



Scranton Attendance Center

Board of Education Report

August 2013

To: Dr. Steve Pegram, Superintendent
From: Mrs. Jennifer Hanni, Principal
Date: 3 September 2013
Re: August BOE Report

The following is a summary of the activities and news at the Scranton Attendance Center for the month of August, as well as a look ahead to events during the month of September.

Current Enrollment

3rd grade has 37 males, and 32 females for a total of 69 students. 4th grade has 41 males, and 32 females for a total of 73 students, giving SAC 79 males, 63 females, and 142 students overall.

Pre-Service Week

This August's pre-service week was packed full of new professional development opportunities and set the tone for the rest of the year. We will focus most of our energies outside of the classroom on Building Our Own Curriculum, piloting the new McRel Evaluation System, and implementing research-based *Classroom Instruction that Works*. Each of our two professional development days were devoted to these three topics, as well as collaborating with teachers from both OAC and CAC in the process. We will continue learning about, practicing, and discussing these "Big Three" throughout this year.

Collaboration

In addition to our work on professional development days, SAC teachers will also continue to use twice weekly collaboration sessions in grade-level teams to work toward our "Big Three." Much of this time will be spent discussing and tweaking our curriculum maps, as well as our reading tier system, as we strive to work smarter and not harder with each initiative. We're thankful to have this time to work together to not only have educational discussions but to divide and conquer the work load ahead.

School Safety

School safety has been a focus the first couple of weeks as we have worked with our SRO and local officers to ensure a safe environment for our students. Local officers helped with the drop off of students in the mornings to help with safe and orderly traffic flow. Mr. Feliciano has worked with staff on expediting our evacuation and fire drill procedures, and will be working with students on appropriate actions to take in the event of a lockdown or evacuation. We will be practicing each of these drills throughout the month of September.

iPads and Technology

Students and staff alike are excited about their new devices and have already immersed them into their daily learning. With projects ranging from studying and taking their spelling tests, to working on their math fact fluency and state recognition, to plans to create an eBook, they are definitely being put to good use.

Charger Character Counts

As part of our guidance curriculum and student recognition program, we have created a wall dedicated to character. Students displaying various types of positive character behaviors, such as anti-bullying cooperation, being responsible, dealing with feelings, doing the right thing, dealing with disappointment, asking for help and resolving conflicts, will receive a certificate and have their picture placed on our Charger Character Counts Wall of Fame. We hope to encourage appropriate and ethical behavior throughout the year.

Recycling Program

Another push at SAC this year is our recycling program. We work with a company called TerraCycle to help promote living a green life through both recycling and upcycling. We collect various items, such as cheese, granola, and candy wrappers, yogurt containers, and chip bags, and then send to TerraCycle where they turn these items into other goods. (More information can be found at <http://www.terracycle.com/en-US/pages/about-us.html>). We earn approximately two cents for each item we collect, and we hope to earn \$500 this year through the process to help fund more positive student activities. Not only is this program benefiting our planet, but it also has direct connections to our reading curriculum and character program. We thank Mrs. Carrie Gregoire, third-grade teacher, for her leadership in this program.

Upcoming Events

- *Friday, Sept 6: School Pictures
- *Friday, Sept 20: 3rd-Grade Grandparent Day, 10:30-Noon
- *Friday, Sept 27: Homecoming Parade at CAC
- *Tuesday, Oct 1: PTO Meeting at CAC
- *Wednesday, Oct 2: SITE Council at SAC
- *Thursday, Oct 3: SAC All-School Picture