

Monday Focus

October 8, 2007

Missing Westside Last week, I was off campus for 4 of 5 days. I apologize for my absences, but only one was within my control. Monday and Tuesday were training days for ASPIRE. It was inspiring. Wednesday we went to Austin for the UIL issue. Inspiring. Thursday I was here and that was fun. Friday I worked as a coach consultant as part of my own professional development growth. That, actually, was fun. The worst thing about these absences was that I didn't get a chance to see or hear about the great things that happened this week. Though the effort will be there, this "MF" may be a vacuous missive more anything that is all that *inspiring*.

"Assessment always has more to do with helping students grow than with categorizing their mistakes."
Carol Ann Tomlinson

Blogs Are Posted and On-Line Even though there are still some teachers experiencing technical difficulties, 100% of our teachers have set up their blogs. About 80% have their lesson plans posted and up-to-date. Thank you for your efforts and thanks to Helen and the Technology Teacher Team for making this happen. This week, all teachers should have their lessons posted by Friday. Thanks in advance.

Homecoming Week I know that this week is never convenient, but I thank you for your work in making this week work. Sometimes, in the heat of the week, it is hard to believe that teaching and learning still get done when so many interruptions get in the way. Thanks for making this a learning week as well as a fun week for our students. They will remember it for a long time.

Sunshine Committee Needed I am a certified Sunshine-Impaired Person. Though it doesn't grant me special parking or extended time on tests, it does cause issues when it comes to celebrating good times. We need a committee that will work to bring sunshine to the masses. This committee would help plan any social events for the school, help to plan any recognition events or awards, and would be allowed/encouraged to celebrate small victories at staff meetings throughout the year. This would not be a committee that celebrates birthdays or other events. If you are interested, see me or Ms. Tellepsen.

That's All Folks

Calendar of Events

- Mon Oct 8** **ABC Meeting, S100, 7 PM**
Nerd Day
- Tue Oct 9** **Water Polo vs. Stratford, WHS Natatorium, 5 PM**
Super Hero Day
- Wed Oct 10** **Faculty Meeting, S100, 7:05 AM or 3:20 PM**
Spirit Day
- Homecoming Parade, 2 PM**
 Weird Bell Schedule, See Wolf Notes
- Varsity VB vs. Carnegie, Butler, 4 PM**
- Thu Oct 11** **Late Start Meeting—**
Crazy Hair Day
- JV Football vs. Madison, WHS, 4:30 PM**
- Fri Oct 12** **Report Cards Issued, 2nd Period**
Black-Out Day
- Pep Rally, 2:45 PM**
- Fr/JV Volleyball vs. Chavez, WHS Gym, 5 PM**
- Varsity VB vs. Chavez, Butler, 6:30 PM**
- Homecoming Game vs. Madison, Butler, 7:30 PM**
- Sat Oct 13** **Homecoming Dance, WHS, 7:30 PM**