

Hoover Cardinals

Chuck's Updates

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Hoover Staff:

Thank you to all for your hard work as we prepared for our annual Williams Act Audit. Please continue to make sure that all students have textbooks for your classes. It is important that we continue this focus as students come and go throughout the school year. If a new student is enrolled in one of your classes, please continue to immediately send them to the library to check out the required textbook.

I am really looking forward to our next phase of Professional Learning Community (PLC) work this year at Hoover High. I firmly believe that this level of collaboration with our colleagues and shared focus on student growth is critical for the success of all our students. It was a pleasure spending time with the four core content areas at the start of the school year as we examined our achievement data and discussed goal setting.

I also had the pleasure meeting with our elective teachers on September 28th as we examine our PLC work together. There are so many wonderful instructional things going on throughout our Hoover community. I am certain that as we continue to share these great ideas and focus on student growth, we are destined to overtake more schools this year on our way to be the best in San Diego Unified.

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Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which one has overcome while trying to succeed.

-Booker T. Washington

Teachers:

As I continue my instructional walkthroughs this week, please remember to have your Hoover clipboard on your desk with a seating map showing the seat assignments for ELL students and Students with Special Needs. If you have any questions or are new to Hoover, please see our PD team or your department chair for examples. I have also attached the Hoover Observational Protocol and Non-Negotiable that we discussed last year to help guide your planning and daily instruction.

Important:

The Great California ShakeOut is scheduled for 10-20-10-20 -- 10:20 a.m. on Oct. 20. Cities, counties, schools, individuals and businesses across the state will duck, cover and hold, plus practicing their emergency operations, at that time. More information will be shared throughout this week via email.

<http://www.sandi.net/Page/29144>

Superintendent Instructional Visits:

We will be having many instructional walkthroughs with our Area 5 Superintendent (Mitzi Merino). She is really strong instructionally and I am looking forward to some great conversations as we work together to support all students. Here are the first few dates for our instructional visits:

Mitzi Merino –October 18th and 19th

Bill Kowba – November 14th

Lead Teachers:

Please make sure that you have collected all syllabi from your teaching team members and that you have submitted a complete folder to Hilda Hernandez before October 14th.

Regarding Non Attending and Tardy Students:

Please make sure that you are submitting the names of chronically absent and tardy students to our Attendance Coordinator (Norma Sandoval). As you know, attendance is a focus for us this year at Hoover. As teachers, we all know how important it is for our students to be in our classes every day. Please continue to help us get better as a community as we raise the bar for all students and families in this critical area.

Schoolwide Professional Expectations

1. Implement PD Focus

- **Vocabulary Development (Building Background Knowledge – direct vocabulary instruction, word walls, etc.)**
- **Writing to Learn (Cornell notes, GOs, etc.)**
- **Collaborative wide -- Observation Protocol**

2. All Teachers--Post & use classroom homework boards & homework logs

3. Current student work/learning posted

4. Utilize communication tools –Check email daily (48 hr. response for phone and email)

5. Utilize Hoover Web Site for student and parent information (Homework, Syllabus and Department Grading Policy – all staff members)

6. Weekly communication of grades for student progress -- to students and families

7. Daily lesson planning

8. Support ALL students like they are your own children

Coming Events

For all upcoming Hoover events, please see our website

<http://www.sandi.net/Page/21565>