

West Running Brook Middle School

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FRIDAY FOCUS

Consider this an August Focus. Stay connected. You can check out the collection of 2017-2018 communications, [here](#).

Thinking about the totality of last year, I also thought of things even prior to that time and received some important reminders that I want to carry into this school year. I worked at WRB as a teacher and assistant principal from 2001-2013, and as co-Director of Next Charter High School from 2013-2017. In my first year back as Principal at WRB in 17-18, my primary takeaways were twofold; on a personal note, I was reminded how much I enjoy working with kids ages 10-14 and most importantly, on a professional note, I was reminded of the importance of this developmental time for young people and the direct impact it has on their future times. For many reasons, I'd argue that there is no more important time that leads to successive success than middle school. It is an energizing charge to have as an educator as we learn more about how young people learn, what physical environments are conducive to this learning, and what type of school culture can best facilitate all types of learning.

This summer, staff are engaged in curriculum work in which they are assessing the data outcomes, historic and immediate, in order to refine instructional and assessment practices. These committees of staff and administrators will be communicating their work, including observed trends and recommendations, to the full staff as the school year opens. Additionally, content teachers have continued their work to begin delivering the writing workshop series of Lucy Calkins out of Columbia University in the fall at all grade levels. I am excited at the prospect of meaningful and realized outcomes based on this professional work of our staff.

As we move toward the fall, you may find Mitch, Laurie, and me in the building, reflecting on last year and planning for this year, stopping in on students and staff at the extended school year program at DVS, serving lunch in the local Salvation Army truck, giving tours and eating breakfast with current and former students and families, and at some point, wanting desperately to have student energy back in the school building. Indeed, it feels different without them.

And lastly, as you consider your summer, I do want to encourage your participation in our combined PTSA Golf Tournament with GHH scheduled for Friday, August 10th. For more info, call us directly at WRB - 432.1250. We want more sponsors and golfers in support of our students! It is not too late to get involved. Enjoy the remaining days in August with your families.

Be well,

Justin Krieger
Principal

[A Few Upcoming Dates and Information of Interest](#)

- 6th Grade First Day of School: Tuesday (8.28.18) - We are fortunate to be able to invite our new 6th graders for their first day of middle school on Tuesday, August 28th. This day is designed specifically for our 6th grade to support the continuing transition to middle school. We will operate an early release schedule on this day; the school day begins at 7:20 AM and students will be dismissed at 11:45 AM. School buses will be running their routes and lunch will be provided for all 6th grade students. We are informed by the Boys and Girls Club that their bus will not run on this day.
- 7th and 8th Grades First Day of School: Wednesday (8.29.18) - All students will be together for the first time in the building on Wednesday, August 29th. We will operate a full day schedule; the school day begins at 7:20 AM and students will be dismissed at 1:55 PM. School buses will be running their routes.
- Parent Drop Off and Pick Up - For the safety of our students and your children, we have a one-way traffic pattern at WRB. Entering the campus from the stop light, drive counter-clockwise around the back of the building, ensuring a single file line. This will lead you to the main entrance, located on the north end of the building. There, staff will help you pull up to the bus line in order to expedite the flow of traffic. There, students may exit to the school side and use the sidewalk to enter the building. Staff will then guide your exit from campus. At pick up, students will exit through the same doors and enter cars as they are guided up the line by staff.
- Food Service Employment Openings - The DCSD has multiple food service positions open. You can apply online, [here](#).
- No School Labor Day: Monday (9.3.18)
- School Pictures: Friday (9.14.18)
- Parent Portal Opens: Monday (9.16.18)
- 1st PTSA Meeting: Wednesday (9.19.18) 7:00 PM
- WRB Open House: Thursday (9.20.18) 6:00-7:00 PM - This informal evening is dedicated to creating a time and space for families to interact with school staff. It is always good to connect.
- Walk With West: Wednesday (9.26.18) 2:15 PM - Organized by our Kids Care Club, this fundraiser is open to WRB students and families to generate funds to give back to the community. It is an awesome event to walk through our community as a unified team in support of others. Look for more information to come.