

September 2017

Greetings from WWG Schools

And just like that, we are ½ way through the fall sports season and the beans have begun to come out of the fields! We are off to yet another great start at WWG with enrollment up in the elementary and all secondary activities seeing great results.

- The fall musical knocked another one out of the park last week! Without question, the set on stage would rival any college in the state of MN! The kids were great and demonstrated yet again that WWG is second only to the college level in our theater year in and year out. Every student here is given the chance to be an amazingly well rounded student with sports, clubs and the arts! And OH BY THE WAY, did you notice how our kids sounded with pep band? It's the talk of the town!
- I tell the kids we are family. WE ARE CRAZY AND SCREWY BUT WE ARE FAMILY in a small town. When someone "does good" we all look good. When someone makes a bad choice or as I would say "acts like an idiot" we all can look bad. LAST WEEK I took a bus full of students from WWG to the "Banquet" in Sioux Falls. The students shined and were ministers of small town and of good! As I was driving the students home I was very proud to be their Principal and Bus Driver that night. We had A honor roll and D honor roll kids but that did not matter when it came to being good to others. THAT is what's more important to me. Personality and work ethic!
- Switching gears, Paul Olson in the Walnut Grove building, Doug Lee in the Tech campus and me at the Westbrook east campus were trained this summer in active shooter training. It's a subject nobody wants to talk about but we wanted to be proactive and make all our employees and students aware of what we believe as a district if there was ever an intruder. Westbrook had the training for the employees a couple years ago and the Walnut Grove employees will be getting trained this year. Mr. Lee and a community committee of employees, firemen and law enforcement will begin training our students in Westbrook from the juniors down to 7th grade. Opt out slips will be coming home with students of the 7th and 8th grade sometime in the next month. A.L.I.C.E. training stands for Alert / Lockdown / Inform / Counter / Evacuate. It's simple common sense of taking matters into your own hands and not hiding under desks in the classroom like sitting ducks. Those old drills are from the "old days" of bombing alerts and hiding under desks. We are going to make our students aware of what is recommended by all agencies in the nation. WE WILL PRESENT INFORMATION ON THIS TO THE BOARD AND THE COMMUNITIES AT OUR OCTOBER BOARD MEETING: Monday October 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Walnut Grove School History Center by the gymnasium.
- Please be on the lookout for a handout at area businesses that I created regarding the upcoming referendum on November 7th. There will also be a mailing coming out next month to all property owners in the district. If more information is needed, I would love to visit anytime and anywhere in the district with patrons. I am asking all of you to support a tax increase and I am asking you to keep WWG in the shape it is now. We have such a bright future with our young students coming up! You can blame the big increase on me because I should have been increasing it over the past 10 years but instead was stubborn and believed we could do without.

- PLEASE GET OUT and ENJOY the parade Friday at 2 in Westbrook on main street.
Support our kids during homecoming week!!!