

September Updates

Social Studies

Now that most of your first and second grade teachers are now teaching from the Studies Weekly resources, if you have extra magazines that aren't needed, please put them on the pony to me. I would appreciate it if you don't hold on to them in case I have other schools that need them. If you get additional students, then just request additional materials and I will get them to you.

- Please refer to the September 30th District PD Day Calendar of Activities to find session information for your 3-5 social studies teachers.
https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfles/1815/schedule_of_professional_development_9-30-19_revised.pdf

K-5 Ready Math

We are looking forward to the professional development from Curriculum Associates that will address how to take the data from the iREADY Diagnostic tests, pair it with resources within the READY Math Curriculum and the iREADY online instruction (those who have it) to help the students gain those skills needed as shown from the diagnostic test.

Jamie and I have looked to see how many of you have started administering the iREADY Diagnostic and several of you have completely finished or are very near to finishing. You have done a **GREAT** job with that. THANK YOU! Please try to be finished a few days before the October 16 and 17 Professional Development activities so your teachers will have the data for their students for the inservice. **All grades 2-5 should take the iREADY Diagnostic Test.** Of course, you know as principals, you are always invited to attend.

- As another reminder, remember to share with your teachers (if you haven't) there are READY Math Lesson Tests available on our district website that can be accessed for the first nine weeks or so. They can be found by visiting ops.b.net. Look under **Departments-----Curriculum-----**then select the appropriate grade level. Your teachers will have to login in with a username and password to access the tests.

Guidebook Instruction grades 4 and 5

- **Grade 4**

We will be sending out very soon all the books needed for the 4th grade Guidebook Unit 2 (American Revolution).

- **Grade 5**

The student resources for fifth grade Guidebooks Unit 2 (The Birchbark House) should be delivered very soon to your schools. The resources are being printed this week. There's still plenty of time to get them to you as your 5th grade teachers will be teaching Unit 1 (The Making

of a Scientist) until around October 11th. Fifth grade Guidebook Unit 2 should begin near October 16th.

- Do all of your Guidebook teachers (Reading Teachers) know that a Google Drive have been set up that will assist them with resources? If your 4th and 5th grade Reading Teachers have not gained access to the Google Drive for the Guidebook Resources, have him/her to send his/her email address to Teresa vonDiezelski and she will send a link to the folder in Google Drive.

Science (Grades 3-5)

- You have been invited to attend a meeting Tuesday, (September 24) at Student Support Services Room 224 at 1:00. We will talk about where we stand now with Great Minds PhD Science.

Resource Teachers

- Your Special Ed. Resource teachers should be planning to attend some kind of inservice activities on September 30th. Again, please refer to the PD Calendar of Events to see what inservice best fits the Resource Teacher's need.
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IAIP's

- I have received from many of you the completed IAIP's for this year. You've done a great job of getting that accomplished. As the rest of you finish completing them, please put a copy on the pony to me. I will be scheduling a time soon for your curriculum coordinator to attend training on how to get the IAIP's on Webpams to help with identifying students next year who need an IAIP as they leave your schools and move to middle school campuses.

Student of the Year

- Teresa vonDiezelski will be reaching out very soon to your Student of the Year Faculty Contact to begin sharing additional information concerning the selection process.

Teacher of the Year

- The Elementary Teacher of the Year Interviews will be conducted on October 21st and 22nd. They will be held at Ouachita Jr. High. The Employees of Distinction Banquet will be held on October 29th at the West Monroe Convention Center.

Interest and Opportunities

- Your students should all be scheduled under the proper state code for Art, Music, and P.E. Tabatha and Carla in Data Processing worked for two or three days keying that in for all of our elementary schools. Those of you who are offering Recorders and/or Choir, that isn't considered an additional class. It falls under the Performing Arts category. (Music) However, if you are providing your students the opportunity to participate in a foreign language class, you would need to call Tabatha and discuss that with her so they can be added. That would only apply to 4th and 5th grade students.
- Mary Duzan is also sending out an email with additional information concerning the Interest and Opportunities.
- You should have access to begin the Interest and Opportunity Principal Survey beginning September 30th. Please have that completed by early to mid-October since Dr. Coker has to sign off on it and have it back to the DOE by November 1st.

Inservice Topics Offered by Joy Powell

- Joy Powell is willing to attend any of your faculty meetings, PLC's, etc., and conduct professional development covering many topics. She can offer the following. Contact her if you want to schedule her to come out to your schools.

In-Service Topics 2019-2020

- 1. Ouachita Parish Online Resources**
- 2. Google Suites for Education**
- 3. Technology tools - free and ready to use!**
- 4. Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality and STEM**
- 5. PII - Protect your students!**
- 6. Your Gabbart teacher page**

An in-service can last fifteen minutes to an hour depending on what you need. Please schedule your faculty in-service today.

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Administrators' Meeting

- See you at our next Administrators' Meeting, Thursday, October 3rd at Student Support Building Room 11 at 8:30 AM.