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Principal's Report

Hidden Valley High School

Celebration/Nuts/Bolts-

The start of school has been exciting to all here at Hidden Valley. There is a buzz around the campus among both parents and students in regards to some of the great things happening here at HVHS. Adding a couple of additional staff to the mix here at HVHS has been exciting for our school. The late start on Friday is going to prove valuable for collaboration as we press forward with improving graduation rates. As you all know our turf project is gaining ground. We are taking steps to finish our football/soccer complex in the next couple of weeks. Installation has been scheduled and our maintenance folks and community construction companies have stepped up to finalize the preparation for completion. Our fall athletic teams in football, volleyball, soccer, and cross country have all started their seasons with good participation numbers. A huge shout out goes to all of our coaches that dedicate so much time and energy to helping our student athletes be successful.

- Enrollment is right about where we were last year at this time.
- The process has started in gaining community volunteers to lead an enrichment on Wednesdays. We have had a good response.
- PLC groups are looking at last year's data and exploring multiple points that will enable direction for improvement.
- Our custodial staff did a fantastic job over the summer getting the building ready for staff and students... kudos to them!
- Curriculum and instruction is a priority with our administration. It is our goal to work side by side with teachers as our building focus is doing whatever it takes to get students over the hurdle of meeting every student's potential.
- We were able to budget and purchase a new Chromebook mobile lab for our school this summer. This is very exciting as it will greatly increase opportunities for our students. Mr. Powers and his Business Math classes will be the first of many to use the lab with the help of Mr. Saunders our Tech Coach. This class will be completely self-paced and the Chrome lab will positively impact student learning in this venue. Because of two additional wireless switches that were installed, some teachers will have the ability to use the lab in their classroom or if a teacher would like, they can take their class to the Chrome lab for more on-line use.
- Lastly, I would like to report that Del Hearn, a very talented local metal artist has helped our student body create a welcome sign that will hang on the front of our school. This hand hammered 3D copper landscape that includes running mustangs, mountains, water, and trees will be placed directly above our front entryway. Needless to say, we are super excited about this project- as it will be completed within the month.