Coming in February

Freestyle Friday

As the Inter-Lakes School District continues along the road toward a competency based education system, we find ourselves faced with both the challenges and opportunities that our 2017/18 Focus Areas present. My sincere hope is that everything we do here at SCS will continue to be productive, safe, and engaging for our students.

Mr. Hillger

Universal Math Block

Starting in February, SCS will put the Everyday Math program down on Fridays. In place of this program we will focus instruction on the following:

K-3: During the morning math block, students will complete developmentally appropriate performance tasks that are focused on standards from the Inter-Lakes Competency Documents. These may involve student choice, flexible grouping and ELA integration. In the afternoon, all students will participate in W.I.N. (What I Need) Time and receive targeted skill intervention (computation practice, place value, etc.) based on classroom data. These intervention groups and their focus will change as the students progress.

4-6: Students will engage in performance tasks that are focused on the Inter-Lakes Competency Documents. Students will have the choice of which performance task(s) they prefer to work on. Performance tasks will be designed using resources such as the SCOPE endorsed Performance Assessment Bank. In addition, students (and faculty) may choose W.I.N (What I Need) Time, so that students can develop targeted skills.

PSU Field Experience Coordinator, Susan Sabella, will be coming to SCS with eight student teaching candidates. Pairs of PSU candidates will be assigned to each classroom. While at SCS they will work with Susan to create lessons that will integrate technology in the areas of ELA, science, and/or social studies. In addition, they will observe our educators and our use of the Responsive Classroom student management model. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to collaborate with the local university, while focusing on ISTE Standards and the District’s adopted SAMR (Substitution, Augmentation, Modification, and Redefinition) Model for technology integration.

Genius Hour

The fan-favorite, Genius Hour, will continue on Friday afternoons in grades 4-6. All eight PSU mentors will be on hand to offer guidance and assistance. This additional support will allow us to further personalize learning experiences.