

INNOVATIVE INFORMATION

NOVEMBER 2024

PD Summary

Departments in both schools spent time discussing instruction and learning in order to continue to work on vertical alignment.

NSES

- Math Interventionists provided training on IXL and its features
- Courtney Caswell provided Google training
- Nina and Rob answered questions about the SAT process.
- Heidi, Kim and Jackie facilitated an HMH Scope and Sequence writing session.

Wheeler

- Katie McGuire provided more Google training for staff
- The AP PLC discussed instructional resources.
- Jenn Mitchell provided IXL training
- Staff spent time looking at NEASC standards and documenting evidence

Please reach out to our in house "experts" if you have any follow up questions!

Instructional Strategy Round-up

Lower Elementary: 20 Perfect Anchor Charts to Teach Phonics and Blends

Upper Elementary: Three Skill-Building Activities for Upper Elementary Math

MS: /HS: 60 Second Strategy: Double Circle

MS/HS: Creative Annotations

New Teacher Spotlight: Kevin Noonan



Meet Kevin Noonan, Wheeler's newest Special Ed teacher. Kevin is a Wheeler graduate. He commented, "I love this school and I love this town. The fact that I can teach at Wheeler and continue to give back as a soccer and basketball coach was just the perfect fit." Welcome back Kevin!

Innovative Highlight

Third grade students engaged in Project Based Learning to create a habitat diorama! Their creations were based on their research and the information they learned in their science unit. These dioramas were then put on display in the third grade hallway!

Goal Update

- We are starting a collaboration with Preston to do reciprocal site visits to see Into Reading in Action!
- MS Teams are coordinating field trips and interdisciplinary mini-units during Flex. The 8th grade is starting their unit on holidays, while the 7th grade is starting one on plants!

Innovative Instruction Bank

Want to try something new? Check out the District Instructional Strategy Bank linked [here](#).

Curriculum Corner

This month there will be some work on Art Curriculum. If you would like to take sometime to write please contact Kim Haggerty to discuss.

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