

1. Conference letters were sent home as teachers gear up for those here on 10/30 and 11/2.
2. Career Week this year has been planned for November 6th - 10th. Over the last few 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. Chosen students will be hired in the mock interview process based on skills learned and demonstrated. This year the new hire's will travel out to eat at the Pincion with NICC's school president and any employers that took time to interview students.
3. We had a full day of professional development which centered around building our own capacities in social emotional learning, meetings to keep the school year focused on growth in academic areas. Teachers also had work time to plan for their PBL courses for midmester which will happen in April again.
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 Sunset 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. Our teachers are really working hard to know each kid and how we can excel their learning opportunities.
6. Students on the CLT have been working hard to organize Red Ribbon Week. Dress up days have been planned with a positive message everyday and will be bringing in a speaker from NextGen MVP Events for an assembly on the 25th.
7. Students had a blast with Homecoming, doors were decorated, dress up days showed chickasaw Spirit and the assembly all planned by the CLT team was fantastic. (Pictures Below)
8. 7th Grade students will travel to the RiverFront Museum in Dubuque on November 1st. They have received a \$350 grant from Silos and Smokestacks to attend a tour and field experience study. Kwik Star Funds help pay for the rest of the admissions and transportation costs.

