

7-12 Principal's Report

October 2018

Curriculum & Instruction: We continue to work on instruction in all classrooms with such things as, bell-to-bell instruction and creating a positive and professional school environment for students and staff. Our independent consultants from the state came at the beginning of the month to observe and support our teachers and staff on the Continuing Improvement Cycle. Our teachers received a lot of positive feedback on implementing new strategies such as, walking around the classroom, using bell ringers, and exit tickets which all relate to the daily learning objectives.

We are promoting our tutoring for any subject after school from 3:30-5:00 pm in order to support student learning and provide more individual instruction for success.

An ACT study club has been created that works on studying for the ACT exam for juniors which meets every Monday.

Parent-Teacher conferences were held in the jr/sr high gym. This was a success as many parents were able to see all the teachers and not have to wait long to see teachers. We had an overall parent turnout of 65% for grades 7-12. We hope to increase this during the next parent teacher conference at the end of January. We gave away Rocky Boy Star gear in the form of t-shirts, a hoodie sweatshirt, and three school yearbooks.

Supervision & Evaluation: The curriculum coach and principal have been completing walkthroughs in the classrooms daily. I have spent about 20 hours this month on walkthroughs. We have been looking for bell ringers, learning objectives, classroom routines and procedures, and student engagement. We are working towards a goal of 80% of teachers demonstrating these on a regular basis in the classrooms. Teachers continue to focus on the "GOLD Instructional Framework" in their classrooms. The instructional coach has been meeting with teachers individually to help support teachers in their transition to the new framework. Our independent consultants have also been modeling strategies in the classrooms and then observing teachers and debriefing with them about what they saw and how they implemented the new strategy. This allows our teachers to try new strategies to help students learn and to develop the strategy over the next month when the independent consultant will again meet with the teacher to provide support. Teachers are standing outside of their classrooms greeting students as they enter more; however, we would also like to increase this percentage for all classes throughout the day.

The Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) have been meeting and will be looking at data this next month in order to direct instruction.

I attended the MCEL conference and training in Missoula with the elementary principal and superintendent. The three days were filled with a lot of information and ideas of how to improve student and family engagement in our school, such as twitter and personalized learning.

Culture & Language: Our Teepee Mondays continue and this month we had students sing in Cree during our time. We had a quill making class which 10-15 students participated and enjoyed the presentation. We are now implementing Tuesday activity nights which include such items as crafts, exercising, cooking, singing, and board games. We will be providing dinner to all those students who participate in the Tuesday activity night as well. Finally, on Wednesdays the FCS room will be providing a different activity each month; October- moccasins, November- jingle dresses, December-Star-quilts.

Behavior Management: Handbook policies continue to be enforced.

Our “STAR Awards” are given to students who demonstrate behaviors which support our four MBI pillars (Graduate, Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe) every Monday. The end of the quarter “STAR Awards” were given with first prize being a pair of Beats headphones, second prize a Havre Chamber of Commerce \$50 certificate, third prize a Havre Chamber of Commerce \$25 certificate, and the final prize was the choice of a volleyball or basketball. All STAR winners were excited to receive their prizes.

Our class attendance competition continues with 7th grade winning again this month with 88.5%; however, this was a 3.39% decrease. Seniors attendance came in second with 83.59%, which was a 1.09% increase over last month, and 8th grade was third with 82.9% which was a 1.2% increase in attendance. The 7th grade will be going to lunch again first for the second month in a row.

Students of the month - October: Kristie Parker and Tyler LaMere.

Daily Management: Work continues with Infinite Campus. We are still in the process of correcting addresses information. We are now ensuring that all credits are correct and on transcripts for every student 9-12. I am creating forms in Infinite Campus to run reports for eligibility and to track students’ grades finding those who need to attend our after-school tutoring Monday through Thursday.

We have included professional development opportunities during our weekly staff meetings on Mondays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Current enrollment for Jr. High - 92 students, High School - 119 students, Total enrollment 7/12 - 215 students (6 students have either transferred or dropped). We are gearing up for winter sports and are checking that all students’ grades, physicals, concussion forms, and athletic training rules are submitted and correct. High school basketball practice begins November 15 for both boys and girls. The junior high boys basketball season is well underway and they are playing well.