

Thank Goodness it's *Mon*day

February 6, 2023

3 Year District Vision:

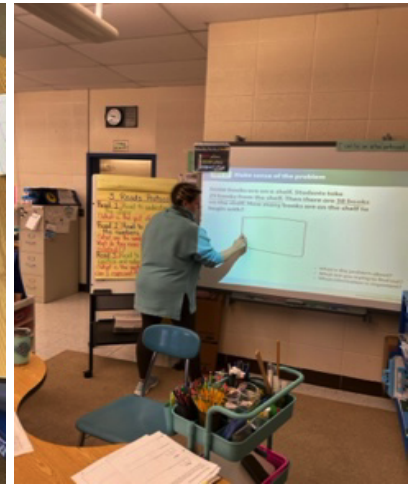
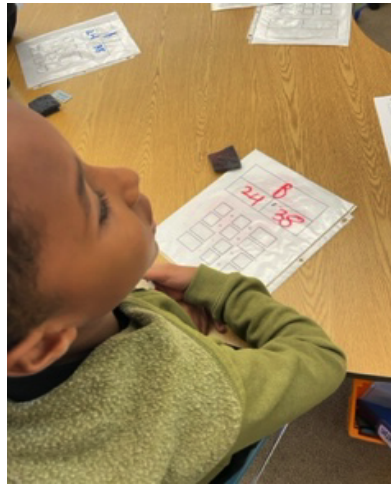
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Views from the District & Community



Instagram

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:



Student, Staff & Community Spotlight:

Congratulations to **First Selectman Paul Harrington** for this award at the recent CIRMA Conference. Congratulations to **SES Kitchen and Food Service Staff** on their recent health inspection; they earned a perfect score of 100! Thank you to **Marina Pandolfi (Payroll/Benefits Specialist)** and **Valerie Breda (Staff Accountant/Grants Manager)** for their research and work in resolving the W2 issue with Tyler Technologies. Shout out to WLHS students **Dior Pinnock** and **Victoria Piotrowicz** for their selection honoring Connecticut's outstanding visual and performing arts students for the Connecticut Association of Schools 28th Annual Arts Awards Recognition Banquet. Thank you to **Lisa Ciaffaglione** for coordinating our annual Wear Red Fundraiser. Thank you **SES** for hosting our districtwide Visual Learning Visit.



The Week Ahead - February 6 - 12, 2023

Event	Date/Time	Location
Cabinet Meeting	Monday, February 6, 2023 9:30 am	WLHS PD Room
23-24 District Calendar Committee Meeting	Monday, February 6, 2023 3:00 pm	Central Office
WLHS Boys Basketball	Monday, February 6, 2023 6:45 pm	Granby High School
WLHS Girls Basketball	Monday, February 6, 2023 6:45 pm	WLHS
Boys Hockey Game	Tuesday, February 7, 2023 2:50 pm	Enfield Twin Rinks
PDEC Meeting	Tuesday, February 7, 2023 3:30 pm	RISE
WLMS Boys Basketball	Tuesday, February 7, 2023 3:30 pm	WLMS Gym
Girls Hockey	Tuesday, February 7, 2023 4:55 pm	Simsbury
Wrestling	Tuesday, February 7, 2023 6:00 pm	Suffield HS
Grade 5 Field Trip to Starbase	Wednesday, February 8, 2023	Starbase
½ Day Early Release for Student Professional Development for Staff	Wednesday, February 8, 2023	Districtwide
Wrestling	Wednesday, February 8, 2023 6:00 pm	Somers High School
WLHS Boys Basketball	Wednesday, February 8, 2023 6:45 pm	WLHS Gym
WLHS Girls Basketball	Wednesday, February 8, 2023 6:45 pm	East Windsor High School
Girls Hockey	Wednesday, February 8, 2023 8:15 pm	Simsbury
Bradley Chamber Education Committee Meeting	Thursday, February 9, 2023 9:00 am	Virtually
Leadership Meeting	Thursday, February 9, 2023 2:30 pm	WLHS PD Room
Class S Indoor Track Championship	Thursday, February 9, 2023 4:30 pm	Hillhouse HS
Board of Education Meeting	Thursday, February 9, 2023 6:00 pm	WLHS Library Media Center Zoom Registration
Grant Meeting	Friday, February 10, 2023 10:00 am	Central Office
WLHS Freshman Basketball	Friday, February 10, 2023 3:30 pm	WLHS Gym
WLHS Boys Basketball	Friday, February 10, 2023 6:45 pm	Coventry High School
WLHS Girls Basketball	Friday, February 10, 2023 6:45 pm	WLHS Gym
Boys Hockey	Saturday, February 11, 2023 7:30 pm	Rocky Hill
NCCC Wrestling Championship	Saturday, February 11, 2023 10:00 am	Somers HS

Instructional Tidbit

Last week we conducted our second round of VLVs observing the brilliance of our South Elementary School Thunderbirds. It was refreshing to see a mix of both new learning protocols and tried and true strategies being implemented across grade levels. One lesson in particular exemplified something that *we should all remember* to build into our lesson planning- ***soft skills*** (*note taking, study skills, and organizational strategies*) required for our students to be successful.



Dr. Robyn Jackson shares that students without soft skills may still be able to learn but that ***“they won’t know which notes to take to facilitate review, they do not know to study from notes taken or provided, they don’t know how to ask for help when they struggle, and they may not know how to monitor themselves in order to recognize that they are not making progress.”***

These are all skills essential for our students to be able to meet our district goal that ***all students will meet or exceed grade level standards***. As we implement strategies, old and new, in the classroom don’t forget to slow down and help add these skills to our students’ toolboxes.