

MONDAY MESSENGER

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American Renaissance School

Pretty Work To:

-All the staff for meeting the report card deadlines

-John Mairs and Kathy Shipman for the "behind the scenes" work for report cards

-2/3 Team for organizing a great trip for our students

-Bonnie Cook for being a nurse to the staff as well as students

-The scheduling committee for once again taking so much time to work out what is best for our students.

-Leigh Fry and Missy McClare for assisting with GOTR - it's a rewarding

program that benefits our girls in so many ways.

- Kim for her passion and energy! She's constantly working, evaluating, and thinking!

- John for his hard work on the new webpage.

-Ashley Bell for all of the extra time and effort she is putting into entering our students in the Statesville Women's Club Art Competition.

-Leigh Fry for two AWESOME poetry lessons that had middle school students truly involved and understanding why poetry is still relevant.

- Linda Johnson for offering up her expertise and materials. She's willing to spend time with any teacher who would

like to be trained in the assessments and program materials that she has.

-A HUGE shoutout to Laura, Ricky, and Sandy Gross for working with the 4th graders in enrichment on multiplying 4, 3, and 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers. I have only tested 37 4th graders and ALL of them have passed except 2. Of the 37 that have taken the assessment, 26 have made 100!!!!

-The 6-8 staff for their continued work on the ICU schedule and their willingness to study and adjust as they proceed.

-Jessica Duncan for running a 1/2 marathon on Saturday.

"Ours is Hard Work, but it's Good Work."

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Leigh Frye



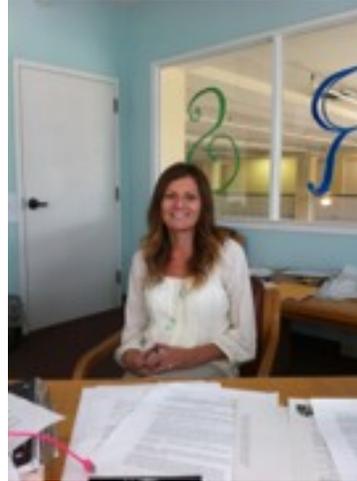
Leigh is the definition of "knowing your content area." Language, especially Writing, is a personal strength and passion for her.

Leigh is fun to work with - she always has a smile on her face, is witty, and is easy to talk to.

Leigh's students love her class and love Leigh as their teacher. She is a master of group discussions and the students enjoy the "Writer of the Week" activity.

Leigh has been a real support to new staff this year. Although she is a relative newcomer herself, she provides support to colleagues as if she herself were a seasoned veteran.

Michelle Davis



Michelle is one of the sweetest people I know. You'll never catch her venting, being negative, or speaking badly of another person.

Michelle is willing to do whatever is asked of her. She cares about the job that she does!

Michelle treats her students the way you would want your own child to be treated by a teacher. She is tender, caring, loving, and sweet. Her students definitely feel comfortable and safe in her classroom.

Michelle is a great teacher and friend. She always has a smile and a laugh just when you need it. She is a team player who puts the best interests of the students first.

Michelle's attributes are too many to name both on a professional level and personal so I'll try to keep it simple. Her willingness to do the little things in class to ensure learning with all her students is amazing. She's also the most humble person you'll ever meet, never calling attention to herself which exudes self confidence. Above all she's kind, to all things especially her family.

Musings and Meanderings

“Olympic-Sized Love”

I heard a story last week of sacrifice that I found incredible. Two twin sisters were both attempting to make the US Olympic Team in the women’s bi-athlon (skiing/shooting). During the trials, one of the sisters became ill and finished in sixth place, one place from making the team. However, in an act that can only be described as completely selfless, her sister, who had finished in the top five, gave up her spot on the team so her unfortunate twin could compete in the Olympics next month. As we work to do what is best for kids, we make sacrifices every day!

“Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.”

MLK, JR

The Week in Pictures



AL getting ready for cheerleading...



Student collaboration



GOTR Pep Rally

“Volunteer-arama”

As mentioned last week, two of our very capable and dependable parents have agreed to serve as volunteer coordinators. We simply need to get them a list of needs, times and places and they will match up parent/grandparents to provide specific volunteer services when needed. Please take advantage of this great opportunity!

“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”

MLK, JR

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