

August 2022 Administrative Reports

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Middle School (attached)

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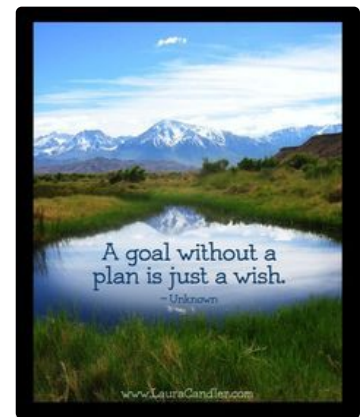
PEC Staff Summer Updates

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Habit #2: Begin with the End in Mind

Our cleaning and clerical crew have accomplished many summer priorities to poise the PEC for a successful re-opening. Mike continues to amaze us with his super powers to lead our dynamic cleaning crew. All lockers, cafeteria, auditorium have been thoroughly cleaned. Almost all classrooms are ready. Next stop is the camp classrooms. Beth is on top of all new student registrations. To date, we have registered 116 kindergartners. She has also placed all class supply orders that were ready. Beth and Kirrin are multi-tasking on a variety of jobs like Class Solver, scheduling, transportation and prepping for our Kindergarten Meet and Greet appointments. Kindergarten placement packets have been sent out and all other elementary placements will be mailed on August 22nd. You will receive your class lists before the placement mailing hits the road.

As we begin a new school year, I am reminded that sometimes in life, the view is most beautiful after the hardest climb. I look forward to creating our new view this year. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer!





PEC New Master Schedule

The positive impact of our new master schedule will finally be implemented in a five day instructional model. Students benefit from a new 6 day rotation with a 33% increase of Music and Art. Kindergartners will also have an increase in library media instruction for the first two trimesters, followed by STEAM in the final trimester of the school year. STEAM instruction will now be year round for our students in first and second grade twice in a six day rotation. In addition to our library media specialist, Mrs. Zielinski will be supporting enrichment, coding and technology cross connect during flexible blocks. It is going to be a great year for balance and collaboration.

Thank you to all the teachers who gave input into our master schedule development, especially the Peer Coordinators who met with me on an individual basis to support a strong framework for teaching and learning to flourish in their grade-level. Please be sure to

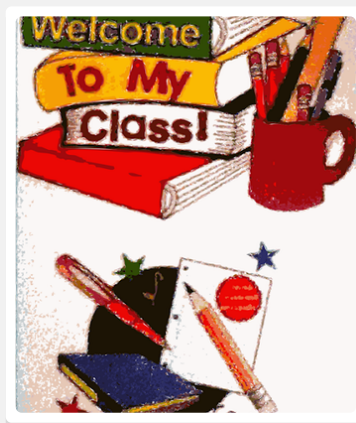


Summer Professional Development

There are many excellent virtual offerings at BOCES this summer to support innovative learning environments. I see in PDP that many of you have been proactive and sharpening your professional saw by taking advantage of these offerings. The PEC had a team attend a 3 day Restorative Practice Training this past August. Thank you to Julia Pucci, Shannon Lotz, Mackenna Daly, Allison Block, Leah Khatib, Rachel Stiffen, Adrianna Ammerma for dedicating your talents to this important district-wide initiative. Our new restorative team will be supporting this approach to strengthen our culture and climate on opening day as we "circle forward" together.

Please SAVE the following dates and consider attending the Lew-Port PD that is scheduled in August

1. August 12th (AM)- INTO Math first year implementation training
2. August 26th (all day)- New Teacher Orientation



New Student Orientation: August 31st

We are planning a new student orientation at 11:15 am on August 31st in our PEC Aud. All kindergarten students who registered after the May Orientation and students transferring in were invited. This will conclude with a frozen treat social on the playground. Please feel free to join us as we take our new families on a tour of the PEC!

review the schedule key for important updates.

**Please keep in mind that the schedule remains a working draft and some adjustments may be needed per local and state re-opening guidelines that are established.*

3. August 25th (all day)-
IRLA for new users and those that would like a refresher. School PACE navigation will be supported.

Aquarium visits the PEC Summer Camp!





Say "hello" to my little friend.



These creatures are so awesome!



Even the older kids get a kick out of touching the Aquarium friends!



Very curious!



Did you know there are 950 Species of Urchins?



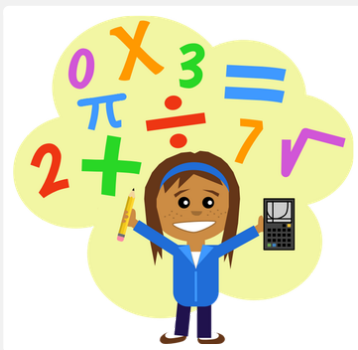
Stupendous Snail!

Rowen S. lead us in our Pledge of Allegiance!



An Ocean of Possibilities

180 students registered for our elementary summer camp program. K-5 Primary students were rotated through reading, writing and math lessons in a departmentalizing model offering students opportunities for movement and specialization in each core discipline. Every primary student left camp with a portfolio of their work. Our intermediate level students worked on interdisciplinary projects together. The teachers have weaved in the ocean and animal research projects into ELA and part of the math instruction. The teachers utilized a book series that they incorporated as a read aloud for close reading strategies. Interactive notebooks and writing journals were used daily. A Junior Counselor component was incorporated to support middle and high school students who are interested in education. They were wonderful role models for our younger students and began each day with a positive morning news program. *Mission Accomplished! #ProudPrincipal*



INTO Math

Last fall 2021, teachers piloted Reveal Math and INTO Math. Thank you to Katie Ries, Kelly Milleville, Christa Mauro and Sonja Marchetti who offered to pilot Reveal math in their classrooms. Thank you to Darcy Allendar, Claudine Carlo, Lisa Winslow and Sonja who offered to pilot INTO Math in their classrooms. We appreciate that Sonja has the opportunity to experience both pilots while working in the ICT classrooms.

Teachers were provided with criteria to evaluate both programs and share feedback with their teams. After careful consideration and reflection, INTO Math was chosen. This math program will be used in all grades K-2. We have completed our first training on Aug 12, 2022. Teachers who are not available on that day have the opportunity to participate in September training. Training will continue throughout the school year with a representative from INTO math.

Grade level math materials have arrived and the pallets were unloaded and sorted for classrooms. We are grateful for this math program but we are very aware that our teachers and continued PD, as well as their experience is what make our students the most successful!

Phonics Program Words Their Way



Teachers in grade K-2 will be utilizing the Words Their Way(WTW) phonics program during their literacy block. WTW uses a spelling inventory to assess students' development spelling stage and then individualizes lessons to meet their needs. Teachers will be receiving training as well and materials have been ordered.

New Opportunities & Faces at the PEC

There are many new opportunities on the LP campus. Many teachers are transitioning into new roles this coming school year. Jacey Diez has joined the kindergarten team and has been planning all summer with her team to prepare for this transition. Darcy Allender and Ann Marie Oliverio have joined the 1st grade team. Leah Khatib will be returning as a LTS in 2nd grade. Kristen Maggi and Miranda Schultz have looped to 2nd and 1st grade, respectively. Leah Jasek will be returning as our probationary 2nd grade teacher. Katie Eckstein and Sonja Marchetti have transferred to the IEC. Allison Reding made a big move to another state and Carrie Casuccio has accepted a Senior Typist position in the District Office. We wish all of our staff success in their new positions as they grow in new directions.

As a result of these new opportunities, we are welcoming new teachers and a new school psychologist to the PEC:

Please stop by to welcome our new members to TeamPEC!



Adrianna Ammerman - 8:1+2



Mackenna Daly - Kindergarten



Carrie Zoda - Kindergarten



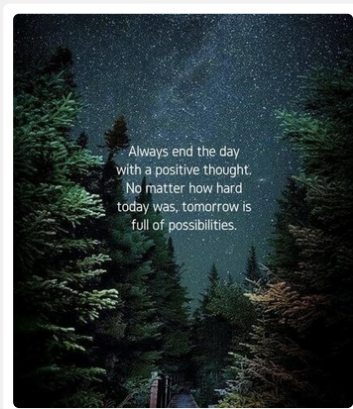
Allison Block - ICT



Rachel Stiffen - School Psychologist

Habit #7: Sharpening the Saw

Balance feels best! After 180+ days of working from varying guidance, we were able to end the second half of the year with a more "normal" school experience. We hope you are all taking steps to strengthen your inner core. When we nourish our mind, body and spirit, we are able to accomplish greatness for ourselves, our students and our community. This new school year is no different. We hope you set aside time each day to reflect on what you need to sharpen your saw. I cannot think of anything greater than working together for a common good. Our students and their families need our very best selves. Be sure to check in on each other, spread kindness and breathe. In doing so, we will persevere, no matter what our new education landscape brings forward this school year.





Board Notes

Monday, August 22, 2022

General

- The Building project continues. The hallways are quite torn apart, but it appears that they are making headway (?) Tile is going up on the walls and it appears to be moving along. I am sure that you will be updated by others who have a better understanding of the progress, but the building is definitely torn apart but we will continue to adapt as necessary and hopefully be ready for teacher return on August 30/31.
- We made some minor changes to the Master schedule in regards to the number of sections at each grade level and it is coming along nicely. Rachel and I are working with Brenden, Kate and Ellen to finalize schedules and we anticipate that tentative student schedules will go out Monday, August 22.
- Here is a link to the [2022 Welcome back Student/Parent letter](#).
- Students will also get a schedule in their first period class so they have an updated schedule should any changes be necessary prior to the start of school.
- Parents are reminded that throughout the year, grades and attendance can be accessed through the Powerschool Parent Portal at any time. A link to the portal can be accessed from our District web page at www.lew-port.com and by logging into parents Powerschool account.
- **OPEN HOUSE/MEET THE TEACHER**
 - **Wednesday, September 7 @ 6 PM: Open House for 6th Grade**
 - **Thursday, September 8 @ 6 PM: Open House for Grades 7 and 8**
- **The building will be open to ALL Parents/Guardians on the evening of the corresponding grade level.** Parents/guardians can visit classrooms on designated days and times for the grade levels. We will also offer a “Virtual Open House”, similar to what was offered last school year, that can be accessed on our web page any time after **Friday, September 9**. This will allow all parents/guardians to participate in a way that they are comfortable with.

Good To Know

- The 6th grade WEB orientation on Wednesday, August 17 was a great success! A huge “Thank you” to the 8th grade WEB leaders. We are so proud of the students and the work that they did over the three days to train and implement the orientation for our incoming 6th grade students. 125 out of the 151 registered 6th grade students attended. Thank you also to the adult leader team of Mike Bollinger, Mark Waple, Kelly Zimmerman, and Karen Pax for their work in putting together our program. It was such a great thing to see all of us back together again in a more “normal” program. Thank you to our PTSA who provided hot dogs and chips and assisted in this experience for our students. Please check the website and Twitter in the upcoming days for some pics of the event.
 - 8th Grade Innovation Experience will be run by Nina Calarco this year. She will be taking over the program from Brian Hall and they are collaborating to make the transition as smooth as possible. Students who signed up for Innovation Experience will be meeting with Mrs. Calarco on a rotating basis during period 2 and at other periods throughout the school year.
 - At this moment in time, we have the following personnel changes for the upcoming year:
 - Staffing
 - John Mango - 8th Grade Spanish - John will be teaching Spanish at the Middle School for Period 1 & 2
 - Kristen Bajor - 6th Grade Special Education
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- Rachel Smith - 8th Grade Special Education
- Leah Herman - Long Term Math position - 7th grade to replace Denis Scinta moving to ALE
- Linda Napolitano - Full time Monitor
- TBD - Main office Secretary - Mackenzie Oddo leaving for a different position
- TBD - Attendance office Secretary - Amber Stainbrook transferring to High School

- *August 30/31 - First Day for Teachers*
- *September 6 - First Day of School*
- *September 7 - 6th grade Open House*
- *September 8 - 7/8th grade Open House*
- *September 13 - Early Release Day*

Please let me know if you have any questions, thoughts, or concerns. Andy

"I shall pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

Stephen Grellet

Board of Education Report - August 22, 2022

- High School is clean and ready to go for the school year. Amazing job by Colleen and her crew.
- Master schedule complete - Special Education all balanced, counselors proof reading and making corrections.
- “Welcome Back” packets to parents/guardians going out this week.
 - Items included:
 - Student schedule
 - Principal letter
 - Technology policies signature page (9th grade only)
 - School meals program information
 - School bucks flyer
 - Legacy Studio - School Picture flyer
 - Lancer Learning Center information
- ISSF focusing on trip to Japan 18 - 24, 2023. This depends on COVID restrictions.
- All staff positions filled. Special thanks to Jodee Riordan and everyone that took part in the interview committees.
 - Social Studies: Kathleen Creswick, Jack Wall
 - Special Education: Melissa Pierce, William Reiser
 - Senior Typist: Cheryl Westmoreland
 - Chemistry (long term - 20 weeks): Dr. Robert Taggart
- Met with Middle School Principal Andy Auer to discuss Peer Coordinator meetings and a weekly meeting schedule for the school year. This will bring about better coordination with teachers and staff members throughout the school year.
- Spoke with Heather Harper from Connect Life. This would implement a “Donate Life Club” within the High School.
- Had a meeting with Aneeta Shepardson about getting the High School involved in the Niagara County Walk to End Alzheimer’s
- Took part in the Restorative Practice Training
 - This Years High School Team Includes:
 - Christian Rajnisz
 - Jamie Moskal
 - Kimberly Hereth
- Attended Ed. Elements: Personalized Learning Bootcamp (August 8th)
 - High School Team Includes:
 - Lori Hurtgam
 - Linda D’Anna
- Attended Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training (August 9th & 10th).
 - High School Team Includes
 - Daniel Behm
 - Kimberly Hereth
 - Carolyn Quigley
- Met with John Evert and Nicholas Hill to discuss attendance codes in PowerSchool to make it easier to understand for attendance secretaries, teachers, parents and guardians.
- Meeting with Buffalo State College to form a partnership as a Professional Development School (PDS). This would help students in the Lancer Learning Center (LLC).

Important Upcoming Dates:

New Teacher Orientation:

- Friday, August 26

Freshman Orientation:

- Wednesday, August 31 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM (letters went out last week)
- Bussing provided home - must call school to setup
- Mrs. Di Vincenzo and her LINK crew will run the festivities

Deadline for SAT in October:

- Saturday, September 3

High School Picture Day:

- Thursday, September 8 & Friday, September 9
- During Physical Education classes

"Back to School Night"

- Wednesday, September 21: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM