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Happy New Year!

Literacy & Math:

Rebecca Kidney, Math consultant, is providing some math team support in Crestline in gap closing during the professional development days.

News from Northmor- One of the math educators complimented Rebecca's classroom modeling in math as one of THE best professional developments she has had in math! I continue to hear great comments about Rebecca whenever she is coaching in schools.

Literacy Consultants: Sherri Richter, Danya Davis, Heather Dillon and Lisa Walter
Districts: Crestline, Crestview, Highland, Lucas, Mansfield, Northmor, Madison, Mansfield, Plymouth-Shiloh & Galion, Hillsdale Clearfork and St.Pete

- *I will be joining Crestline's BLT in primary and secondary as they develop a literacy plan for each building to support the work required for a state audit.*
- *Mansfield's Central office team will meet with me and our literacy team to create a MTSS model that outlines their reading model at all of their buildings. This work will set up sound systems and structures at the leadership level.*
- *As reported in December, support in grades 6-12 by content area is mainly being supported by myself and Amber Clay-Mowry. Amber and I also host the adolescent network pilot for four districts: Mansfield, Ashland, Crestline and Highland. We have added Danya Davis as a lead for Mansfield at the MS and HS. Both principals are very happy with the support they have had so far and look forward to Danya's coaching too!*

Testimony at the monthly Mansfield Central office meetings from teachers and students about the quick wins we have had at the primary and secondary levels. Two teachers spoke about the great phonemic awareness scores and how they use data to inform the work with struggling readers. One teacher said that she's not seen this much success in ten years! Lisa Walter has been working with primary teachers on implementing the components of a structured literacy model.

- *Additionally, at Mansfield's central office meeting, the secondary principals shared out about the excellent professional development their staff has had regarding vocabulary instruction. The principals are supporting the work in the classroom to read, write and discuss every day in every class-bolstered by daily vocabulary instruction. These hallmarks are vital to adolescent success in every content, not just ELA literature courses.*
- *Our literacy team continues to participate in extensive ODE training related to Ohio's dyslexia law and Ohio's initiatives. We are plugging away at facilitating the required modules at all of our elementary buildings K-3. The leaders and educators that are participating tell us our facilitation has been key in teacher understanding of the state initiatives. Recently, we hosted over 80 educators from Mansfield on Jan 4 at Mid-Ohio!*
- *Clearfork is already excited to plan for gifted and literacy next year! We are glad to have them on board! They are putting in requests for next school year already.*
- *Finally, ODE has asked the governor for 54 million dollars for literacy endeavors in the state of Ohio at this last state budget meeting. We should know the opportunities soon. Stay tuned!*

Gifted

- *The gifted consultants continue to provide customized book studies. The winter study has been very well received as over 100 educators have registered! We needed to add extra sections for the study to accommodate the demand for earning gifted hours.*
- *Jenny Pennell is meeting with leaders at Highland to secure an Ohio Arts Grant in the primary. This is part of an intentional broader effort in the state to promote “talent development” in the younger grades. We hope to announce in the spring that Highland has been an award winner. Stay tuned.*
- *Jenny Pennell, Sherri Richter and I met with local artist, Luke Beekman, about integrating writing in the arts. We are pleased to say that his expertise in comic drawing/writing is anticipated to draw a huge crowd during this year’s upcoming art show event. He even has a local high school mentor that has published work. Luke will teach students a formula for creating and writing their own comic strip or story.*

Consultants: *Sherri Richter, Leanna Ferreira, Jenny Pennell, Rebecca Kidney, Colleen Haynes, Leah Barger*
Districts: *Lexington, Galion, Highland, Lucas, St. Peter’s, Crestline, Crestview, Mansfield*

AL and CLSD grant work:

- *Lisa and Kalin just spent a whole day during Mansfield PD day assisting STEM with implementing their CLSD grant goals. Lisa and Kalin are continuing to publish a newsletter called “Literacy Liftoff” to provide timely resources and learning on the science of reading topics and resources that help sustain the learning at the STEM building.*
- *The AL Network Amber Clay-Mowry meeting next on Jan 26. Dr. Burke and I support the leadership components in this network as well. The next quarterly report of AL grant activities will be submitted at the end of the month.*

Thank you for your support!