

4 September 2014

New Bridge High School started our school year off on Monday, 18 August. Here is some of our data:

- Since 25 June, 27 students have left and 28 new students have arrived.
- Summer school was scheduled from 7 to 31 August.
- Summer instruction included an HQ Language Arts, Math, Science and Art teacher, we also included guitar as an elective option.
- Rogue Valley Youth Correctional Facility has remained above our budgeted allocation of 100 youth and have averaged 103 youth for the last two months.
- NBHS is currently providing education for 89 high school students.
- We also provide some form of educational services for the 14 post high school students.
- NBHS added a full time Social Studies teacher to our schedule due to OYA finally setting a clear direction for RVYCF and the State finally stabilizing our funding. Having a HQ teachers instead of OdysseyWare teach Social Studies is a tremendous blessing.

During our In-Service week (12 – 15 August), three PD training's were conducted:

- On Wednesday, 13 Aug., Jeff Jarvis reviewed our extensive server updates and provided training for our new Vision Pro software that is our third level of computer security.
- On Thursday, 14 Aug., Kate Dwyer provided an extensive overview of all the possibilities of the digital Josephine Community Library. Library cards were issued and several sources identified for teacher resources.
- On Friday, 15 Aug., OYA provided extensive training on Personal Safety and Defense for the NB staff.

Teachers have reviewed the school wide expectations for the 3 B's and presented their course syllabit to their students. Teachers have also prepared their scope and sequence based on the standards for instruction this semester. All we need to do now is catch the attention of our students and motivate them to engage in their education and embrace the concepts of thinking and learning. This is often a difficult challenge for many, since many have not been in much schooling for the last 3 to 5 years. Our challenge is to replace the street smart with state standards so during their short duration stay, positive learning growth is measured.

Kairos:

Although Kairos has a new building to provide mental health care and educational services to 12 students, we are starting our school year at the "old" facility because the new building on Nebraska St. has not received the occupancy permit. The education team worked hard over the summer to move, sort and establish a great learning environment at our new setting. Time will tell when we can begin teaching our students in it.