

Superintendent Board Report: April 24, 2017

Elementary Center:

Students in grades 3/4/5/6 completed ELA PSSA Testing last week. The students worked hard because "FCEC does their Best, and does NOT Stress."

A special thank you to our teachers and to the FCEC School Assessment Coordinator, Amy Oberly. The week ran smoothly under her direction, and the students benefited from a positive testing environment.

Kindergarten Celebration was held Thursday, April 20. Proud Parents filled the gym and adorable singing voices filled the air!

PSSA Math starts tomorrow, 4/25.

Junior/Senior High School:

1. PSSA ELA was administered last week and Math starts this week.
2. Mr. Mayer at Junior High level is still working on completing all PEP through student meetings,
3. Mr. Motte at Senior High level is working with SAP (Student Assistance Program) on truancy issues and has recommended several students to Dr. Jacoby for Preliminary Expulsion Hearings.

Curriculum and Instruction:

1. School Counselor Advisory Meeting @ Fort Cherry EL Library – April 28th @ 10-11 am. Board members welcome.
2. SticKey Team & Steam Sheath Team - presenting at STEAM Showcase @ California University - April 29th @ 10 am - 3 pm
3. SticKey Team - Chosen to represent Western PA at International Science and Engineering Fair @ Los Angeles, CA - May 14-19th
4. *Maker Fest* - Fort Cherry Innovation Lab & Engineering Lab Opening - May 16th @ 5:30 - 8:00 pm
5. Fort Cherry Discovery Zone Celebration - May 30th @ Time TBD
6. Fort Cherry SD STEM programming featured in book, *The Critical Advantage*, by Dr. William Gormley, Professor, Georgetown University (published by Harvard Education Press, 2017).

Pupil Services:

Life Skills---

On Saturday April 8th the students in the Life Skills classroom hosted the first (soon to be annual) Vendor / Craft Show. The Spring Fling was a huge success. We had 31 participating Vendors! The students worked in the concession stand and the silent auction. We look forward to next year's event. I wanted to personally thank all those on the committee and involved with the planning/organization of this event. Without their help, this would not have taken off! Thanks everyone!!

Becky Mroz - Committee Chair
Lynne Harkreader - Life Skills Teacher
Debbie McGinnis - Life Skills Paraprofessional
Kristen Spellman - 6th grade Learning Support

These students attended an on-site job shadow at Giant Eagle Market District and will finish up the year with two additional community/career field trips.

Mrs. Hilty worked with Mrs. Harkreader to create a collaborative project with writing. It is wonderful to see our teachers working and collaborating together to meet the needs of all our students.

Athletic:

Track and Field – The Girls team finished 6-2 in their section this year. The Boys team finished a respectable 4-4 in their section. This past weekend at the Washington County meet several track athletes shined. Devon Brown and Shannon Relihan both won the gold medal in the Javelin. Freshmen Jadyne Hartner won the field MVP. The Girls team was crowned the team champion of the meet.

Softball/Baseball – The Softball team is currently 3-7 on the year. The Baseball team is currently 4-6 on the year. Both teams are very young and improving on a weekly basis.

Miscellaneous Info –Marty Schottenheimer (Football/Basketball) 1961, Ray Kemp (Football/Wrestling) 1976 and the 1961 State Championship Basketball Team will be inducted into the Washington-Greene Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. The banquet will be held at 6pm on Friday June 9th at the Doubletree by Hilton Meadowlands. Tickets are \$45 and can be ordered by calling B.J. at 724-678-4320.

Safety and Security:

1. **Severe Weather Drill** - The 2017 Spring PEMA Severe Weather Drill is scheduled for April 25-26, 2017 will be postponed due to PSSA testing. PEMA permits it to be held anytime between April 18 - May 19, 2017. Building principals will be consulted to determine dates that are conducive to school activities.

2. **Bomb Threats** - All HS bathrooms are continually being monitored for any bomb threat writings in an attempt to prevent another bomb threat incident.

3. **Faculty Assistance** - I was asked by Karen RUSH, HS health teacher, to come to her classroom and answer law enforcement type questions presented by her students. Questions varied anywhere from Underage Drinking, DUI, Probable Cause, Search & Seizure, etc. I have made it known to the faculty that I am willing to come into their classrooms and instruct their students in law enforcement.

Technology:

1. Ticket submission summaries are submitted to administration to track and review organizational needs on a monthly basis one for remote support and one for onsite support
2. CCL coordinated HP Repair Certification training for DJ Hoy (currently undergoing) and will complete all necessary paperwork for his enrollment.
3. CCL provided FCSD Administration with a multiyear plan for technology needs and upgrades---are currently working with Administration on needs/wants