

Curriculum Coordinator Report:

March 2024

Professional development:

- We attended the third standards-based grading workshop. Topics covered were changing the mindset about grading, measuring academic learning separately from behavioral skills or competencies, and measuring standards on report cards.
- The committee is planning to present some ideas at the spring faculty meetings.
- A few teachers are attending professional development at BOCES on our staff development day this month.
- The majority of our staff is remaining in house and working together in teams to further curriculum alignment and to create common strategies for supporting students in their content areas.
- Our math teachers k-12 will be reviewing a new math curriculum that aligns with the Next Generation Standards. This math curriculum has been or is being utilized by several districts in the St. Lawrence and Jeff-Lewis BOCES who have higher levels of student proficiency on state exams.
- During the afternoon when parent teacher conferences are held, all of our teacher assistants will be attending a training session facilitated by BOCES. This has been developed specifically to help grow their skills in the classroom and with students, providing them with the opportunity to be even more successful than they are.

Data & Curriculum:

- Leigh and I met with the HS Regents teachers and provided them with more data from their exams. We also met with k-2 teachers to review the last iready diagnostic test and discuss how that data will help target instruction.

Teacher Support:

- Observations for the elementary teachers are almost complete. We have been able to observe many effective teaching strategies and provide feedback and suggestions to further improve instructional practices.

- Classroom visits and conversations continue to help ensure that teachers have the resources they need to support instruction, and that concerns and challenges are addressed so that we can provide support, direction, and pathways to solutions.
- Individual teacher support continues to be provided to several teachers, giving meaningful feedback to help them identify strengths and areas for growth

Positive School Culture:

- The students and teachers enjoyed a fun day on the Friday before Winter Break. It was Global Play day and each class structured their own fun activities.
- On March 14th “Saint Paddy’s March Madness” will take place in the morning in grades k-4. Some of the students will participate in a round robin activity where each classroom teacher will provide a fun activity centered on the holiday. It should be a fun time for everyone!