

September 16, 2013

Middle School Board Report

1. iPad 1:1 – This has been a huge success. I have truly seen an increase in student motivation and engagement. The teachers are constantly bouncing ideas off of one another. Students have managed it beautifully. We currently have three students who check it in and out regularly from the library to start and end their day and one who has elected not to use the device.
2. Chickasaw Saving Bank – opened on Sept 4th. We have 12 students who are serving as tellers. We have 174 accounts and our current balance is \$149,223.01
3. Steve Carrier Assembly on August 28. He had a positive message for students about making choices and how to surround yourself with people who bring you up.
4. Kwik Star Fundraiser brought in a total of 3,5465.00 in sales of cards which we will receive 10% of. The community has continued to explain how great of a fundraiser this is.
5. Orientation – We started the year with a short parent meeting and then transitioned to homerooms for some basics. The feedback I have from parents was that they appreciated it was kept short and that in the future an open house format would work much better. Staff at the 7th and 8th grade levels really commented on how they liked touching base with parents prior to the first official meeting at conferences.
6. PLC's - Sarah Lehman from the AEA presented to our technology PLC's on the 4th. Groups set up their norms and established their needs. One PLC is going to focus on Edmodo training next week while another will be working on Google.
7. MAP testing started today. We are looking into ways to use MAP shorts tests for progress monitoring throughout the year after students have had specially designed instruction.
8. Grade Level PLC's have started their work. They have selected students to work with based on their Iowa Assessment and MAP data. They are working as a team to design instruction to better meet their needs.