

What's new @ WCA!

Although these Minnesota skies have kept us guessing the last few months, I think it is safe to finally say that spring is here! Collectively, our students and teachers are working hard and doing a great job pushing toward a strong finish to the 2018-2019 school year.

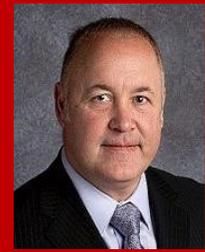
As the school year winds down, I want to update you on several important instructional, communication and facility items.

We have implemented several new initiatives this school year. We have implemented PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports), digital citizenship that teaches students how to use social media in positive ways and strengthening lessons using higher order thinking skills, which was the focus of our professional learning communities. We are purchasing and implementing a new k-8 math curriculum for the 2019-2020 school year and are looking to enhance our reading strategies and additional support for our students.

As part of the district's strategic plan, we want to improve family and community engagement. The areas we have focused on this year included implementing the district's Facebook and Webpage, working on sharing the great things we do at West Central Area, partnering with the Grant County Herald and developing partnerships with all our stakeholders. As a district we feel it is important to develop these relationships. To enhance these relationships the district is adding .5 community relations/ .5 instructional coach.

In addition to focusing on curriculum and communication, we are paying close attention to improving our facilities in order to enhance the learning environment in our schools. We are updating our heating system at the WCASS . We are continually having issues with heat pumps not working, automation and leaks . Second, we are in the process of installing a new sound system at the Secondary School. The sound system will be installed and ready to go for graduation. Third, as a district we are reviewing and updating our emergency response plans. We received a school facility safety grant at the secondary school to install door sensors, outside strobe lights and a booster for our ARMER radios. These areas were found to be in need of upgrades during our walk-through with the Sherriff. Last, this past year we replaced a section of roofing at North Elementary, updated the Wrap Around care area, painted the hallways at South Elementary and added water bottle fillers through generous donations at both elementary schools.

It is an exciting time to be at WCA, and it is my honor to serve as your superintendent. WCA is family; there is no better place in which to learn and work. Thank you for your continued support as we strive to do our very best for our community's children. They deserve it, and we simply cannot do this important work without you.



**Instruction
Facility Updates
by Superintendent
Barry Schmidt**



This Fall!!

**Early Entrance
Conferences**

**September 3rd and 4th
for K-6 grade**

**Professional
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Outs:**

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2019-2020 School Year**

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