

Superintendent Rambling

January, 2017



So far the weather has been tolerable for January! Boys Basketball programs at all levels are in full swing, with the Junior High winding down. Junior High Girls Volleyball are starting. Our online homepage calendar lists specific activity dates and times on an ongoing basis, *Please support our students by attending as many school events as possible during the course of the month ahead and, as an adult, model good sportsmanship.* This is appreciated by everyone. Our Facebook page and twitter feeds continue to serve as important sources of information during the course of the school year. Numerous activities and important dates for January include:

<u>January 3rd :</u>	Teacher Institute
<u>January 4th:</u>	Classes Resume
<u>January 9th:</u>	Board of Education Meeting at 6: PM
<u>January 14th:</u>	Board of Education Retreat 8 AM to 3 PM @ Valley
<u>January 14th:</u>	8th Grade “Night” Boys Basketball at 10 AM @ Valley
<u>January 16th :</u>	MLK Holiday- No School
<u>January 19th:</u>	Girls Basketball Senior Night @ Cuba 6 PM

At our January institute our staff focused on technology, with AM and PM training programs available for staff to enhance their chromebook skills. As we approach February we will resume our efforts at curriculum alignment.

At Board retreat on January 14th the Board of Education will review its annual “wish list” of physical plant improvements. We will also review the success of our one to one computer initiative, which is in the middle of its 3rd year of implementation. We will also be finalizing our administrative alignment plan and discussing possible revisions in our Final exam policy, effective the Fall of 2017. **I am pleased to report that our test scores continue to be among the highest, if not the highest in the Knox Fulton County region; kudos to our staff for all of their hard work and effort!**

A continual reminder that office hours are now posted on the website for your convenience. In most instances phones will not be answered after the times listed on our web page; please refrain from calling unless it is an emergency situation. You are welcome to leave a message on the district answering machine if would like to do so. Every effort will be made to return your call the following school day. The Jr./ Sr. High office is open from 7 AM to 3:30 PM. The Elementary Office is open from 7:30 to 4 PM.

I am as close as a simple phone call daily at 778-2204, 778-2201 or email me at sreynolds@spoonrivervalley.us Our collective ideas, decisions and vision will lead to an improved, vibrant school district in the long term. It takes everyone to be involved in academic success of our kids. Be a part of the solution and not a part of the problem by supporting publicly and raising concerns privately.

Happy January - Stay Warm!

Mr. Reynolds