

Dear Staff,

While I don't usually write a letter on short weeks, who could resist sending out some news now as the first day of school arrives this week! This is going to be a great year, and I am looking forward to celebrating your accomplishments and spreading the good news every week!

Welcome back to what I am SURE is going to be an exciting year. In my belief that the best ideas are stolen... This year everyone at NCSC is going to



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have the opportunity

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CREEK in terms of

helping students learn

about "Mindsets." There are a couple of teachers who were the first to pioneer their own investigations into this concept through professional reading and attending workshops. When we realized that, we looked into it, too.



Nettle Creek Family of Schools

As it turns out, Mindset aligns perfectly with our Nettle Creek Mission and is a perfect fit for where NCSC is in its development of excellence. As a result, administrators used Mindset last year as the theme for our professional learning community.

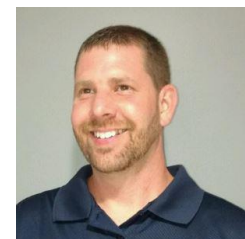
Bus drivers received a short intro into Mindsets last week at their staff meeting, and I'll share a short introduction and our rationale for choosing this as our focus for the coming school year for all staff at Tuesday's picnic lunch. Over the course of the year, we'll depend on administrators and those teachers who have already begun their understanding of the power of Mindsets to help us plan the year so that we all can learn about the power in understanding Mindsets and learn how it can benefit all students when they understand Mindsets, too.



Once again, Mr. Hillman and his Environmental Services crew have the buildings looking great and ready for when students return and learning begins again. We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to everyone who worked throughout the summer making preparations for the big day on Wednesday. It's always a little worrisome when we see furniture piled in the hall, but as sure as green tomatoes in July turn into red tomatoes in August, tasks are

completed, furniture is repositioned and classrooms are ready once again for teachers to take things from there in preparation for the first day of the new school year.

We welcome Mr. Arnold as the new Director of the Transportation Department. Just like teachers do when they move into a new classroom,



Mr. Arnold has been busy cleaning and reorganizing the bus garage to suit his needs. He held his first staff meeting on Friday, and there we determined that his staff has a combined total of 238 years of serving our community's children assuring that they arrive to and from school safely every day. We send our Transportation Team, including Ms. Toler, a tip of the Tiger's tail and wish them the very best on Wednesday morning with new routes and new families to find while at the same time coordinating their work so that they all arrive at the same time at HES. Drive safely!



Everyone who attended Band Day yesterday at the Indiana State Fair witnessed the making of local history! We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Mr. Sloniker, his staff, and his students for their 8th Place finish out of the forty-nine schools that competed. According to an online source, Eighth Place ties the school record for the band's best finish at the State Fair. Mr. Sloniker and his students have been working hard all summer in preparation for this season's competitions. Job well done!



You may or may not have received a cursive writing survey link that IDOE is circulating to all teachers, administrators and school board members. Legislators have been discussing whether teaching cursive writing should be mandatory in elementary schools for some time and are looking for guidance. If you are a member of one of these three groups, this link will take you to the survey: <https://form.jotformpro.com/71923156615962>.

Congratulations with a tip of the Tiger's tail go out to Coach Shafer for the success of his girls golf team! The girls are undefeated in dual meets. They beat Northeastern on Wednesday and triumphed over Blue River at Hartley Hills on Thursday.



Let's wrap up this week's letter with a reminder that NCSC is hosting an all-staff picnic pitch-in to celebrate the beginning of the new school year. This celebration includes all certified and non-certified personnel including Food Services! Lunch will be held this Tuesday, August 8th, from Noon to 1:00P.M. in the Jr./Sr. high school cafeteria. Staff members whose last name begins with A-M are asked to bring a salad or a side dish, and staff members whose last name begins with N-Z are asked to bring a dessert, drink or chips.



Yours for another successful YEAR with children!

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