

To: Dr. Tammy Davis
From: Dr. Pamela Miller
Re: Middle School Principal's Report
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Curriculum, Instruction, Professional Development and Assessment

- **October 9th Professional Development Day – WRMS teachers presented workshops on implementation of the Eno boards, clickers and interactive tablets; they also did collaborative work on UbD unit planning as well as lesson planning.**
- **October 13th Christine Nelson conducted a full day of professional development on technology integration for all of our science and special education teachers.**
- **October 13th and 14th Susan Westlund, our school coach from CCE, met with teacher leaders as well as individuals who needed help with UbD unit planning. She met with Dr. Miller to develop a work plan for the November visit. Dr. Miller will develop a schedule of teachers for her to meet with on November 12th when she returns.**
- **Shannon Kruger and Dr. Miller attended the fall NHASP workshop in Manchester. It consisted of a dinner networking session, a presentation by the NH commissioner of Education, and collaborative sessions on the challenges of teacher professional development for 21st century learning.**
- **October 26th Mahesh Sharma provided a day of classroom based professional development for math teachers. Mahesh met with district principals at the end of the day to discuss strategies to improve student achievement in math.**
- **October 30th the WRMS data team met for a half day to discuss and analyze our NECAP science data. Charts and graphs were generated and the data will be shared with the science department.**

Community and parent Activities

- **October 15th Dr. Miller, Ernie Avery and Shelley Ward attended the final planning meeting for the community emergency POD exercise.**
- **October 17th Dr. Miller, Ernie Avery and Shelley Ward participated in the community POD exercise. A simulation of distribution of an anthrax vaccine to 200 people was conducted at the middle school between 7AM and 2PM. The drill was considered to have met the objective. A debriefing was held at the conclusion of the drill.**

Student Activities

- **October 15th Elise Smith attended the State Scholars meeting at Franklin hospital. Plans were made to recruit more middle school students and to launch our calendar fundraiser. The middle school now has 91 state scholars; an increase from last year (74 students).**
- **October 14th Student Council elections were conducted and the leadership group is working with Mr. Hampe and Ms. D'Agnes to put together a school assembly to celebrate Veteran's Day.**

- **October 26-30 the WRMS community celebrated Red Ribbon Week. Daily themed activities were conducted and all students engaged in drug-free awareness activities.**
- **November 3rd Mark Dolan conducted a student focus group to obtain student input for strategic planning. The data will be shared at the next meeting on 11/5/09**
- **November 5th Dr. Miller and Elise Smith met with the new State Scholars coordinator, Sandy Demarest. We drafted a plan to have an orientation presentation for our State Scholars, we also planned a schedule for bringing in business partners in to talk with small groups of students during Accelerated Learning. Dr. Miller asked Sandy to investigate the NHHEAF program of early college planning for middle school students and parents.**

Recognition

- **Congratulations to Ms. Deb Jurta, eighth grade U.S. History teacher, for winning first place in the VFW's National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. There will be a presentation scheduled at the school and Ms. Jurta will be invited to a ceremony that will take place after the first of the year. We are very proud of her wonderful accomplishment!**
- **Congratulations to Ms. Anderson on the adoption of her new baby. We welcome Ms. Linda Radue as the long-term sub to fill in while Ms. Anderson is on FMLA leave.**
- **WRMS received the Blue ribbon Award again this year for our volunteer work provided by the PTO. Dr. Miller attended the recognition breakfast along with parents and teachers.**