



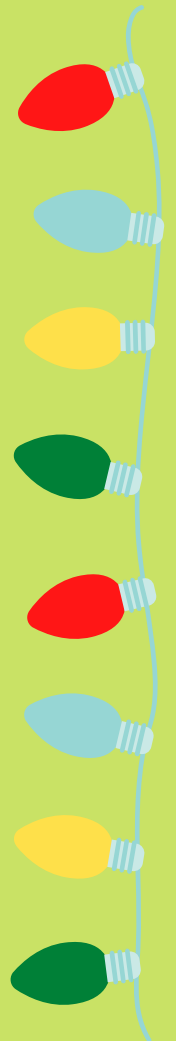
PDI POST

DECEMBER EDITION 2021

7 MINDSETS- WE ARE CONNECTED

4 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Embrace Everyone- Everyone that comes into our lives has the potential to help us, hurt us, or have no impact at all. It makes sense to figure out how someone may be able to help us because the other options mean we are not growing or getting closer to our dreams, and may even be taking steps away from them. People who live great lives embrace everyone and constantly seek ways to serve and connect with those they encounter.
2. Maximize Positive Relationships- Some people in our lives lift us up and make us better, while others can bring us down. We must work to spend more time with people that empower us and less with the ones who don't. We should also ask to seek to expand ways to get more out of and put more into great relationships in our lives.
3. Build Your Dream Team- Building a Dream Team is about identifying the individuals who can help us live our dreams. Perhaps they have experience we can draw from, access to resources we will need, or can provide us with critical support as we start the path toward our dreams and face the challenges that will bring. The important step is to recognize the critical role others play in our lives, and deliberately begin developing the relationships that will help us.
4. Lead with Value- When we find people who can help us in life, we need to start building those relationships quickly so the cycle of giving can begin. A lesson many have learned is that if we seek ways to provide help before asking for help ourselves, we will get much more out of the relationship. We should always look for ways to lead with value to supercharge these relationships.



6+1 STORIES OF SUCCESS

BRENNA TRIPP



The Department of Teaching and Learning is starting a weekly interview series called 6+1 Stories of Success. Former DPS 61 students are sharing their stories of dedication and perseverance! Please share any of these interviews with your students. Current interviews include Kat Stowell, an MHS graduate who serves her community in Seattle as an architect, Charnae Anderson, an EHS graduate and app developer, and Connor See, and EHS graduate, Assistant Principal and field supervisor for SIUE. If you'd like to nominate someone for our series, please email bjtripp@dps61.org

CONTIG COMING SOON!

CHRISTELLE HARDING

It's time for students grades 4-6 to start practicing!

CONTIG is a fun, low-prep math game played with dice and a simple game board. It teaches the math concepts of simple operations, the order of operations, and provides great mental math practice. Played with 2-4 players, it requires these supplies:

- Game board (print one for each group)
- 3 dices for each group
- Scoring sheets
- Marking method

The 2022 Macon/Piatt Contig Tournament will be Friday, April 8th, 2022, at Mt. Zion Intermediate School. Check-in time starts at 8:30 a.m. Play will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Contig participants' names must be submitted by March 25th, 2022. We will send out the form for second semester.

Click below for Rules and Practice Sheets.

[Click Here](#)

ELA UPDATES

YOLANDA MINOR

Upcoming PD Opportunities:

1. Into Reading Model Lesson; Read Aloud (Kindergarten): 12/6
2. HMH K-5 Deepen Text Analysis with Notice and Note Close Reading Strategies: 12/6
3. Into Reading Model Lesson: Read Aloud (Gr. 1 & 2): 12/6
4. In Person HMH Into Reading Curriculum Planning for 3-6 @ Muffley: 2:15-3:45
5. HMH K-5 Deepen Text Analysis with Notice and Note Close Reading Strategies: 12/13
6. HMH Into Reading Model Lesson: Read Aloud: 12/14

ENCORE

RHONDA COX

Holiday Music Concerts

- December 7th, 7:00: Eisenhower Choir
 December 13th, 6:00: Johns Hill Orchestra
 December 13th, 7:15: Johns Hill Band
 December 13th, 6:00: Parsons K-2
 December 15th, 6:00: Parsons 3-6
 December 15th, 6:30: Johns Hill Choir
 December 16th, 7:00: Eisenhower Band and Orchestra
 December 16th, 5:30: Montessori Academy for Peace Choral Concert
 December 17th, Virtual: American Dreamer STEM Academy
 December 21st, 9:00: South Shores



SOCIAL STUDIES

BRENNA TRIPP

Civics books will begin to be delivered to 7th and 8th grade classes within the coming weeks. With the new civics mandates requiring a quarter of civics education during 7th and 8th grade, we are working to develop a plan for implementation. If you'd like to be on the team to develop the civics unit(s) and align the scope and sequence, please contact Brenna Tripp at bjtripp@dps61.org.

If you haven't already please email Brenna Tripp you PLC times, so that visits and discussions can be facilitated. If you need social studies support of any kind, please reach out!

DECEMBER READING CHALLENGE

MEGAN FLANIGAN

Decatur Public School students are invited to participate in our December Reading Challenge. See your school library staff for information about how to complete this challenge while supplies last. Thank you for the generous contributions from our Decatur area McDonald's restaurants.

MATH

KELLI MURRAY

Every Day Counts Update: December, January, and February Calendar pieces have been delivered. Don't forget, the online resources will be available until January 21st, so print the materials you think you will still need. Also, I would love to see EDC in action, so invite me to see your calendar time! Would you like to let me record YOU as a grade level example? We can make this happen!

Go Math: Harness all the resources in GO MATH. Login today and click on RESOURCES and check out the INTENSIVE INTERVENTIONS and CRITICAL AREA PROJECTS. Use the PERSONAL MATH trainer's adaptive products and practice dynamic questions that will help prepare students for high stakes testing.

Please be sure you are using updated pacing guides. Below is a link that K-12 teachers use for Lead 180 Math and ELA Scope and Sequence and Learning Scales.

[Click Here](#)

SPELLING BEE GRADES 7-8

CHRISTELLE HARDING

The 7th and 8th grade Spelling Bee will be Thursday, January 28th from 9-11. Doors will open for participants and their parents/administrators at 8:30. The competition will begin at 9:00. Each K-8 building with a middle school will be allowed 2 participants and 1 alternate for grades 7-8. SDMS will be allowed 5 participants and 2 alternates. See you there!

SIUE MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

BRENNA TRIPP

If you are currently looking to get your Master's, and are specifically interested in the area of Special Education, there is a program for you! SIUE is offering a fully virtual program for a Master of Arts in Teaching. Scholarships and tuition waivers are available. If you'd like more information you can email Connor See at csee@siue.edu or call him directly at 217-201-3939.

DECEMBER PD OPPORTUNITIES

DEPT OF T&L

December 1

- Mentoring PD
- MHM-Into Literature Apple Pages 3:30-4:15

December 6

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- Encore IAR Reading Support: 3:15-4:45
- HMH Model Lesson (Kdg): 5:00-6:00

December 8

- Apple Numbers: 3:30-4:15

December 9

- McGraw Hill Civics Instruction: 3:30-4:30

December 13

- Encore Curriculum Work: 3:15-4:45
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December 14

- New Educator Academy
- HMH Model Lesson: 6:00-7:00

December 15

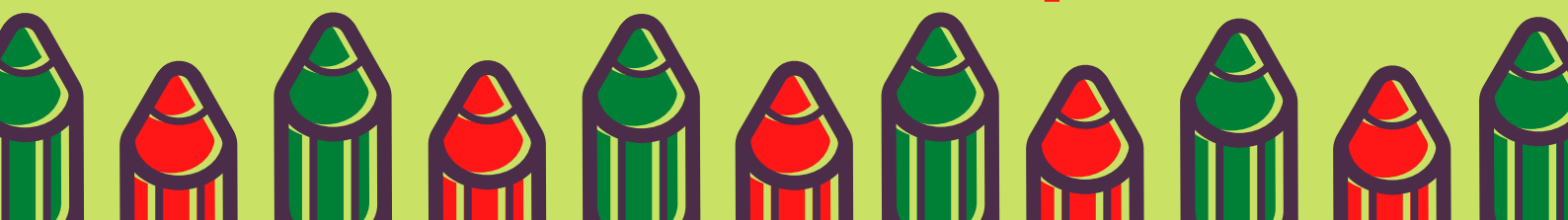
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December 16

- McGraw Hill Impact Refresher: 3:30-4:30

December 20th

- Encore Curriculum Work



K-6 ELA PLANNING COHORT

CHRISTELLE HARDING

If you are interested in joining an HMH planning cohort for Into Reading or Into Literature please sign up on MyLearningPlan. Each grade level will meet in-person for 2 hours per module (after school curriculum stipend applies) to overview the module and work together to plan the weeks and lessons. The first cohort meeting will be December 13th and will focus on Module 5. Times may vary depending on who signs up for the group. This will be an amazing way to support each other in planning for Into Reading and Into Literature.

T&L SUPPORT REQUEST

CHRISTELLE HARDING

Need support and/or help and not sure who to ask? Just fill out this quick form and someone from the Department of Teaching and Learning will get right back with you!

[Click Here](#)

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