

Thank Goodness it's *Monday*

January 31, 2022

BEST THING WE CAN DO FOR
KIDS... INSTEAD OF TEACHING
THEM HOW TO ALWAYS BE
SUCCESSFUL... TEACH THEM HOW
TO RESPOND WHEN THEY ARE
NOT SUCCESSFUL.

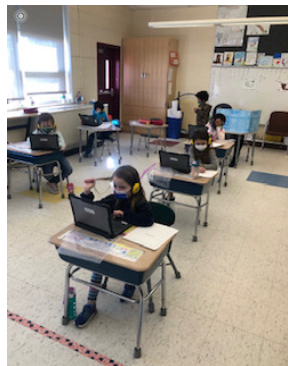
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Views from the District & Community

A recap of views can be found on my [Twitter feed @ShawnParkhurst](#) and Instagram @windsorlockssuperintendent or by visiting our WLPS website at: wlps.org (note scroll to the bottom on the main page). A few of the highlights of these views can also be seen below:



The State of Education in Connecticut

With Education Commissioner Charlene M. Russell-Tucker

Livestreaming on YouTube & CT-N
Monday, January 31, 2022
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

For students, parents, and members of the education community and public

Submit your questions beforehand at <https://serc.info/stateofed>

Staff, Student & Community Spotlight:

Special shout out to all **our staff and students** that have worked so diligently to complete the *iReady* Winter Benchmarks in Reading and Mathematics. Special thanks to the **WLHS National Honor Society** for providing tutoring support to students. Shout out to **Staff Accountant Paula Wetzel** for her continuous monitoring and revising of our grants.

Superintendent Showcase:

Education Everywhere is getting a facelift. Rather than rely on a “show” every two weeks, we will be moving to a *Superintendent Showcase* that will contain show segments highlighting our schools, staff, students and community. These will be pushed out in real time and will be posted for reference on our social media accounts and our website. Visit wlps.org and scroll down and you will see the *Superintendent Showcase* on the left hand side.

The Week Ahead - January 31 - February 6, 2022

Event	Date/Time	Location
Food Service Department Meeting	Monday, January 31, 2022 9:00 am	BOE Conference Room
Early Release - Staff PD	Monday, January 31, 2022	Districtwide
Boys/Girls NCCC Indoor Track Championship	Monday, January 31, 2022 3:00 pm	Floyd Little Athletic Center Field House
WLHS Freshman Boys Basketball Game	Tuesday, February 1, 2022 3:45 pm	WLHS Gym
WLMS Boys Basketball Game	Tuesday, February 1, 2022 4:00 pm	HMTCA
WLMS Girls Basketball Game	Tuesday, February 1, 2022 4:00 pm	WLMS Gym
WLHS Girls Basketball Game	Tuesday, February 1, 2022 JV 5:15 pm Varsity 6:45 pm	Somers High School
WLHS Boys Basketball	Tuesday, February 1, 2022 JV 5:15 p.m. Varsity 6:45 pm	WLHS Gym
Vape Mods to Pods Information Session	Tuesday, February 1, 2022 6:30 pm	Zoom
Dollars for Scholars Information Night	Tuesday, February 1, 2022 5:30 pm	Google Meet
WLHS Girls Basketball Game	Tuesday, February 1, 2022 JV 5:15 pm Varsity 6:45 pm	Somers High School
Groundhog Day	Wednesday, February 2, 2022	N/A
WLHS Boys Basketball	Wednesday, February 2, 2022 JV 5:15 Varsity 6:45 pm	HMTCA Gym
Suffield VoAg Capstone Presentations	Wednesday, February 2, 2022 5:30 pm	Suffield High School
WLHS Varsity Wrestling	Wednesday, February 2, 2022 6:00 pm	Portland HS
NCPHD Conference Call	Thursday, February 3, 2022 9:30 am	Zoom
Directors Meeting	Friday, February 4, 2022 9:00 am	BOE Conference Room
Covid Vaccine Clinic	Friday, February 4, 2022 3:00 - 6:00 pm	WLHS Cafeteria
WLMS Boys Basketball Game	Friday, February 4, 2022 3:30 pm	WLMS Gym
WLMS Girls Basketball Game	Friday, February 4, 2022 3:45 pm	East Windsor Middle School
WLHS Freshman Boys Basketball Game	Friday, February 4, 2022 3:45 pm	Rockville High School
WLHS Varsity Boys Swim Meet	Friday, February 4, 2022 4:00 pm	WLHS Pool
WL Hockey Night	Friday, February 4, 2022 4:20 pm	Enfield Twin Rinks
WLHS Boys Basketball Game	Friday, February 4, 2022 JV 5:15 pm Varsity 6:45 pm	Rockville High School
WLHS Girls Basketball Game	Friday, February 4, 2022 JV 5:15 pm Varsity 6:45 pm	WLHS Gym
WLHS Varsity Wrestling	Saturday, February 5, 2022 9:00 am	Bacon Academy Gym
WLHS Girls Basketball Game	Saturday, February 5, 2022 JV 12:00 pm Varsity 1:30 pm	Shepaug Valley High School
Boys/Girls Track NCCC Last Chance Qualifier	Saturday, February 5, 2022 1:00 pm	Hartford Public High School
WLHS Girls Basketball Game	Saturday, February 5, 2022 JV 12:00 pm Varsity 1:30 pm	Shepaug Valley High School
WL Hockey Game	Saturday, February 5, 2022 4:20 pm	Enfield Twin Rink

Instructional Tidbit *Thank you for thinking about last week's questions.*

Do you wonder why you are doing most of the talking and wish your students were more involved in their learning? Discussions are a great way to flip the responsibility of whose education it is anyway. Increase student focus and active participation through student dialogue. Class discussions increase understanding, foster critical thinking skills, improve literacy skills, all while opening doors to others' perspectives and nurturing a stronger sense of community.

Whole classroom discussions engage students better than teacher-led lectures.

- a. Teachers **DO** lecture more than they use questioning.
- b. Asking questions more frequently **DOES NOT** lead to higher levels of thinking.

Asking questions improves factual knowledge for the ONE student who responds.

To lead to higher levels of thinking for ALL - we must follow up with STUDENT discourse.

- c. The ideal wait time after asking a question is **3-5** seconds.
- d. When groups reach **7**, participation of all members becomes highly discouraged.
- e. Teachers spend **75%%** of class time talking. *Flipped, the responsibility of learning transfers.*

Student engagement and what we know about what our students know increases significantly.

- f. Girls will talk less frequently when academic conversations are perceived as **too lengthy**.

<https://uwaterloo.ca/centre-for-teaching-excellence/teaching-resources/teaching-tips/alternatives-lecturing/discussions/facilitating-effective-discussions>

<https://www.waterford.org/education/classroom-discussion-strategies/>

