

December Board Meeting  
Middle School

### **Washington, DC Trip**

Washington, D.C. ticket sales have started. Currently, it looks like 78 students will attend and 25 chaperones.

### **Holiday Concert**

Our Holiday Vocal Concert is Monday December 15th. We are doing a 5-8 combined choir and band concert.

### **Youth Frontiers**

Youth Frontiers will be doing a Courage Retreat with our fifth grade students on December 11<sup>th</sup>. The Chickasaw Community Center donated their facility for us to use. We have used Youth Frontiers in the past for a Respect Retreat.

### **Mrs. Frese's Technology Class**

Mrs. Frese's technology class will be presenting Hour of Code and Scratch to the Chamber of Commerce on December 9<sup>th</sup> with rolls and coffee. Please feel free to attend. It will run from 8:30-9:30 am in the middle school technology lab.

Students will also demonstrate Hour of Code and S2 Robotic activities to all 5th and 6th grade students during first hour, 8:14-8:56 am, on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Standards Based Grading Workshop**

Sarah and I attended a Standards Based Grading Workshop at Keystone. We are discussing where we will head with this in the future as our teachers are working on their scope and sequences of essential standards this year in PLC work.

### **National Autism Conference**

Kristie Brincks and Jenn Gilbert attended the National Autism Conference in Des Moines. They presented information on November 19<sup>th</sup> to all staff. They have already started using strategies with students.

### **Community Connections**

I have contacted Tammy Robinson and Jason Speltz to see if we can build some connections with our seventh and eighth grade students to businesses in our community. We want to increase their awareness of what job opportunities there are within our community and what it takes to get employed. We plan to meet December 17th to brainstorm ideas.