

# Westside Global Awareness Magnet

Week of August 25-29, 2014

Monday	Tuesday CELDT training Pt 2  Fire Drill 11am  PD- Strengthfinders Pt 2	Wednesday	Thursday Student of the Month Assemblies  CPT / Elementary Collaboration Meeting	Friday Admission Day - No School

## Principal's Corner

We completed the second week of the new school year like seasoned veterans in any profession--with confidence and ease. Mr. Cordova had his two leadership classes up and running, beginning the work of organizing student voices around the campus. In science, Mr. Augenblick had his students doing a team building/problem solving activity using gummy worms. Ms. Ferreira's class was already deeply engaged in reading Ray Bradbury and Ms. Williams' 5th grade class was participating in the Ice Challenge to support ALS. Meanwhile, I saw 3rd graders with Mr. Garner building paper airplanes (something to do with flight, distance and math concepts), Mr. Bangert doing the old homework check with his 1st period class, and Ms. Geske following through on having all our 6th graders on Edmodo in addition to using their Gmail accounts (Every student now has one.). Mr. Clark in PE also had our students sweating while doing team building exercises, and Mr. Westhoff wasted no time in launching year 2 of his popular chess club; the running team also had its first practice on Thursday with several new members committing to pushing themselves to the limit. In Special Education, Mr. E cranked out the one-pager summaries on each of his students to help us provide the support they will need. And finally, Ms. Fulton and Mr. Beard presented the school's expectations to all of our secondary students in their PE classes on Thursday. This is just a small glimpse into the world of Westside Global during the second week of instruction.

In the weeks and months ahead, we will be focusing on the following five areas in order to move our school from **achieving** to **excelling** on the Superintendent's Performance Framework.

- Positive Behavior Intervention and Support** - We've already formed a committee whose members will look at classroom management as well as the implementation of restorative justice on our campus.
- Common Core in the Classroom** - The School Leadership Team (SLT) will spearhead our implementation of the Common Core and will help determine the focus standards for each subject area.
- Authentic Assessments** - Another job for the SLT. The task will also be to ensure that we're ready as a school for the SBAC.
- Project-Based Learning** - Part of sustaining what we started in the MSAP grant. We will seek to continue finding ways to engage students through technique, research-based strategies and sound pedagogy.
- Technology Integration** - We're proceeding at a rapid pace communicating through the Google environment, Edmodo and by other digital means. We're also still purchasing new technology while trying to figure out ways of maintaining the technology we have.

Focusing on these five areas, being diligent about our attendance practices, and coming together to help our LTELs and all other students do their best will almost certainly result in positive movement. Onward.

## Support Staff Corner

Part 2 of the CELDT training will take place on Tuesday. We will sub you out of the classroom for an hour during the day in order to complete this mandatory training.

Second, we have started rotating check out times for using the Media Center. If you would like to sign up please contact Jeff Beard.

## School Announcements

Tuesday, August 26th, we will conduct a fire drill at 11 am. When the bell rings, please bring your class to the yard (we will have staff available to direct you where to line up). We will be on a PD schedule and will participate in Part 2 of Strengthfinders.

Thursday, August 28th there will be 6-8 grade student of the month Assembly at 8:40 AM on the yard. We will practice the elementary student of the month assembly at 1:45 PM on the yard.

Friday, August 29th there will be No School due to California Admission's Day.

## Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, August 26th - CELDT Pt 2 training; PD (Strengthfinder Pt 2)
- Friday, August 29th - Admission Day (No School)
- Monday, September 1st - Labor Day (No School)
- Thursday, September 18th - Back to School Night

In order to ensure great attendance at the Back to School Night, please start talking to your classes about it now. We look forward to meeting all of our school families during this event.

Also, we are still in need of some 8th grade students. If there are any good candidates that you know would be a good fit at Westside, please pass along their info to Mrs. Fulton.

## Parent Community & Office Personnel

Please take attendance online during the first 10 Minutes of each class period. Thank you in advance for helping us record accurate attendance.

Please encourage parents to do the following 2 things:

1. Mark the calendar for BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT (9/18/14)
2. Fill out a meal application online at [www.applyforlunch.com](http://www.applyforlunch.com)