

# INNOVATIVE INFORMATION

JANUARY 2025

## Goal Update

### NSES

- First grade teachers will be visiting Preston on January 13th to see *Into Reading* in action and hopefully gain some helpful tips! This partnership has given both schools new insights and the ability to discuss best practice.
- Work continues with Bridges implementation. If you would like to do a site visit at an area school using the program please reach out to Deanna.
- Student Led Conference work sessions for 5-6 will be coming up in January. This is an innovative way to increase student accountability and parent involvement. If you have questions before January 29th please contact Kim.

### Wheeler

- Middle School teams are in the process of planning engaging interdisciplinary units for the time during exams (MS students will not take Midyear Assessments). They are also working on developing Student Led Conference materials.
- High School departments are working together to align Midyear Assessments with school-wide expectations. This includes adding scaffolding to the rubrics to facilitate more reflection. For example, the Math department is creating performance tasks, English is working to adapt rubrics to suit the Senior Journal Reflections

## Securly Classroom is Coming!

Training on Securly Classroom will be provided in the coming weeks. This exciting development will allow teachers to monitor Chromebooks in the classroom. There are still a few kinks to work out so stay tuned! Here is a quick [cheat sheet!](#)

## Instructional Strategy Round-up

**Lower Elementary:** [“CVC Words Worksheet Bundle”](#)

**Upper Elementary:** [“Using the Would You Rather Game for Reasoning and Reflection.”](#)

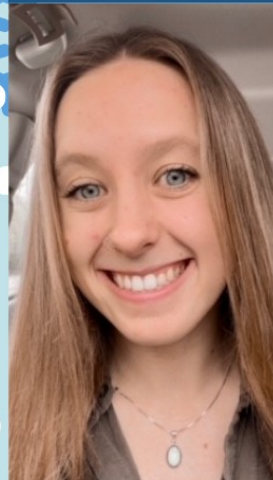
**MS/HS:** [“Role Reading”](#)

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## Innovative Highlight

Students in Jen Welborn’s Academic Chemistry class are in the midst of a Project Based unit that is centered on the chemistry of baking. Students are exploring concepts in chemistry by analyzing ingredients, adjusting recipes and baking tasty treats! The unit will culminate with their Midyear Assessment.

## New Teacher Spotlight: Nicole Scovish



Meet Nicole Scovish! Nicole is NoSto Elementary School’s newest Special Education teacher. Nicole was drawn to NSES because she loves “a small district that can focus on the multiple needs of students and where you can actually get to know students on a personal level.” Nicole enjoys spending time in the gym and traveling. Welcome Nicole!

## PD Update

We will not be making up the December PD Early Dismissal Day. Our next one is January 29th, much of what was planned will take place then instead. An updated schedule will be sent out as we get closer.