

PTO 11/18/14

Parents: 18

Teachers: 2 and Tom

Arts Integration: Terri and Nicole.

When we started Camas, the ideals including a solid Arts Education. Some public schools just do it once a week but have art blocks. The 1st-5th grade art blocks are about to happen and the kids have a choice. The Art block will culminate with the Art Walk in January. Art Block takes the place of Projects during this time. It will be 4 days a week for the last hour of the day. Art Walk shows the process that the kids go through in creating their art. Documentation. Some time it's more about the process and not about the final project.

Part of it is being able to show what the kids have done. Parent volunteers document the learning. Panels are displayed on the wall during the Art Walk. Parents take pictures and help make presentations for the walls during the walk.

Documentation takes a commitment of about two hours a week. The presentations give everyone a chance to see what goes on during the day.

Suggestions for the teachers; give the documenter a paragraph about what the project is when it begins.

Art Block will start December 2nd; the week after Thanksgiving. This Friday, sign up sheets will go home for 1st-3rd graders. They will pick 4 choices and then will be assigned. Placements will be made right before Thanksgiving. Tuesday they will start seeing art block. Goes through January.

Usually spaghetti feed at the same time. Fundraiser.

Very thoughtful art. It's not arts & crafts. Sometimes it's an artist. Some kids are writers other do art. Projects can combine various types of creativity.

Everyone does writing samples. 4th and 5th grade are going to use art as their stimulus for writing.

Some parent funds have been spent on art, including the mural.

Fundraising update . Direct Donation Drive \$9500+ .

Next major fundraiser. Sock hop-a-thon.

Chipotle on Thursday. Flyer went on Friday.

Book fair scholastic. We would need at least a dozen volunteers. They send out a sale in a box basically. 50% of the sales to buy new scholastic books for library or 25% for cash for other stuff.

Children's book fair online. No volunteers. Booklist. 30% sales. 109,000 titles. More selection than scholastic. A lot more. Scholastic tends to make more. Both run about 10-14 days.

Rachel. Everyone has books at home. Donate, sort, and 100% of the money goes back to us. Would be on-going. Could have a cash box locked in the shelves. One large sale and then ongoing.

We tend to stay away from donating to our library directly, because everything has to go downtown through the district office and then back here. Books kept in catalog. Books that don't work go up for book exchange.

Scholastic takes way more volunteer hours. If there is enough interest do that, if not, then just the online one.

Heather will be the hub for the ideas for books.

Teachers and kids have wishlists for each classroom with Scholastic and people can buy presents or donate to a classroom.

OBOB is starting. Teams are up. Books are in library. We have 7 copies of each of the books in the library.

Dec 12-14 Dancing Weasel fundraiser. 20% goes back to Camas.

Community Night. Family Latino night, 50something Latino families here. 25% speak Spanish as first language. Let's build community.

Do we want to do any event during winter break? Movie night or skate world? Maybe just a drop in.

What about parents night out as a fundraiser?

Winter food drive. Donations to make boxes for winter break for families that rely on the reduced and free school lunch program. Notice will go out soon. Nonperishables collected first, then perishables closer to the time. Classrooms could decorate boxes. Diane knows.

Recycling. Bring has a free field trip. Landfill, dump, etc. Cups can go in compost too now. Little cups. Breaking habits takes a while.

Schnitzer has a program. Scrap for schools. They could put a container in school. Dealer prices for scrap metal.

Site Council. Grant to purchase material for common core standards. More emphasis on smarter balance tests. Rigorous. Kids need practice understanding what they read, learning to go back and find information and to support arguments. \$5K to purchase text materials to supplement regular materials. Higher end materials for every grade level and a few lower too. Each teacher would get certain amount of money for texts.

Every child successful and every child learns. Different cultural points of view in text.

In process of sock hop- a-thon. Year before last, kids raised \$14K to be allocated for PE and music. Music residency to start after music teacher leaves here and will be here Feb-June.

Also looking at getting clearer about Camas in 2019 . Creating an archive and history of school. There is a story to be told. Schools have no institutional memory. Create a story using artifacts. Large box of samples and things. Improving Project Based Learning, strengthening community time program, stronger writers, better integration of technology. Also, make sure that students who struggle with core subjects, will have smaller groups opportunities in place . Same with TAG kids .

Leadership team. There is one 4 hour work session with leadership team per month. Three Wednesdays and one professional development meetings a month. Plus a few full days.

May 18th. Full school retreat. No school day.

Agenda next time?

Big problem with lunch. Not a problem with kids getting their food. Kids are all getting their food. Lots of factors with why kids aren't eating. Some just want to socialize. A kid volunteers to monitor the end of the line.

Management of cafeteria—Tom's area. He's on it.

It's so noisy because the kids have recess before lunch. Also, there are lines because after recess all the kids come at once. Packers are often done before buyers get their food.

4th & 5th grades come at 12:06 and the last meal is served at 12:11 . Kids are released back to class at 12:20pm.

What we are serving has some great improvements but not enough. Camas parents have worked hard. Better than they ever have, but not where we want it to be.

Big issue with ingredients. Finally releasing ingredients of what is being served. Will talk about nutrition in January.

Math discussion for December.

Potluck again.