

The Artemus Weekly

Every Scholar, Every Moment, Every Day: Attend, Believe, Achieve!

Staff,

This Black History Month make it a point to celebrate the diversity of our school by honoring the impacts and contributions African Americans have made to our society and culture as a whole. In honoring past and present heroes and the often hard to swallow historical reality of our past, be sure not to water down the historical facts. By honoring our history and holding real conversations around race, inequality and oppression, you can play an important role in counter balancing the inequities and systematic oppression that continue to this day. As you design lessons and activities take a moment to read the following article on some do's and don'ts:

How Should Schools Acknowledge Black History Month?

<https://www.weareteachers.com/black-history-month-in-schools>

In addition to the activities that you may be planning, I am challenging all staff to take the Harvard Implicit Bias test as a way to identify and confront your own personal biases. Bias is something that none of us can ignore, and something that all of us carry with us. By identifying and being aware of our own biases we can take the first steps in utilizing awareness as a means of balancing out the scales of equitable practice.

Harvard Implicit Bias Test:

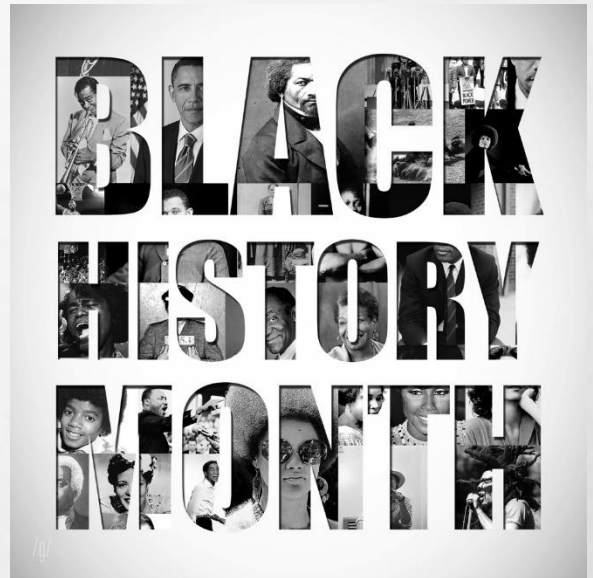
<https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/takeatest.html>

Procedural Reminders:

- All students are required to have a pass at all times.
- At no time are students to be admitted to the bathroom w/ a partner or in groups.
- Lines must be orderly at all times with teacher directed checkpoints and the monitoring of both front and back.

That's it for now. Have a great week!

-Mr. Myslenski



Misc. Updates:

AAP: If you have not done so please fill out. We will be meeting on Tuesday after school.

Spical Ed. Survey: I will be meeting with our Spec. Ed. Program Mgs. On Thursday. Be sure to fill out the survey I sent out by close of business Tuesday so I can include pertinent info in the agenda.:

Attendance Update:

Students qualifying for the monthly incentive will be receiving it this Monday.

Cardinal Store: Open this Monday

OELPA Testing: Begins Monday

Quote of the Week 2/3:

"I think unconscious bias is one of the hardest things to get at."

-Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Upcoming Dates and Reminders:

Mon:	9:00am-3:40pm	OELPA Testing School Store
Tues:	9:00am-3:40pm	UCC / AAP Meeting
Wed:	9:00am-3:40pm	PD: PLCs
Thurs:	9:00am-3:40pm	Reg Bell Schedule
Fri:	9:00am-3:40pm	AAP Meeting (offsite)



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

al Update:

	K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	Total
Week 11/19	0	6	2	1	5	1	5	5	10	35
Week 11/25	0	4	1	0	4	0	0	3	5	16
Week 12/2	0	9	5	0	7	0	8	1	1	31
Week 12/9	0	9	6	1	6	5	7	1	3	38
Week 12/16	0	2	4	0	2	2	3	2	2	17
Week 1/6	0	6	2	0	4	1	8	0	2	23
Week 1/13	0	6	3	0	3	2	11	6	0	31
Week 1/20	1	7	1	1	0	3	8	3	3	27
Week 1/27	0	10	5	2	3	7	7	1	3	38

We saw a peak in referrals this past week with physical aggression being the most common infraction with 11 referrals and disruption also continuing to be a concern. The following Tier I interventions are designed to support physical aggression.

- Take away unstructured time
- Talk one on one with student
- Teach relaxation skills, strategies when frustrated.

In addition to the Tier I strategies above, consider a Daily Behavior Chart for students that are receiving multiple referrals for the same behavior. Set a goal for the student and track the behavior. The behavior chart is a good way for the student to see the monitoring of their behavior and it is also a way to ensure communication between home and school.

PBIS Updates:

- Due to the awards ceremony on Friday the school store was moved to Monday. Grades 3 – 8 are to visit the store between 8:40 – 9:00. Grades K – 2 will be called down to shop.
- Grades 6 – 8 Unity Circle will be on Monday and Grades 4 – 5 will have Unity Circle on Wednesday morning. Grades 4 – 8 please email Mrs. Beets with your student shout outs. Thank you!
- If you have any items you think would be great in the school store, please let Mrs. Beets know. And any donations to the school store are greatly appreciated

From the Desk of Mrs. Cree:

- OELPA - Please make sure that you have conferenced with students for OELPA testing. It begins on Monday, February 3rd and will go through Friday, March 20th. A schedule was sent via email on Friday. We will keep you updated with the progress.
- We will be having our SEL Night on Thursday, February 13th, with a focus on our upcoming CFL as well as test prep strategies that focus on curbing anxiety. You will be receiving a survey this week as to your availability. The time of the event is 5:30 – 7:30 and you will receive 2.5 hours of PD time for your attendance. Your help is greatly appreciated – and needed!

Other dates to keep in mind:

- CFL survey – February 24th through March 12th.
- ANet A3 will take place from March 2-4
- ELA OST will be from April 2-24
- Math and Science OST will be from April 20 – May 8
- PD this week will be in our 3 PLC's – PreK to 3, Math and ELA. See you then.

OUR GOALS:

- Percent of students reaching NWEA growth targets >80%
- Percent of students exceeding the 50%percentile in NWEA achievement is > 40%
- Decrease the number of limited students > 10%
- Increase the number of students proficient or above >10%
- Increase our overall Performance Index by > 5 points
- Improve all metrics of Conditions for Learning by 3 points.
- Attendance > 93%



Pocketful of SUNSHINE Corner



“If you see someone without a smile,
Give them one of yours!”

Staff Birthdays-February

- 2/1 - Joanne Herbele
- 2/8 - Dennis Turner
- 2/13 - Craig Housum
- 2/14 - Lisa O'Donnell
- 2/14 - Jeff Szwagulak

NEWS

- Welcome Back Matt Pempin and Erin Thomas from Paternity/Maternity Leave! Help them get acclimated back into the routine!
- Be on the lookout for Potluck sign-up emails to go out for February 13th (breakfast), and at the end of the month for March 18th conferences (lunch)

Sunshine Committee

- Heidi Cooper, chair
- Joanne Herbele
- Adria Vega
- Cassandra Carter
- Erin Thomas
- Lisa O'Donnell
- Allison Spence
- Carol Stofan
- Tamera Taylor

What have we been doing?

We did January snowman soup mailbox treats. We sent sympathy flowers to Jana Funk for the loss of her mother. We sent Matt Pempin a gift card and card for the birth of his new baby!

****If you hear or know of any events or circumstances that Sunshine should be aware, please contact any of the committee members****

Important Links

ANET

<https://my.achievementnetwork.org/my/standards>

Writing

<http://www.vermontwritingcollaborative.org/WPDEV/>

ODE AIR Portal

<https://oh.portal.airast.org/users/teachers.shtml>

NWEA Resources

MathNWEA RiT Tool: Use this to look align students learning path and learn about the continuum

<http://rittoresource.org>

MAP Math: Use this for activities that are aligned to were students are on the continuum

<http://www.sowashco.org/ro//pages/studentlinks/map/>

NWEA MATH Activities: Use this as a resource for activities and lessons aligned by RiT

<https://sites.google.com/a/wfsd.k12.ny.us/nwea/math-map-activities>

NWEA Reading Activities: Use this as a resource for activities and lessons aligned by RiT

<https://sites.google.com/a/wfsd.k12.ny.us/nwea/map-reading-activities>

Ideas for Centers that can be implemented in your classroom:

http://www.busyteacherscafe.com/literacy_centers/

http://www.atozteacherstuff.com/Lesson_Plans/Learning_Centers/Literacy_Centers/

http://www.atozteacherstuff.com/Lesson_Plans/Learning_Centers/Math_Centers