

October 18, 2021
Middle School Board Report

1. Conference letters were sent home as teachers gear up for those here in 2 weeks.
2. We are starting conversations about what to do for Career Week this year as it will look a little different. Career Week is planned for January 10 - 13th. 8th graders traditionally participate in the fall and last year it was condensed in the spring, so why not try winter. It is a great way for students to learn about small businesses and other larger businesses in the New Hampton area. Traditionally students complete a job application and do a mock interview for a position. This process will help students understand about career clusters in New Hampton and begin them thinking about their future in high school and beyond. We are excited this year the 8th graders will get to participate in a construction simulator on the 12th.
3. We had a full day of professional development which centered around our Keynote speaker Joe Beckman, finding consensus in the Middle School, working on Midmester PBL projects, and working on our SAMI through our ESSA designation.
4. Students will be participating in their first quarter activity Friday and are looking forward to celebrating with their classmates. Grade level groups plan to go to the Cresco Wellness Center, Sunset Movie Theatre, and will be able to go bowling and roller skating in town. Thank you for allowing students the opportunity to grow under our PBIS framework we have in the district.
5. I want to throw a huge shout out to our middle school staff and district for working with our kids in a positive way. I am thoroughly enjoying this year thus far.
6. Lastly, all students were able to have a retreat with their peers Friday the 8th when students participated in their annual "Outfly Day."

