC District Champions. I am really grateful for all of the volunteer coaches that have given endless hours supporting our students. I appreciate the efforts of Steve Brown, Maria Caruncho, Mark Higgins, and Rick Saeman.

Fleming students have been given other opportunities as well to showcase their talents. Our students were seen marching up 6th street during the Grants Pass Boat Nic Parade as well as the Magical Merlin Parade. Mr. Wilder

and his students performed outstandingly. We have also had Mrs. Hickey and her students' artwork displayed in various shows both at Fleming and throughout the Grants Pass and Merlin Communities.

On May 19 Fleming Middle School conducted the Honor Society Induction Ceremony. Several students were inducted including 11 8th graders as well as 16 7th graders. Sixth grade honorees were also given certificates at this time. Becca King organized and facilitated an amazing ceremony celebrating our students' academic success. I was very impressed with the maturity and composure of the student speakers who spoke publicly.

Fleming Middle School's Moving-On Ceremony

On June 8, 2011, Fleming celebrated the Moving-On ceremony. We had approximately 140 eighth graders receive certificates and recognition for their hard work at Fleming. Mr. Weiss from North Valley spoke to the students and personally handed each eighth grader a t-shirt welcoming them to North Valley High School. Our students did a fantastic job. They were enthusiastic and shined in the spot light.

Closing

I would like to express my appreciation to the entire school community. This is an amazing staff and student population. I appreciate everyone's willingness to keep the main goal of educating students as the focus of our efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to be the principal of Fleming Middle School. I will miss this staff, this community, and the students of Fleming. This truly is a special place to be.

Sincerely,

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