



FLEMING MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Things are going great at Fleming Middle School.

Our staff has been heavily involved professional development activities as we continue our journey implementing the new Common Core Standards and Proficiency Based Learning. While it is often difficult to be out of the class and/or out of the building as much as we have been, we are all on board with the changes and see this as an opportunity to enhance our practice to further the success of all Fleming students.

With the advent of our new "PBL" approach we have implemented an "intervention" period every day of the week to provide additional instructional time and time to make up or retake assessments. This intervention period coincides with our intramural program that occurs daily so that students do not miss regular instructional time by having to change bell schedules and reduce minutes from those class periods. In addition, we continue to offer our after school programs on Tuesdays and Thursdays for tutoring and additional instruction. Also, we have added a third after school opportunity on Wednesday afternoons that is specifically designed as a homework help session for students to complete homework assignments and get caught up on missing work. All of these opportunities are funded through our Gear Up grant.

Speaking of our Gear Up grant... we continue to promote high school success and post-secondary education through the funding and structure provided through this grant. We are in the 5th year of a six year grant that has afforded our students many opportunities that without it, would otherwise not been available. From college visits, to financial aid nights, to guest speakers, our 8th grade students come to know and understand what it takes not only to be successful in high school but also to understand the intricacies of qualifying for, applying to and financing post-secondary education. In addition, this grant has allowed us to pursue further monies focused directly on instructional technology for our classrooms. Fleming was recently the recipient of \$25,000 that paid for updating existing technology and upgrading our computer labs as well as purchasing new document cameras, projectors, laptops, and Promethean Boards. In planning for the present and the future, all classrooms that are currently utilized for instruction have a complete setup for projecting, integrating and enhancing student interaction and engagement during instruction.

Finally, the staff at Fleming works very diligently at providing opportunities outside of the normal realm of instruction to enhance student learning and increase student awareness of both opportunities and issues that surround them. From the "Page for a Day" program, where select students are provided the opportunity to sit in and work a day at the state legislature, to monthly visits from NV high students to discuss their experiences and the offerings at NV, we try to enhance their understanding of setting goals and working toward developing those goals and a establishing a vision for their futures.

We continue to experience great success here at Fleming and if you would like to visit or talk more about how and what we do please feel free to stop by or give me a call.

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