

October 17, 2022

Middle School Board Report

1. Conference letters were sent home as teachers gear up for those here on 10/24 and 10/27.
2. Conversations have started about what to do for Career Week this year as it will start to look like what it has in the past with business tours. Career Week is planned for November 7th - 11th. Over the last two years we have had Career week in the spring and winter so it is good to be able to move it back to the fall season. It is a great way for students to learn about small businesses and other larger businesses in the New Hampton area. Students will 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 be able to tour Milkhouse candles, Croell, Atek, MercyOne, Zip's and Afinitas over two days.
3. We had a full day of professional development on the 10th which centered around building our own capacities in social emotional learning. Teachers had work time to plan for their pbl courses for midmester as well.
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 Movie Theatre, The W at Wartburg College, 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.
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. Students on the CLT also organized a wear pink day to support those that have been impacted by cancer.
7. Our 7th and 8th graders will participate in QPR training with Ryan Nesbit and from this students will learn how to question, persuade, and refer those that may need help. Along with this our counselors just finished some individual professional development from the Iowa Best Summit on SEBH.
8. Lastly, seven of our CLT members attended a youth leadership conference with Mrs. Geerts and from that conference they were able to find leadership initiatives to complete and they decided to start with welcome baskets for our new students this year. Our CLT have been planning Red Ribbon Week which will start October 24th and run through October 31st. Dress up days are being planned as well as a walk out on drugs.