

September 2017

Greetings from WWG Schools

School has begun and we are rolling! I have many great things to report so let's get started.

- Our 7-12 numbers dropped this year by 25 due to the graduation of a larger class and a smaller 7th grade coming in. We also lost some students to homeschool / online learning. The ELEMENTARY is up in enrollment! The 4-6th grades are in the 20's but our 3 year old to 3rd grade classes are in the 30's! I am jumping for joy with these wonderful young families coming back to our area!
- As you can see elsewhere in the paper, we have all our employees back and are fully staffed! We have about 110 employees in the district. All but 4 employees live in our district and 39 of our employees are alumni! That is pretty special.
- Our buildings continue to shine and impress all who visit and compete here. Our three facilities are up to date and we continued the rotation of replacing doors and windows. We will never have to worry about a major building or grounds project!
- Every 2nd Friday of the month from 7:45 - 9:00 a.m. all K-12 teachers will be meeting together or in small groups to look at our curriculum, test scores and school issues. The elementary students will have educational activities during that time. NEW THIS YEAR, the secondary students will be hosting 5-8 speakers every month that will share their "story" about HS ups and downs as well as the path they took to be where they are at now. My plan is to have a majority of the speakers be alumni with the rest being folks within our school district. My goal is to have the students see how much we all have in common and to build a sense of confidence that everything is possible no matter which route one takes. I will be randomly contacting people but also welcome volunteers who have 45 minutes of time to share with students and our district. Contact me at 507-828-6608 if you are interested in "giving back" to the school. I WANT most ALL WALKS OF LIFE represented so give me a call or text.
- The 7-12 is also holding their annual open house Friday night after school up to the time of the football game. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend and meet their teachers and see the buildings. Anyone else that wants to see how great our facilities are and how wonderful our teachers are can drop by and snoop around as well!
- There will be the first of many open houses regarding the November 7th referendum in Westbrook at 6:00 p.m. September 18th. I'll have a 4 page packet together for all the meetings this fall and welcome the opportunity to visit with any and all organizations, churches and clubs. Let me know what works for you. I also have invited a few other folks to contribute to Charger Notes throughout the fall.
- Have a great beginning of fall!