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I hope your summer has been bursting with family, friends, fun, and festivities! Summers are often filled with adventure. We take a risk and plan that dream vacation or mark something unexpected off our bucket list. This year our theme celebrates those times when we step out and take risks. At home or at work, those risks have the potential to change the world for ourselves or even for a child. It's what leaders do!! So...

**Be BOLD! Building Our Leadership Daily!!!**

Our work this year will be about looking for those bold moves to enhance our mission..."The relentless pursuit of excellence". That may include putting more energy to the components of Capturing Kids' Hearts in my classroom or trying a new app or you name it! Bold moves come in many shapes and sizes. A few key happenings this year will be...

- Two sessions of Capturing Kids' Hearts 2.0.
- Two sessions of Inspired Leadership.
- A session on Trauma Informed Practices.
- Project Based Learning follow-ups.
- Study skills implementation PreK-12<sup>th</sup>.



As always, we will continue to have a strong focus on literacy/communication and math skills with a few of those bold moves interspersed. There are no more amazing educators on the planet than those in USD 261! You all ROCK!!! It's going to be a FANTASTIC year!!

Last year during our morning at Campus, we introduced...food trucks. It was such a hit we have made some scheduling tweaks so you can enjoy lunch with friends on the Colts' campus! I'm excited to announce the trucks for this year:

- Let'm Eat Brats - Authentic German Food
- BS Sandwich Press
- Uno Mas - Mexican



- Brick House BBQ
- Nobel House Hawaiian - Authentic Hawaiian Food
- Big Chill Ice Cream - Dessert Truck

Here are the windows for the Back to School Online Trainings for this year. Every staff member will need to complete all three trainings. Be on the lookout for emails with more details on each one. Here are the dates for your calendar...

Online Training	Window
FERPA	August 15 <sup>th</sup> - September 29 <sup>th</sup>
Blood Borne Pathogens	October 1 <sup>st</sup> - October 31 <sup>st</sup>
Sexual Harassment	November 1 <sup>st</sup> - November 30 <sup>th</sup>

On the back of this letter, you will find the schedule of events for back to school. On August 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be returning to Campus High School. **There have been changes to start times so be sure to double-check the start time for your group.** If you have any questions, please check with your building principal or supervisor.

I stumbled on this quote from Johann Wolfgang von Goethe..."Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it." I'll say it again...that's what sets us apart in USD 261. We are a team of inspiring instructional leaders who make amazing things happen in our classrooms each day...you ARE magic! In case I forget to say it this year, thank you for just being so amazing!!! ☺ Enjoy the rest of the break! See you soon!!



**USD 261 Schedule of Events for 2017 - 2018**

Building principals and supervisors will have updated schedules. Please check if you have any questions.

Date	Time	Event	Location	Attendees
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	AM or PM	WebKIDSS Training	The Learning Center	Special Education Staff (limited space)
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 - 3:30	Secretary Meeting	Rex Music Room	All District & Bldg Secretaries
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 - 10:00	Dr. Burke's Back to School Address	Campus Auditorium	All 6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Certified & Classified Staff; Tri-City Staff; Transportation, Maintenance, & Central Office/TLC Staff
	9:00 - 10:00	Online Benefit Enrollment Meeting	Campus Cafeteria	All PreK-5 <sup>th</sup> Certified & Classified Staff
	10:30 - 12:00	Dr. Burke's Back to School Address	Campus Auditorium	All PreK-5 <sup>th</sup> Certified & Classified Staff
	10:30 - 11:30	Online Benefit Enrollment Meeting	Campus Cafeteria	All 6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Certified & Classified Staff; Tri-City Staff; Transportation, Maintenance, & Central Office/TLC Staff
	12:00 - 1:30	Lunch On Your Own (see below)		
	11:30 - 1:30	~~~ Food Trucks ~~~	Campus Drive	Food trucks will be available for a fun treat!! Enjoy unique "eats" with a friend!
	1:00 - 2:00	Transportation Meeting	Campus Auditorium	Bus Drivers & Aides
	1:00 - 3:30	Special Education & PreK Certified Staff Meeting	HWMS Commons Area	All Special Education & PreK Certified Staff
August 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 - 11:00	Maintenance & Custodial Meeting	The Learning Center	Maintenance & Custodial Staff
<b>August 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1:30 - 4:00</b>	<b>New Classified Staff Orientation</b>	<b>The Learning Center</b>	<b>All New Classified Staff</b>
August 16 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 - 8:30	Intrust Staff Appreciation Breakfast	Intrust Bank	USD 261 Staff
	8:30 - 11:30	Para-Educator Orientation Meeting	HWMS Commons Area	All Para-Educators
	All Day	Teacher Work Day (Para-Educators will join teachers in the afternoon.)		
August 1 <sup>st</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup>		Benefit Open Enrollment		All Staff
August 15 <sup>th</sup> to September 29 <sup>th</sup>		FERPA Online Course Completed		All Staff
August 17 <sup>th</sup>	We welcome our students. YEAH!!!			