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Dear Staff,

You know what they say about April showers! I haven't seen the history of March/April precipitation, but we've got to be nearing a record. The other side of that coin refers to our water table. Indiana is so lucky to have adequate water reserves. In other parts of the country they are experiencing a string of droughts with water tables that are dangerously low, and when they do get rain they get mud slides and floods. Once again, East-Central Indiana has much to be thankful for! The day will come, if it's not already here, when our fresh water reserve is more precious than gold!

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to the spring sports coaches, their staffs and their athletes for continuing to prepare for competitions despite the fact that rescheduling has kept Mr. Keesling pretty busy so far this season. It's got to be a challenge to keep athlete's spirits high and their competitive focus sharp when games are continuously delayed. Congratulations to Mr. Gray and his track teams for their wins over Delta and Monroe Central! You can tell it's spring in the Nettle Creek Valley when you see Mr. Gray's track team running through town. I'm sure the whole community enjoys seeing these athletes work hard in training for the season.

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce my new assistant, Ms. Nancy Bennett! She starts on Monday and comes to us with extensive business office experience. Ms. Bennett shares that she is pleased to be coming to NCSC. She is happily married, and she and her husband are celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary in September. The Bennetts have two children. Their daughter currently teaches third grade, and their son is a police officer and National Guardsman. Their daughter-in-law is a Registered Nurse. Ms. Bennett is excited that her first grandbaby is on the way – due in late August. She loves working with children and has been a children's church director for over 30 years. Along with her family, she enjoys reading, writing, gardening and spoiling her two "grandpups". Welcome to NCSC, Ms. Bennett! We are very glad you've joined us!
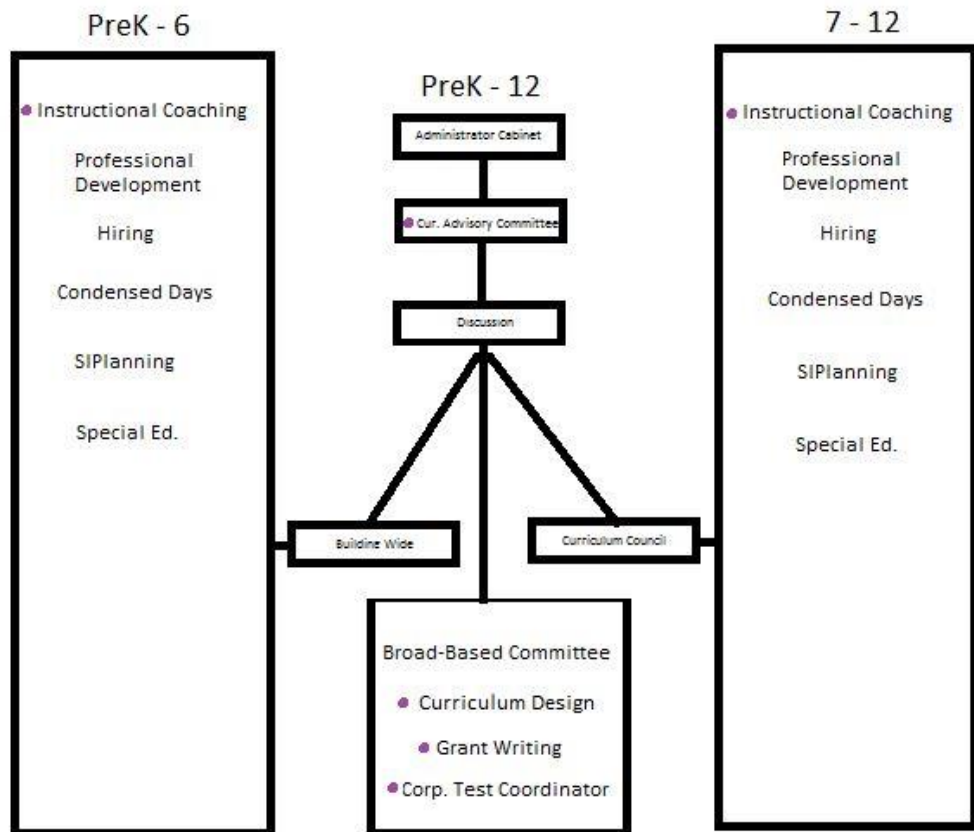
Hardly a week goes by when parents and community members don't reach out to me to commend a Nettle Creek school employee! Last week, a parent shared how much she appreciates the extra work Ms. Muller is doing for her child who struggles to learn. In Mom's words, Ms. Muller goes above and beyond the call of duty to find individualized ways to help her daughter learn in the regular ed. setting. Mom deeply appreciates the extra support the special ed. teachers provide, and Mom wanted me to know how grateful she is that

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beyond working arm–in-arm with the Special Ed. teachers, Ms. Muller is implementing ways on her own to help her daughter learn! Ms. Muller, this tip's for you!

Curriculum and instruction both continue to GROW @ THE CREEK under Ms. Swain's leadership. Among the current requirements of her time brought on by two ISTEP+ testing windows and Spring NWEA testing sessions in both buildings, Ms. Swain is building a new K-12 teacher committee that is designed to help her focus the K-12 direction NCSC is taking to guide curriculum decisions and developing increasingly effective classroom instructional practices. This committee forms a link between

Curriculum Coordinator/Instructional Coach Responsibility Chart

PreK - 6
- Instructional Coaching
- Professional Development
- Hiring
- Condensed Days
- SIPlanning
- Special Ed.

PreK - 12
- Administrator Cabinet
- Cur. Advisory Committee
- Discussion
- Building Wide
- Curriculum Council
- Broad-Based Committee
  - Curriculum Design
  - Grant Writing
  - Corp. Test Coordinator

7 - 12
- Instructional Coaching
- Professional Development
- Hiring
- Condensed Days
- SIPlanning
- Special Ed.

corporation administrators, Discussion and the teacher councils at both buildings. Having this bridge will help strengthen K-12 planning and will add continuity and consistency across the corporation. This makes sense when we remember that our elementary students become our Jr./Sr. high students! We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Ms. Swain and her teachers as they help our corporation grow in how we serve our students educationally! The graphic describes all of the activities that Curriculum & Instruction touches. While by the nature of her job, Ms. Swain is involved in each of the areas; her priorities and the areas she leads are designated by the purple bullets.

Yours for another successful week with children!

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