



February 12, 2016

Edition 10

Hawks Highlights

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At this time last year, I was writing to remind you that we have school on Monday because of having to make up a snow day. This year, however, I am happy to report (because we haven't had any snow days) that I am writing to remind you that we do NOT have school on Monday, February 15. Please enjoy your day, and we will see everyone on Tuesday!

In our last newsletter, I shared with you our core mission. I also shared how our teachers work very hard to better fulfill that core mission. Every other Thursday, our teachers are lead by our two Instructional Coaches in professional development. It would actually better be called professional learning. Our two coaches, Maren Kula and Stacy O'Brien, lead our teachers in small groups throughout the day on Thursday. Topics are always connected to better fulfilling our core mission. This week our teachers learned about protocols for analyzing student work. By analyzing student work in a certain way, teachers are able to learn a lot about their own practices as teachers as well as student learning. This is just one way our teachers work tirelessly to give our students the best educational experience possible.



Have a great weekend!

- Kyle Barrentine, Principal

Important Dates

- Mon, Feb 15—NO SCHOOL—President's Day
- Tues, Feb 16—Girls Basketball @ Paul Hadley—5:15pm/6:30pm
- Tues, Feb 16—Wrestling vs. Franklin Community—5:15pm
- Thurs, Feb 18—Girls Basketball vs. Lincoln (Round 2 of Marion Co. Tourney) - 5:15pm/6:30pm
- Thurs, Feb 18—Swimming/Diving @ Martinsville—5:30pm
- Sat, Feb 20—Girls Basketball vs. Winner of 2/18 (Marion Co. Tourney) @ Lynhurst
- Mon, Feb 22—Girls Basketball—Finals of Marion Co. Tourney @ Warren Central—6:00pm/7:30pm
- Tues, Feb 23—Swimming/Diving vs. Cascade—5:30pm
- Wed, Feb 24—Wrestling vs. Speedway—5:15pm
- Wed, Feb 24—Swimming/Diving @ Plainfield—5:30pm
- Thurs, Feb 25—7/8 A Girls Basketball @ Center Grove Central—5:15pm/6:30pm
- Sat, Feb 27—Wrestling vs. Greenwood @ Triple Dual—9:00am

Attendance as of Feb. 10 —

YTD Daily Average: 95.59%
Goal: 96%

Overall ODRs Snapshot for January: 45

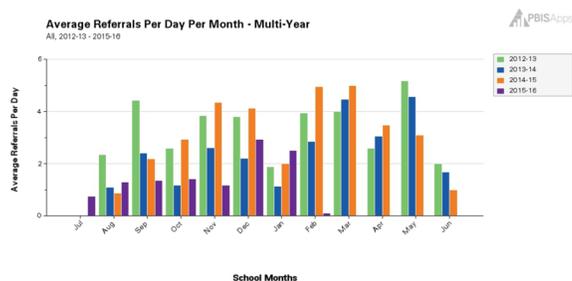
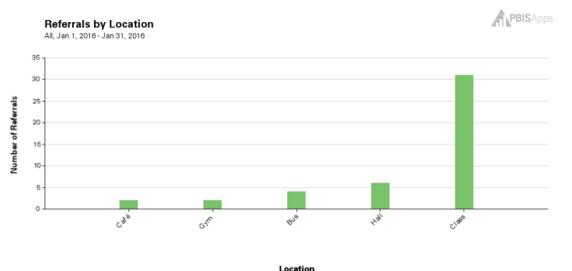
... a profound focus on the behaviors we want

ODR Snapshot for January (overall percentage of ODRs is approximately 5%)

- * Classroom—25 out of 45 (56% of all referrals)
- * Hallway—6 out of 45 (13% of all referrals)
- * Bus—4 out of 45 (9% of all referrals)
- * Cafeteria/Gym—2 each out of 45 (4% each of all referrals)

Top Four Behaviors:

- * Defiance/non-compliance (17/45, 38% of all referrals) - 14 classroom, 2 hallway, 1 cafeteria
- * Inappropriate language (6/45, 13% of all referrals) - 5 classroom, 1 bus
- * Physical aggression (5/45, 11% of all referrals) - 1 classroom, 1 hallway, 1 bus, 1 gym
- * Out of bounds (5/45, 11% of all referrals) - 2 classroom, 3 hallway



21st Century Scholars Program

ATTENTION: 7th and 8th Grade Parents



EXTREMELY IMPORTANT—Have you applied for the 21st Century Scholars Program?

Indiana's 21st Century Scholars program offers income-eligible Hoosier students up to four years of paid tuition at an eligible Indiana college or university after they graduate from high school. Scholars are connected to programs and resources to help them **plan, prepare, and pay** for college. **Applications must be received by June 30 of the student's 8th grade year.** Need more information? Please contact Gail Barrett, Guidance Counselor, at 317-856-5274 ext. 8014 or via email at gbarrett@msddecatur.k12.in.us

It is the Board's commitment to provide a safe, positive, productive and nurturing educational environment for all of its students. Any individual who believes a student has been or is the victim of discrimination, bullying, or harassment should report the situation to the building principal or designee or complete the School District's Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report form, which is available online at www.msddecatur.k12.in.us.

Students of the Week

Jan. 25-29, 2016



From left to right: Dakota Howard, Daniel Owen, Autumn Justus, Erik McIntyre, Izac Stewart, Josh Hilliard, Kelstin Galovic and Samantha Schick

Students of the Week

Feb. 1-5, 2016



From left to right: Brandon Philpott, Demetrianna Erwin, Areli Paz, Kendra Farmer and Averi Keene (not pictured: Keith Brown and Hisdeyber Campos-Martinez)