

## October Professional Development Opportunities in Morrow County School District

Morrow County will offer a variety of professional development opportunities for our educators during the month of October. Our communities, students, and families deserve the best teachers and the best possible instruction possible in every classroom.

Research confirms that the most important factor contributing to a student's success in school is the quality of teaching. Professional development is the most effective strategy schools and school districts have to meet this expectation.

The most effective type of professional development is job embedded and ongoing. It typically happens within a professional learning community model which promotes the engagement of teaching teams that focus on the needs of their students. Teachers learn and problem solve and work together in order to ensure all students achieve success. MCSD schools on a weekly basis ensure that staff have time to work together to focus on student learning. Schools on a monthly basis meet with staff to discuss student learning and/or monitor student learning to plan next steps for support.

<p><b>October 9, 2015 State Professional development day:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Journeys curriculum training</li> <li>• National Geographic ELL curriculum training</li> <li>• Behavior summit</li> <li>• Retention webinar</li> <li>• PD on engagement strategies</li> <li>• Technology Integration PD centered on google classroom</li> <li>• STEM-math, science inquiry PD</li> <li>• Lang. Arts Eastern Promise PLC</li> <li>• Health PLC</li> <li>• US History PLC</li> <li>• PD 360</li> <li>• Elementary School Para Professional development: Group management along with instructional strategies to keep students engaged.</li> </ul>	<p><b>October 20, 21, 22 Engage NY math professional development Coaching K-6:</b></p> <p>The purpose of the Instructional Coaching is to help educators better understand Engage NY curriculum and build teacher capacity through implementation of effective mathematical instructional practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers will work with coach to plan lesson demonstration</li> <li>• Coach will Model the lesson.</li> <li>• Teachers will provide descriptive feedback and ask questions</li> <li>• Coach will explain purpose and methodology</li> <li>• Teachers will gradually learn and take responsibility for improved instructional practice.</li> </ul>	<p><b>October 23, 2015: Stan Davis</b></p> <p><i>Stan's presentation will take place at Sage Center:</i></p> <p>Stan will address how schools can build positive behavior norms, respond to a reported incident of peer mistreatment, best support mistreated youth, and help mistreating youth change their behavior. Stan will facilitate the presentation with many resources and opportunities for open discussion focused on reducing mistreatment, building positive relationships, building resiliency, working with aggressive and mistreated youth and empowering witnesses to become peer allies.</p> <p>For more information on Stan Davis, please visit his website: <a href="http://www.stopbullyingnow.com/">http://www.stopbullyingnow.com/</a></p>
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