

December Staff Development News

A newsletter for the Seward Staff by Dr. Dominy

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A message from Matt

I was fortunate to be invited to our Doane EDU 101 dual credit class that is offered at Seward High School. For those of you who do not know, we are working with Doane, who received an educator pipeline grant to address the teacher shortage. Students from our high school who enroll in these classes have the opportunity to earn 15 college credits in education that can be transferred to most higher learning institutions at absolutely no cost!



The students were delivering their final presentations for their professor and a few guests. I was truly inspired by their presentations as they shared what they learned, why they want to be a teacher, and their worries about pursuing the education profession. There were 19 students who enrolled in the first intro to education class and of those 19 students, 16 students are excited to share with us that they are still thinking of pursuing an education degree! When the students presented about their why, so many students spoke of the great teachers they have had in Seward Public Schools, you really have inspired this group to consider our profession. Thank you for all that you do and please know that all of you who serve our students make lasting impacts every day.

January 3rd PD Day

Comedian/Principal/Inspirational speaker Gerry Brooks will be coming to Seward on January 3rd to deliver our 2nd semester kick-off presentation. Teachers and staff from Milford, Centennial, and David City will be joining us. The Waffleman will also be in Seward starting at 7:30 at the High School. An invitation will be coming soon, but I have embedded a video to get you ready for the presentation!

Smarkers.....everybody needs some



MTSS

The link below is another great resource in explaining MTSS. We will be working with leadership teams in the second semester to identify, outline and implement steps of the MTSS process during the second semester and into next year.

<https://www.doe.mass.edu/sfss/mtss/blueprint.pdf>

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Patriotic Holidays

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Nebraska Revised Statute 79-724 requires the following:

Appropriate patriotic exercises suitable to the occasion shall be held under the direction of the superintendent in every public, private, denominational, and parochial school on George Washington's birthday, Abraham Lincoln's birthday, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, Native American Heritage Day, Constitution Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving Day, or on the day or week preceding or following such holiday, if the school is in session.

There are no Patriotic Holidays for the month of December, but please enjoy this holiday season!



