

INNOVATIVE INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER

Goal Updates

• At NSES

- Rob and Kim met with all grade level teams to discuss standards-based report cards. This shift will give parents a clearer picture of their student's academic progress.
- Teachers continue to work hard to get Bridges up and running to engage our students in math. The Number Corners are looking great!

• At Wheeler

- The Middle School Interdisciplinary focus has begun! Eighth graders are working together with fair themed fun. Seventh graders are learning all about ice cream while demonstrating respect, responsibility and resilience.
- High school departments continue to work to make school wide academic expectations an integral part of classroom assessments.

Instructional Strategy Round-up

Elementary: K-2 Hands-on learning "Literacy Centers"

Upper Elementary: "Building Communication Skills with Peer Critique"

MS/HS: "3 Great Discussion Models"

MS/HS: "60 Second Strategy: Whiteboard Relay"

Educator Resource Center

The Educator Resource Center (located across the street in room 121) is a place where educators can gather, write curriculum and share innovative instructional practices. Stop by and help yourself to coffee and a snack.

We are looking to expand our professional library! If you have any books that you would like to donate, please reach out to Kim!

Innovative Instruction Highlight

On the first day of school, NSES UA teachers combined classes to teach students about what it means to have character! Their interactive presentation was followed by a game of "capture the chicken." They used the game to highlight the meaning of respect, responsibility and resilience.

New Teacher Spotlight: Chanel Lapid



Meet Wheeler's newest Alt Ed teacher! Chanel is a NoSto resident. Her son graduated from Wheeler several years ago. Chanel "loves the staff and kids I've been connected to over the years. When I learned the Alt Ed position was possibly going to be vacant, I could not wait for the opportunity to bring my experience with that particular niche closer to home!" Welcome Chanel!

Curriculum Corner

In order to expedite our curriculum writing process, release time will be scheduled throughout the year based on curriculum cycle priority. Keep an eye on your calendar for more information.

September Work: District Health/PE, Wheeler Science and Music

Kim Haggerty

Director of Instruction and Learning

PD Highlights

PD Podcasts

[The Annenberg Learner Podcast](#)

[Sold a Story: How Teaching Kids to Read Went So Wrong](#)

Interested in becoming a TEAM mentor?

See Kim for more information on upcoming sessions

Professional book studies coming soon!

Stay tuned for titles and dates. Have a suggestion? email Kim Haggerty

Remember to request PD using the form on the District website!