

Teaching and Learning Update August 2016

Curriculum / Instructional Materials -

First, second and third grade teachers converged on the K-8 Library to volunteer to inventory, stamp and distribute their newly adopted, *Reading Wonders*, English language arts and literacy instructional materials. Thanks to all of them for their hard physical labor. Grade-level teams are meeting prior to the start of school to plan for using their new materials.

Fourth, fifth and sixth grade pilot teachers (two per grade level) met for a “Getting Started” webinar for the ReadyGEN English materials pilot. The two ninth and tenth grade pilot teachers will participate in similar webinars in preparation for the high school ELA pilots. We will keep the board posted on the journey of ELA implementation and pilots.

Assessment -

Individual student Smarter Balanced, MSP and EOC score reports have arrived in district and will be sent home soon. I will leave it to the principals to share their overall results. As a district, while we have some areas to work on, there are many results worth celebrating.

Number of Students Tested and Percentage of Students Proficient in La Center SD, 2015-2016

ELA/Literacy

Grade	Number of Students Tested	Percent Proficient
Grade 3	116	46%
Grade 4	109	50%
Grade 5	115	64%
Grade 6	130	46%
Grade 7	122	63%
Grade 8	124	75%
Grade 10	150	85%
Grade 11	6	17%

Mathematics

Grade	Number of Students Tested	Percent Proficient
Grade 3	116	56%
Grade 4	110	52%
Grade 5	115	42%
Grade 6	130	42%
Grade 7	122	49%
Grade 8	125	54%
Grade 10	9	100%
Grade 11	8	25%

Two La Center teachers represented us proudly by participating in OSPI’s item writing this summer. Only a small group of teachers from across the state are selected for this work. Thank you to Julie Croskrey (math) and Janice Broten (English) for doing this important work that will inform our teaching with students here in La Center.

K-12 Library -

Lynn Cooke, K-12 Librarian, would like to thank the board for supporting her in adding a library endorsement to her teaching certificate. She was enrolled in the University of Washington Information School for their Library Media Endorsement Program. They are 3rd in the nation for School Library Media as ranked by US News & World Report. This summer, Lynn finished her 24 credit program that was a combination of online and summer residency courses (She was up there in a dorm for 3 weeks!) She also passed her WestE exam and was to be recommended by UW to OSPI to add the endorsement to her certificate mid-August.

Additionally, she volunteered to help with both the textbook stamping and with the Jump Start Back Pack program. Thanks, Lynn.

Family and Community Resource Center (FCRC) -

FCRC geared up for the Jumpstart Backpack Program. Between coordinating volunteers, managing cash and supply donations, and assembling backpacks, getting ready for Jumpstart Backpack Day on August 13, 2016 was a whirlwind of activity. Just over \$2,500 was raised and about 9,700 school supply items were received. In next month's FCRC update, expect to find out how many backpacks and school supplies we were able to provide to La Center families.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Neiman
Director of Teaching & Learning
La Center School District