

July 29, 2013

Dear Sibley Colleagues,

Welcome back to another school year at Sibley Elementary School! As I think about the year ahead, I get excited about the opportunities we will create for the students at Sibley through our continued work with PLCs, Responsive Classroom practice, the RtI implementation and iPads in our classrooms. Sibley is an excellent place to learn and work, and we have to continue to challenge ourselves in ways that make us better educators. That comes from holding each other accountable, working smarter, being willing to change when change is necessary and working toward a goal of continuous improvement both for our students and ourselves. As you all know, it takes teamwork, dedication and a lot of time and effort to be a successful educator. I look forward to working alongside you this next year!

The school year begins for us Monday, August 26th. Here is a look at the workshop week schedule:

Monday, August 26th

7:30-9:30 - Two hours building staff meeting
9:30-11:30 and 12:30-3:30 - Five hours work time
1:30-12:30 - One Hour Lunch

Tuesday, August 27th

7:30-3:30 - "Ready, Set, Go Day!" This will be our assessment day and meet the teacher/open house all wrapped into one day. Students will be given a specific time to visit their new classroom. The classroom teacher and one non-classroom teacher (specialist, sped, etc), will be assigned to each classroom and the team of two will conduct the necessary assessments. More details will follow regarding who is doing what, but we are planning for the non-classroom teachers to do the Dibels assessment for sure. Training on that will come at the end of this year. Again, this will involve all licensed teachers. We understand we will not catch everyone on this Tuesday, but we will likely get most of the students that day. Assessments for students who cannot make it in will be done the first week of school. Lunch worked in...

Wednesday, August 28th

7:45-3:45 (Schedule TBD)
Two hours district staff development
Five hours work time
One hour lunch

Thursday, August 29th

7:45-3:45 (Schedule TBD)
Two hours district staff development
Five hours work time
One hour lunch

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me. I am truly looking forward to another great year and again feel fortunate to work with a professional, dedicated staff at Sibley. Thank you in advance for the great work and persistence with our students. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer!

Sincerely,

Scott Sannes