

Thank Goodness it's *Mon*day

November 4, 2019

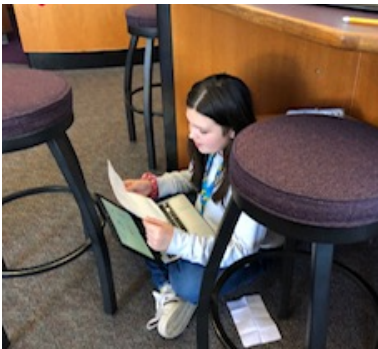
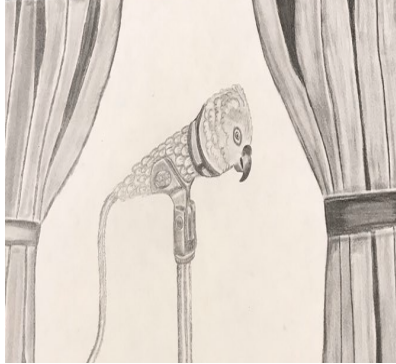
WE SPEND TIME EVERY DAY
RECHARGING OUR PHONES BUT
OFTEN GO MONTHS WITHOUT
RECHARGING OURSELVES.

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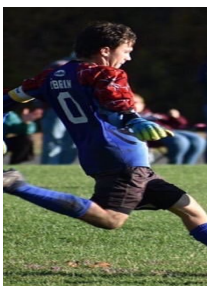


School/Classroom Visits

A recap of my visits can be found on my [Twitter feed @ShawnParkhurst](#) and [@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 visits can also be seen below:



Student Spotlight Congratulations to Krithi Goud and Nick Passaro, the 2019-2020 student representatives to the Board of Education. Krithi and Nick, members of the Class of 2020, commented after their first meeting last week that their participation in Girls & Boys State, respectively, provided them with the theory behind public meetings and the actions conducted at last week's BOE meeting, allowed them to see it in practice. We look forward to the passion and student voice they'll bring to each meeting.



Class of 2020 President, Collin O'Brien has been identified by the Hearst Foundation and the CT State Department of Education as one of only 16 students in the state of CT as a finalist for the Hearst Foundation US Youth Senate Program, to be held in Washington, DC in March of 2020. As a finalist, Collin is participating in a face to face interview in Hartford today, with the goal of being one of the two state delegates selected. If selected, Collin will travel to Washington, DC and experience the US government in action; hearing policy discussions and deliberations, along with meeting with the President and a justice of the US Supreme Court. This award also comes with a \$10,000 college scholarship for undergraduate studies. Congratulations Collin!



Staff Spotlight Paraeducators Lisa Quagliaroli, Melissa Pascarelli, Cathy Nolan, and Amy Conniff represented the K-12 Windsor Locks schools at the 2020 Paraeducator of the Year symposium in Cromwell on Monday, October 29th. They engaged in leadership and advocacy training, learned about paraeducator participation in PPT meetings, and culturally responsive pedagogy. At the symposium, paraeducators from around the state honored the Anne Marie Murphy 2020 Paraeducator of the year winner as well as the nominees and semifinalists.



Faculty Advisory Meetings This week is the first of several Faculty Advisory meetings, scheduled after school in three distinct timeframes to accommodate the various levels. This is a time for individuals and/or groups to come in and share what is on their mind with the Superintendent. No notes are taken during the meeting and the purpose is for staff to have an opportunity to engage in dialogue with their ideas, suggestions, or concerns. For space purposes, if you are planning to attend please email Donna Bole at dbole@wlps.org

Education Everywhere Our fifth Episode of *Education Everywhere* was released this past week. This 5-10 minute weekly segment highlights WLMS Voice Club, WLHS recent College Fair, including some takeaways from members of the Class of 2020 and the Wellness Coalition initiatives. This is posted weekly on our social media outlets, pushed out via email to all staff and families and posted on our website at: <https://www.wlps.org/> If you have any ideas for shows please reach out to Donna with your ideas.

Upcoming November 5th Professional Development Our first full Professional Development Day, since our opening in August is scheduled for **TOMORROW**. Earlier this year we launched our CORE VALUES and one of those that leads to greater personalization is **EQUITY**. With that in mind, we look forward to your personalized workshop selections tomorrow. Please remember that we will begin with coffee at 7:30 am - 8:00 am in the WLHS Cafeteria followed by a brief welcome and an invitation to participate in our Graffiti Wall, with your first workshop scheduled to begin at 8:45 am.

Tomorrow

The Week Ahead - November 4 - 8, 2019

Event	Date/Time	Location
Grab and Go Breakfast Cart Opens	Monday, November 4, 2019 7:00 am	WLHS
Student Council Blood Drive	Monday, November 4, 2019	WLHS
WLHS Boys Varsity Soccer Game	Monday, November 4, 2019 3:45 pm	Bolton High School
No School for students - PD for Staff/Election Day	Tuesday, November 5, 2019	N/A
WLMS Student Council Veteran's Day Luncheon	Wednesday, November 6, 2019 11:30 am	WLMS Library
North Street Chew and Chat	Wednesday, November 6, 2019 5:00 pm	North Street School
South Elementary 5th Grade Reading Celebration	Thursday, November 7, 2019 8:30 am	South Elementary Cafeteria
Staff Flu Shot Clinic	Thursday, November 7, 2019	WLHS
Superintendent/Faculty Advisory Meetings	Thursday, November 7, 2019 2:30 pm	Board Conference Room
Farmington Valley Superintendent Student Recognition Luncheon	Friday, November 8, 2019 12:00 pm	Farmington Valley Country Club
Veteran's Day Assembly	Friday, November 8, 2019 8:45 am Friday, November 8, 2019 1:45 pm	Windsor Locks High School South Elementary School

Instructional Tidbit Learning targets set the stage for students to own their own learning. Many of you are using language from your respective scoring guides to identify the target and align to student performance. A twist you may wish to consider to move beyond just the content and skill focus of the target is to include a why; in what is the larger purpose of learning this skill or content? Here is an example from an elementary school but it would give you an idea and food for thought. Share your work in this area with others by emailing me and I'll include that in a future edition of **TGIM**.

