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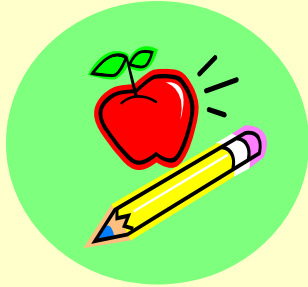
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## Thank You!

First, we want to thank all of the various staff and administrators for serving on the multiple instructional committees that we worked with throughout the school year. Our district does believe that having input from stakeholders over time always brings us to the best conclusion for the district as a whole. Thank you to all for your dedication to making instructional decisions based on the needs of our students. It has been a good year!

## Instructional Planning for 2011-2012

We will have another busy year, but the following items will take priority:

1. Writing of K-12 Science curriculum to the new standards and associated professional development. Mitch Keller will be directing these writing teams.
  - a. Includes purchasing of new materials K-3 and 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Includes recommendations from our district's strategic plan.
2. Writing of K-12 Mathematics curriculum to the new standards and associated professional development. Sheila Allen will be directing these writing teams.
  - a. Includes purchasing of new materials K-5 and possibly supplemental materials at the secondary level.
  - b. Includes recommendations from our district's strategic plan.
3. Continued professional learning of the Formative Assessment Process as directed by our OIP.
  - a. Align, Assess, Achieve have been contracted for additional building-level team development.
  - b. 3-4 curriculum hours will target our year-two learning objective focused on Effective Feedback.
4. Technology Integration to improve the instructional process and associated professional development.
  - a. Continued integration of district staff usage of Blackboard.
  - b. Continued integration of other technology tools that move students forward with 21<sup>st</sup> C. Learning Skills including:
    - Creativity & Innovation
    - Critical Thinking & Problem Solving
    - Communication & Collaboration

### Would you like to learn more about the Four-Year Residence Educator Program and be trained to be a state certified mentor?

With the implementation of the new 4 year residence educator license, mentors now must be state trained. If you are interested in learning more about the program and becoming a state certified mentor, there will be training offered in various locations across the state throughout the summer and fall. Even if you

have been trained in the past two years, you are still required to attend a one day session to learn of the changes (this is called RE-1). If you have not been trained in the past two years, you need to attend a two day training (RE-vised and RE-1). The first summer training is the week of June 27<sup>th</sup>. Go to STARS to find out details, pay the fee and register. If you register for the June dates, the cost is \$85 per day, it will increase to \$125 per session after June. I am told, some locations may offer graduate credit, you may have to call or email the person in charge of the session to inquire.

### Want to get a jump on understanding the new Math Standards?

John Carroll is offering numerous workshops ranging from \$200-\$400 depending on whether they are two-day or four-day sessions. Graduate credit is ADDITIONAL. If interested go to: <http://sites.jcu.edu/cmsett/contact-us/mathematics/>

### Gifted & High Potential

For information about Summer Opportunities for Students you can direct parents to the Gifted & High Potential web page. Go to [www.medinacityschooldistrict.org](http://www.medinacityschooldistrict.org) Click on Department of Instruction, then Gifted, then Summer Opportunities.