

Dear Staff,

We start this week by sending a special tip of the Tiger's tail to Ms. Olinger, Ms. Sewell and Ms. Kaiser for the work they do every day to help our students through the challenges children experience as they grow up. February 5th through the 9th is designated as National School Counseling Week. Thanks to the three of you for supporting our students in the very important and unique ways that you do!



We send a tip of the Tiger's tail, too, to all of the coaches, their staffs and athletes for their successes this past week. Competing in a triple overtime game against Franklin County and bringing home the win after finally showing Northeastern what Tigers are made of earlier in the week is quite an accomplishment! Cody Swimm was the lead scorer with 24 points. Under the guidance of Coach Payne, Jake Combs earned a spot at the IHSAA Wrestling Semi-State competition after his success at the Richmond Regional this weekend. It's great to have the Purple & Gold Machine represented by Jake at the State level. We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Ms. Muse and Mr. Shepherd for the success of their swimmers at the New Palestine Swimming Sectional on Saturday. Individual swimmers have challenged school records all through their season.



We send a long-distance tip of the Tiger's tail to Rhonda Roos for returning to Nettle Creek on Friday to advance teachers' and administrators' understanding of the power available to all of us found in a Growth Mindset. After the morning's initial training, Dr. Roos continued training a cadre of teachers and administrators who are charged with helping the concept grow and take root here at



Nettle Creek to advance academic achievement by giving students another tool in their toolboxes to attain success. A couple of teachers caught me in the hall midday on Friday and shared their appreciation and excitement for bringing Dr. Roos to NCSC. More recently, I asked another teacher to share her reflections about what she heard on Friday in her introduction to Growth Mindset, and she asked, "How do you teach it?" She recognized that concepts like GM are foundational pointing out that children pick up skills like this very early in life and more than likely at home. Her point is a good one! Hers is a very serious question that we don't have an answer to yet. I found her very question comes from the GM perspective because it asks HOW it can be taught rather than whether it can be taught at all. Though a few brave teacher leaders at NCSC



are doing just this already with their students, strategies to teach GM for the rest of us is a



question that will be addressed at Nettle Creek all in due time.

Most of us are barely at the awareness level. And the opportunity for support staff to even reach this level is yet in the future. If Friday lit a fire for you, even if that fire is but a little spark, I would encourage you and maybe your buddy next door to team up and do a little online reading as the spirit moves you. If you come

across a strategy that sounds right for you and your students, I would encourage you to give it a try! Don't let us hold you back. We all need a lot more information. And the rest of us will catch up with you as Growth Mindset unfolds at NCSC! Dr. Roos will be back periodically to support our progress by meeting with small groups and to lend a hand to GM task force leaders as they provide all staff members with the information and support they need because it will take all of us to eventually guide students to acquire and use the power in Growth Mindset.



We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Ms. Lieberman for hosting her cadre of area Reading



Recovery teachers at Nettle Creek for training. Reading Recovery is an intensive reading intervention program that provides individualized reading instruction to first-grade students who are still developing foundational reading skills. Reading Recovery provides continuing contact among RR teachers so that their information base and

instructional strategies take advantage of the very latest in reading research.

It is time for us to update our door key and swipe card information. Mr. Hillman has provided Mr. Childs, Ms. Hokey and Mr. Keesling with a form to be completed by all employees who currently are in possession of door keys or entrance swipe cards. Please complete the form and return it to your supervisor as soon as possible. As funds allow, for security reasons NCSC will rely more on swipe cards and less on actual door keys. Thank you!

Another area that we are tightening up is the procedure of reserving and driving Tiger minibuses. While minibuses will still be available for your use, ignition keys will be checked out and checked in through Ms. Toler, and minibus drivers will need to participate and pass state-required online training before permission to drive a minibus is approved. This requirement goes into effect June 1, 2018. Mr. Hillman will distribute more information.



Yours for another successful week with children!

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