

To: Parents and Students

From: Ruthann Goguen, Superintendent

Weekly Update: Sept. 22nd, 2017

It's been a busy week!

Curriculum and Instruction- ½ day of In-service for Teachers and Staff on September 20th, 2017.

1. Our School Nurses worked to outline the beginning of a Wellness Policy for the District. We will continue to work on this and bring it to our School Committee for approval because we currently do not have a Wellness Policy in place. I would like to establish a Wellness Committee with representatives from each school and have this team meet at least 4 times a year and present a report at the end of the year.

2. The BHS Teachers worked on completing the Assessment and Resource Inventory Sheets and worked on reviewing how their curriculum aligns to the Standards. Teachers work on putting their aligned lessons into Atlas. This work is very important because we are in the process of gathering K-12 curriculum scope and sequence maps to ensure our curriculum is cohesive and sequential for our students. This information will also be used during the FY19 budget process to ensure we have researched based resources to meet the diverse needs of our students as we teach grade level content.

3. The WMS Teachers worked on developing protocols for Advisory, preparing for Open House and discussing Evaluations.

4. Our ELL and Special Education Teachers at PAE spent time with the McGraw- Hill's trainer reviewing the free resources that have come with the PreK-5 Wonders reading pilot. To date, we have received over \$300,000 worth of materials to pilot this researched based literacy program.

5. The PAE teachers worked on digging deeper into the new reading resources and the Unified Arts Teachers discussed how to embed writing into their lessons.

School Events:

1. PAE & WMS Open Houses were both well attended and it was great for me to meet parents and students.
 - a. The PAE open house included a PTA book fair which raised over 4,000 in just a couple of hours!! The classrooms and halls were filled with families and students. At PAE, informational tables were set up for the Webster Educational Foundation, Boys and Girl Scouts, and our Food Service Program.



- b. At WMS, informational tables were set up by the Worcester Health Center of Worcester highlighting their Dental Program in our schools, HIPS display which is a drug awareness booth, the school store, and our Food Service Program. The WMS Open house was designed for parents to meet the new Principal and then attend their son/daughter's team's presentation. All events were tweeted.



- c. BHS held a College Fair today. It was a huge success!



Athletics: Friday 9/22

Girls Soccer travels to Worcester to take on the Patriots from Burncoat HS. 330pm
Girls & Boys Middle School Soccer programs travel down the street to take on The All Saints Academy team at Berthold St. Field
Co-Ed play will be the format with Grades 5-6 at 3pm & Grades 7-8 at 4pm.
Varsity Football team take on Worcester Tech at Foley Stadium in Worcester. Note game time of 630pm.



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