

Columbus Principal Report for the Month of December 2017

COMPETENCY A: CHAMPIONS TEACHER AND STAFF EXCELLENCE THROUGH CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT TO DEVELOP AND ACHIEVE THE VISION OF HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL STUDENTS

Principal creates and implements systems to ensure a safe, orderly, and productive environment for student and adult learning toward the achievement of school and district improvement priorities. Principal works with the staff and community to build a shared mission, and vision of high expectations that ensures all students are on the path to college and career readiness, and holds staff accountable for results.

Lock Down Drill took place on Wed., Dec. 6, 2017

Grade Level Meetings were held to assess mastery of common core state standards using a gallery walk protocol

Continued the professional learning community (PLC) by reading chapter 2 of *The Leader in Me* text.

Took 3 staff members to visit a certified Leader in Me school in CPS.

Transferred funds from closed teacher assistant position to appropriate budget lines and purchased a Smart Board and laptop for the middle school math teacher

Organized installation of Smart Board for when it arrives to expedite ability to use

Held PD on flex day for No Bully implementation and beginning to explore what high quality grading looks like at Columbus

Spoke with facilities manager about ceiling repairs due to heavy rain and roof leakage. One of two repairs has been completed.

Held the 2nd quarter awards ceremony on Nov. 20.

COMPETENCY B: CREATES POWERFUL PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SYSTEMS THAT GUARANTEE LEARNING FOR STUDENTS

The principal works with the school staff and community to utilize the district's framework for effective teaching and learning to improve instruction for all students.

Continued formal evaluations; all observations have met CPS deadlines for timelines

During post conferences, teachers share their results via exit slips or assignments to reflect on success of the lesson

MOY NWEA testing has begun and will continue through next week

Sent the special education teacher and 4th grade teacher to Co-Teaching PD to strengthen research based practices in this area

Held a gallery walk to have teachers assess and critique their peers' end of unit exams and to offer feedback for improvement

Whole staff met on Dec. 7 for flex day where they were given training on No Bully and began small group discussions around their beliefs about the purpose of grades

Shared information for a discounted opportunity to get an ESL endorsement with those staff who do not have their ESL endorsement

COMPETENCY C: BUILDS A CULTURE FOCUSED ON COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

Principal works with staff and community to build a culture of high expectations and aspirations for every student by setting clear staff and student expectations for positive learning behaviors and by focusing on students' social-emotional learning

Completed the Social Emotional Learning survey with the PBIS and No Bully committees to become SEL certified with CPS

Created an action plan based on areas of concern brought out by the survey

Directed teachers to add SEL lessons to their lesson plan briefs

Directed teachers to let me know the specific time and day they were teaching SEL lessons

The middle school held their PBIS award of decorating the school, caroling, and having hot chocolate to celebrate all the positive behavior they exhibited over the past 6 weeks

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COMPETENCY D: EMPOWERS AND MOTIVATES FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY TO BECOME ENGAGED

Principal creates a collaborative school community where the school staff, families and community interact regularly and share ownership for the success of the school.

Supported Friends of Columbus with the annual Winterfest and Christmas tree sale Report Card Pick-Up was held on Nov. 15. We had the highest parent turnout in 5 years. Health Resource Fair was held on Nov. 15. Parents and families could sign consents for vision tests and dental examinations. Flu shots were offered. A yoga class was offered to showcase Mission Propelle

The annual bookfair was held. The profits were given to the intermediate grades to order books for their classroom libraries. Over \$900 was raised.

COMPETENCY E: RELENTLESSLY PURSUES SELF-DISCIPLINED THINKING AND ACTION

Principal works with the school staff and community to create a positive context for learning by ensuring equity, fulfilling professional responsibilities with honesty and integrity, and serving as a model for the professional behavior of others.

Teachers continue to read *The Leader in Me* and participate in a book discussion to prepare for launching the initiative next year

Teachers' training in No Bully practices address supports for all groups of students enrolled at Columbus

Held PD on flex day where teachers reflected on how much and how effective they've been in implementing the No Bully practices

Met with the Chief Officer of Teaching and Learning to move grading policy forward to the Board of Education for approval.

Upcoming Events/Happenings

Date	Event
Dec. 15	HS applications close
Dec. 18 – 22	Winter Spirit Week
Dec. 21	Assembly at 1:00 Family Potluck at 3:00 (could use some volunteers for set up)
Dec. 22	Classroom Winter Celebrations \$1.00 Jeans Day: wear green, red, and white
Dec. 22	Winter break begins at 2:45 p.m.

Out of Building Dates:

Date	Reason
Dec. 4, .5 day	Sick
Dec. 6, .5 day	Sick
Dec. 11	Sick