



The Buzz

Welcome Back letter from the Executive Director

Dear Amazing Freshwater Education District Team,

Welcome back to a new school year filled with endless possibilities, exciting challenges, and the opportunity to make a profound difference in the lives of our students. I hope you had a restful and rejuvenating break, and I am thrilled to have each and every one of you back on board, ready to continue our shared journey towards educational excellence.

As we stand at the threshold of another year, I am reminded of the incredible dedication, passion, and expertise that each of you brings to our district. You are not just educators; you are mentors, role models, and lifelong learners. It is an honor and privilege to work alongside such a top-notch staff, and I want you to know that your commitment to our school's mission does not go unnoticed. Our mission, "To increase and improve educational opportunities for all learners," resonates deeply with the work we do every day. You have shown time and again that you are not just here to teach subjects, but to ignite curiosity, cultivate critical thinking, and nurture a love for learning within our students. Your dedication to equity and inclusivity ensures that every learner is given the chance to thrive and succeed.

Let us approach this year with a rejuvenated sense of purpose and determination. Let's continue to foster an environment where students feel empowered to ask questions, explore their passions, and embrace their unique strengths. Each day is an opportunity to inspire, to uplift, and to make a positive impact on the lives of those entrusted to our care. Remember, education is not just about filling minds with knowledge; it's about nurturing hearts and cultivating character. As we embark on this new academic journey, let's continue to **lead by example, showing our students what it means to be kind, resilient, and compassionate individuals.**

Thank you for being part of this incredible team. Thank you for your hard work, your dedication, and your commitment to our students' success. Together, we will create a year filled with growth, achievement, and countless memorable moments. I am excited to see the impact we will make, and I am genuinely proud to work by your side.

With heartfelt appreciation and gratitude,

Eric



Google Classroom

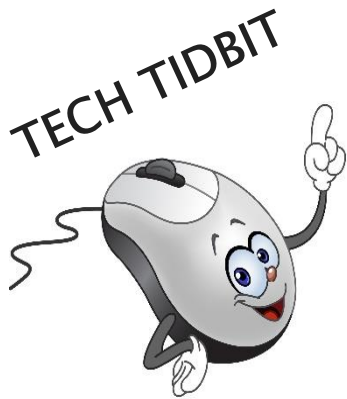
Classroom staff are strongly encouraged to "get-to-know Google Classroom". As a small part of Robin Rothstein's duties this year, she will be providing training to staff on Google Classroom.

Check your emails

Email is the primary way administration will communicate with Freshwater staff. Please check your emails often.

Online Training

As stated at the All Staff Meeting, you will be receiving some online training for Bloodborne Pathogens, Right to Know, and Policies and Procedures. Be watching for these in your email.



Learn to Use Screencastify

As Eric mentioned in our All Staff Training, Screencastify is a great resource to use to record videos for training, to share with students in your classroom, and to create general resource videos for your department.

Learn how to use Screencastify [HERE](#)

***Do You Have a
WELLNESS WOW
to Share?***



Did you hike through a state park, kayak a river system, scale the side of a mountain, join a walking club, or start a new summertime hobby? There are many of you who have taken on physical challenges or done other relaxing, mentally rejuvenating activities over the summer....

The Wellness Team is asking if you are willing to share your WELLNESS WOW with the Freshwater staff.

Whatever you wish to share, we will highlight your WOW in an upcoming issue of The Buzz. If you would like to send a photo along, we will try to include that as well. Please e-mail your WOW to Marlo @ mbenning@fed.k12.mn.us.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

On the Horizon



Becky Blanchard - 9/1	Mark Houle - 9/8	Roseanne Rivers - 9/25
Susan Nixon - 9/2	Mary Krause - 9/12	Emili Hibbs - 9/26
Miranda Matis - 9/3	Susan Lowe - 9/14	Cheri Tumberg - 9/26
Bryan Winkels - 9/4	Josh Peterson - 9/14	Joanne Carpenter - 9/28
Nicole Schmidt - 9/5	Amy Mehl - 9/20	Kristina Harstad - 9/29
Chris Calhoun - 9/7	Peggy Kellen - 9/21	

“Why I Chose to Work in Education”

At the All-Staff Meeting, Special Education Director Jamie Wothe asked staff to share their reasons or “Why” for working in education. Below are some of the responses:

To have a purpose, whether direct or indirect, behind what I do.

I liked the rhythm of a school day. The structure. And I love the ages of 3, 4 & 5 year olds.

To be a part of a team that shapes minds of the future - Children & Adults.

I LOVE Kids!

To receive a smile or get a hug from a student that you made an impact on.

The schedule was conducive to being a single parent.

I connected with EBD kids.