

Principal Highlights**ATCO**

- **Instruction**

- The second round of observations has begin.
- The focus for this round has been guided reading.
- Most observation are at Waterford for me this round.

- **Activities/Assemblies**

- Bucket Filler Jamboree- December 14th
 - The students had their first Bucket Filler Jamboree for the school year. In addition, the parents of the children that participated were invited to attend.
 - This is always a great event for the students!
- Polar Express Day- December 15th
 - The students participated in various activities for Polar Express Day.
- Birthday Celebrations- December 20th

- **Looking Ahead**

- Birthday Celebrations- January 31
- Commission for the Blind Vision Screenings (Kindergarten)- June 5th
- Dental Visit/Screenings- Dr. Anthony Leska. January 29 (9:45-12:45)
- Kindergarten Registration (all held at Waterford School)
 - March 20
 - April 24
 - May 22
 - June 7
 - 6p-8p at Atco School
 - June 14 (tentative ½ day schedule, if needed)

THOMAS RICHARDS

- **Instruction**

- NIEER Observations - National Institute for Early Education Research observed one teacher at each grade level (2nd and 3rd) to support high-quality lessons for early childhood education.
- Grade Level Meetings to discuss planning and student needs.

- **Activities/ Assemblies**

- Bucket Filler Awards shared with students weekly.
- Grade 3 Bullying Assembly held on November 22, 2017.
- Go Math Night held for parents on November 30, 2017.

- **Looking Ahead**

- Principal's Bucket Filler Lunch to be held on December 21, 2017.
- Dentist visits to all 3 schools in January or February (Date to be determined).
- Commission for the Blind to do Preschool Vision Screenings on May 24, 2018.

WATERFORD

- **Instruction**

- DOE Coaching Meeting with J. Lyons and B. Wharton - December 4th
- I&RS Meetings - December 5th

- Wildcat Workshop - Miscue Analysis with Candice Michelini - December 5th
- Coffee & Conversation - December 6th
- Code Blue Meeting with Nurse - December 6th
- District Rtl Meeting - December 6th
- IDE Visits & Meeting - December 6th
- Gr. 4 Grade Level Meeting - December 7th
- K-3 GT Committee Meeting - December 8th
- Parent/Teacher Conferences - December 11th-13th
- Administrative Meeting - December 13th
- WES Parent Interaction Meeting - December 19th
- Gr. 6 Grade Level Meeting - December 19th
- WES PARCC Committee Meeting - December 20th
- Gr. 5 Grade Level Meeting (AM) - December 20th
- Building Meeting - December 20th
- Budget review and preparation for 2018/2019

- **Activities/Assemblies**

- Gr.4-6 Winter Concert - December 14th
- LIFE Program - December 15th
- District Spirit Day - December 15th
- Monthly Birthday celebrations during lunch - December 20th
- WES Wildcat Grade Level Incentives - December 20th
- Project Happiness - December 21st
- Gr. 4 Holiday Party - December 21st
- Gr. 5 & 6 Holiday Parties - December 22nd
- WES Wildcat Ticket drawings for School-wide Positive Behavioral Supports - weekly on Fridays

- **Looking Ahead**

- New Year
- PARCC Testing

STUDENT SERVICES

- All students at Thomas Richards School have complete medical records.
- 39 families were provided gifts fro Christmas throuh the Giving Tree Program
- 20 Families received food for Christmas
- Code Blue Response meeting at W.E.S. was held
- CST & Counselors met with representatives from C.A.S.T.L.E. Program which has recently opened a behavioral health program in Voorhees.
- School Psychologist became a district rep for the Traumatic Loss Coalition and will be attending the Crisis Training in January; attended Camden County TLC meeting on December 11th.
- School Psychologist attended the NJASP - New Jersey Association of School Psychologists Winter Conference on December 8th. Workshops attended included a 21st Century model for Autism and supporting student in Developing Skills for Emotional Regulation.
- TB Records report has been completed and submitted
- Planning for a Title I Summer Program has begun. Criteria will be given to staff for recommendations f students.
- All teachers adminstering the DLM have completed their training

**WATERFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
CURRICULUM DEPARTMENT**

**MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS
DECEMBER 2017**

Professional Development

On December 1, staff participated in a full-day in-service. During this time, teachers received F&P Benchmark training, special education teachers worked on DLM's, guidance counselors worked on the district counseling plan, and enrichment teachers articulated with Hammonton enrichment teachers. Media specialists took part in a Destiny webinar/training during this time, while aides either attended CPR training or participated in a webinar, "Early Number Concepts: Turning Misconceptions into Meaning." Looking ahead, the February 2 half-day in-service will be dedicated to Danielson training, and February 16 will focus on data, dyslexia, and differentiation.

Ashley Power offered two Wildcat Workshops in December with a focus on Miscue Analysis for grades K-3. This workshop served as a follow-up training for F&P procedures. Teachers learned more about current research in miscue analysis, as well as practicing analyzing miscues.

On December 5, 2017, Julie Lyons attended an ELA K-3 workshop for administrators and teachers, hosted by the NJDOE. Candice Michelini attended the same session later in the month as well. This workshop outlined the key components that the Department of Education encourages districts to work toward when developing their ELA curriculum, with a focus on best practices in ELA instruction. The key components discussed are grounded in a balanced literacy model, and many of the Department's recommendations and expectations align closely with WTSD's approach to ELA instruction.

Julie attended the South Jersey Data Specialists Partnership and Camden County Curriculum Consortium meetings this month. The Consortium enjoyed a presentation from Camden Public Schools, with tips for organizing curriculum items for QSAC reviews. Barrington and Berlin School Districts shared innovative practices they have implemented in their districts, including a partnership with the Army to become "iSTEAM Ready" and integrating STEAM into classrooms through coaching.

Standards-Based Report Card Update

During the 12/1 in-service, teachers had the opportunity to work with their grade-level colleagues to input report card grades into Real Time. Julie was available on 12/13/17 at WES from 6:00 - 8:00 PM for any additional parent questions about the SBRC's, and teachers were given several hard copies of the Math and ELA rubrics for any interested parents. Betty Scola posted the rubrics and sample report cards on the district website under the "Parents" tab.

Standardized Testing Update

Registration opened on December 11 for PARCC training (for Tech Coordinators and District Test Coordinators), and Julie and Mick registered for the training offered on March 8, 2018.

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