



ROPED UP
Trapper Instructional News
 Fort ~ One Step at a Time

9/24/07

Instructional Calendar

9/26, 7:00 AM	Late Start
9/26, 2:20 PM	Dept. Meeting
10/3, 2:20 PM	Instructional Meeting
10/4, 6:45 AM	Make-up (Gallery)
10/10, 2:20 PM	Instructional Meeting
10/11, 6:45 AM	Make-up (Gallery)
10/17, 7:00 AM	Late Start
10/17, 2:20 PM	Dept. Meeting
10/24, 7:00 AM	Late Start
10/31, 2:20 PM	Instructional Meeting
11/1, 6:45 AM	Make-up (Gallery)

Kudos to Fort's Math Department

The Math department was honored by receiving the Math Helping Corp grant for the 2007 - 2008 school year. This is the first time a high school has ever been awarded this grant. It results from work the department has done to align and fine tune instruction. The math department has piloted some team teaching models blending Sped and general ed and focusing on the 9th grade year. This winter Nathan Shields and Julie Pollastro will present their teaming experience at the OSPI conference.

Learning Walks

The focus for this month's learning walks will be indicator 1 of the PT&L protocol, *Students develop conceptual understanding, not just recall or superficial understanding.* We will be collecting baseline, building data on this indicator. It has been such a pleasure for coaches and administration to visit your classrooms the first few weeks of the school year.

Late Start this Week

Wednesday, 9/26, will be our first late start of the year. The Essential Question will be ***How can assessment improve instruction?*** We will be spending time with climbing observation partners to discuss observations. You will participate in coaching model dialogue about your observation and reflect on the process. We will also discuss common/collaborative assessments to improve student learning. The day will start in the media center at 7 AM. You will have time to work with your department Wednesday afternoon.

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Meet & Greet

Building relationships with students is critical to good teaching. I appreciate all of the effort to be in the hall greeting students during passing time. There was a bit of a competition run during the first week of school, resulting in a tie between the science wing and the 208-210 Co-op. Both areas reported 100% of their teachers standing outside their door. Thanks to all the teachers who kept track of daily participation: Jim Dawson, Scott Davis, Catherine MacRae, Lori McCarthy, Betty Newcomb, Karen Wilson, Phyllis Sprague, Ben Jatós.

