

Superintendent's Report  
November 16, 2017

We had a busy start to November. Some of the activities included: The Bridges out of Poverty workshop, which was the focus of the November 3rd professional development day; a moving Veterans Day Assembly that featured our students and staff honoring our veterans; and the start of the 10th grade mentoring program. The board meeting is a week early this month as we enter the holiday season. It is an exciting time at the school as the halls are decorated for Thanksgiving and you can hear the students prepare for the holiday concerts.

These exciting activities were shared through the local newspaper, displayed on the TV's in the cafeteria and posted on social media. The school has a Facebook and a Twitter account which is viewed by many parents and community members in a positive manner. For instance, the teacher professional development day, Veterans Day Assembly and mentoring session were shared on Facebook. The professional development day had 207 hits, the Veterans Day Assembly had 548 hits and the mentoring session had 294 hits. Our live middle school newsletter video received 550 hits.

Staying on the subject of technology, we would like to update the board on the one to one initiative. Currently all freshman and sophomores have been issued a Chromebook. The teachers have created lessons to integrate the Chromebook in the classrooms as well as engaging students in many projects and simulations. Several of these projects include: Digital middle school newspaper, ACT prep activities, Genius Hour, and the My Life US History Project. Many other grade levels are also using technology. Fifth and sixth grade classes are working on Technology Through the Ages, which is a project in which the students are creating Google slide presentations to compare and contrast technology from the past to current days. They are also writing a brief report on the technology inventions of their choice. The students will share their Google slideshow which they have created in google classroom. In first grade, students are virtually connecting for a live video conference with the Mariners Museum. The third grade classes are learning about energy and creating a slideshow through Google which will be presented in class.

We would like to welcome Alexis Carrig, our cafeteria supervisor, to the board meeting this evening. Alexis will update the board on the new online menu system, Nutrislice?