

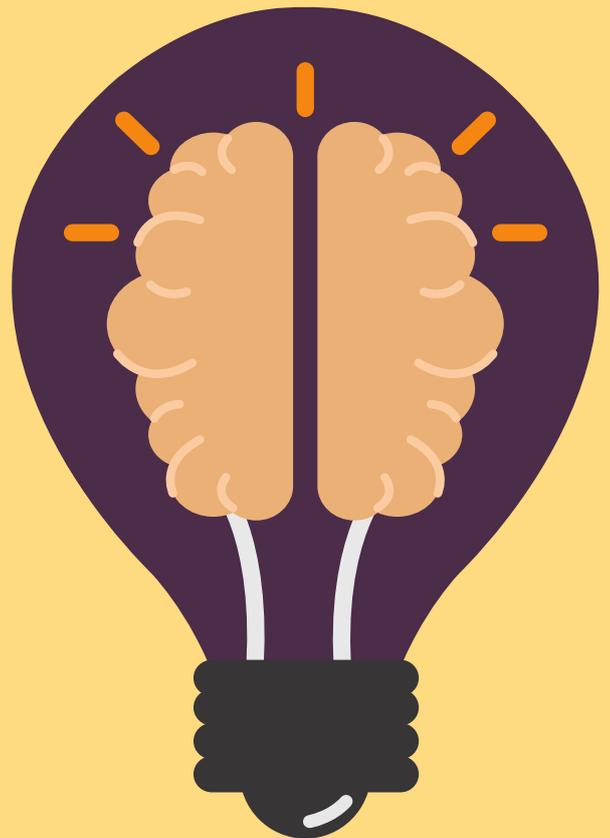


# PDI POST

NOVEMBER EDITION 2021

## 7 MINDSETS

The mindset for November and December is "We Are Connected". We Are Connected explores the synergies in all relationships and helps us learn to empower one another. We Are Connected helps us understand that everyone that comes into our lives can assist us towards living our dreams. Through this mindset, we learn to constantly explore synergies with others, embrace diversity, and relish competition, allowing us to maximize our potential with and through others. To learn about this, and other mindsets please check out this 7 Mindsets booklet.



## POSITIVITY CHALLENGE

### CHRISTELLE HARDING

We are continuing with our positivity challenge! Create a video, picture, TikTok, or project with your class, and email it to [charding@dps61.org](mailto:charding@dps61.org) We will feature as many as possible in our December edition of the PDI Post!

## SPELLING BEE BUZZ

### BEE READY!



Lists will soon be distributed to prepare for the 2022 Scripps Spelling Bee. To select a class representative for the school spelling bee, Grades 4-8 classroom spelling bees will be held in January. From there, the students can advance to the district, county, and even National Scripps Spelling Bee. More dates and information will be shared in our December edition! Email [charding@dps61.org](mailto:charding@dps61.org) with questions.

# ASSESSMENT UPDATES

**TERI DYSON**



The link to the district assessment schedule is below. This includes all district and state assessments. State assessment dates have are based on what has been released by ISBE so far.

## UPCOMING ASSESSMENT DATES FOR NOVEMBER:

November 29th-December 21st:  
FastBridge(PK-9)  
NSGRA (K-6)



# INSTRUCTIONAL PLAYBOOK

**MARQUES STEWART**

Below is a link to the Instructional Playbook which contains strategies and classroom "look-fors" that we will be focusing on this year.



# ELA UPDATES

**YOLANDA MINOR**



If you have not accepted the invite to join the grade level Google Classrooms for ELA teachers, please do so to receive additional ELA news and support.

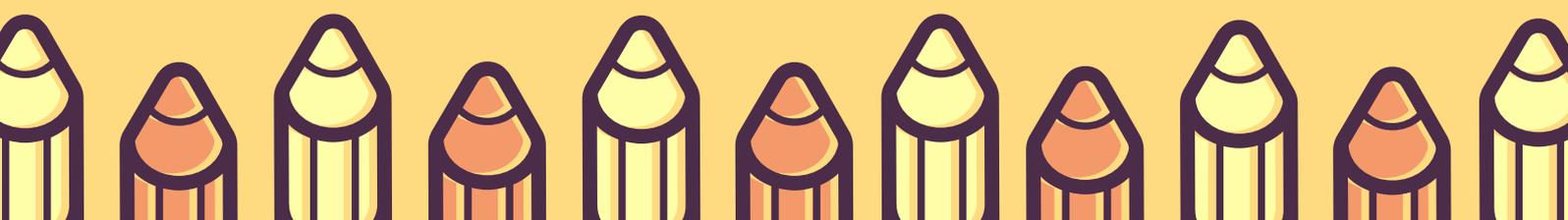
## UPCOMING HMH PD:

Questions Answered: November 4th @ 3PM  
This is an opportunity to connect with an HMH instructional coach, and other teachers, to get your questions answered. This session will also give you insight on everything that Ed has to offer. Register online and on My Learning Plan.

# ENCORE

**RHONDA COX**

A different Encore area will meet every Monday from 3:00-5:00 PM at PDI or on Zoom to work on curriculum alignment. This is scheduled for the rest of the semester. A finalized calendar will be shared ASAP. World Languages met on October 25th.



## SOCIAL STUDIES

### BRENNA TRIPP

There are multiple professional development sessions for McGraw Hill during the month of November. These are before school sessions that are available for stipend. The goal of these sessions is to answer any questions you may have regarding the McGraw Hill materials, single sign on, creating impactful presentations, and assigning work. All sessions are available to sign up in My Learning Plan.

November 2nd: South Shores AM Q&A Session @ 7 AM

November 11th: Hope AM Q&A Session @ 7 AM

November 15th: Johns Hill AM Q&A Session @ 7 AM

November 19th: Dennis AM Q&A Session @ 7 AM

## WORD WALL

### MARQUES STEWART

Word Walls are literacy tools that can be used in all classrooms despite the grade level of content area. In encouraging teachers to create a print rich environment, I have included a few helpful resources below. The first link is to the Dolch sight word listing. The second is a video that demonstrates a way to successfully utilize the word wall in classrooms. Please scan the QR code for more information.



## MATH

### KELLI MURRAY

If you haven't already, please fill out the Math Survey.



Have you been able to check out some of the math resources at your fingertips? You can use the search bar or click on Resources in Think Central. When you click on Resources, change the grade level you need and scroll to the bottom. You will find resources like Strategic Practice for Skills and Fact Fluency, Strategic Interventions, TE/Strategic Interventions/SE.

Interested in more resources? You can find all of these, when you click on the Resources hyperlink in your GoMath Homepage. Reach out to [kmmurray@dps61.org](mailto:kmmurray@dps61.org) for any additional support for math!



## TEACHER RESOURCE HUB

**BRENNA TRIPP**

The Teaching and Learning Department now has multiple resources that can be utilized by teachers of all content areas and grade levels. Use the link below to find an up to date PD calendar, classroom management resources, and a full resource hub. This page will be updated frequently with new materials and additional PD dates.



## SCIENCE TEXTBOOK/ MATERIALS PILOT

**CHRISTELLE HARDING**

We have an exciting opportunity to pilot science programs that will begin implementation during the 2022-2023 school year. Many teachers have volunteered to pilot a science program for the 3rd quarter this year, but the more voices and minds we put together, the better! If you are interested in joining the pilot team, please fill out the form below.



## REQUESTING ACCESS TO A NEW APP

**MIKE COZIAHR**

You may have noticed that some of the apps or websites that you have always used are no longer available. Because of SOPPA, or the Student Online Personal Protection Act, a written agreement must be made between the school district and the creator of the app to protect students from having their personal information used without their knowledge. If there is an app you would like to use in the classroom but is not available to you, you can submit a help ticket. Once you sign into the help desk system, you will select DPS iPad App Request. Please make contact with Mike Coziahr at [mcoziahr@dps61.org](mailto:mcoziahr@dps61.org) if you need help completing the remainder of your request. Also, be aware that submitting the request does not guarantee that it will be SOPPA approved, but we will do our very best to get you the resources that you need for your classroom!

