

Elementary Principal Report

Administrator Days: July 27-29

There were a lot of excellent sessions. I will report on my top 3.

- 1) NSCAS Growth Reimagines the Role of Statewide Summative Assessments
 - This session was very informative. The state is moving towards a state assessment that is more growth oriented instead of a one time snap shot.
 - This new model will require schools to test three times a year. This year spring testing is the only required testing, but we have decided to do all three.
 - Fall Window: Aug. 15 to Sept. 30, 2022
 - Winter Window: Dec. 1, 2022 to Jan. 31, 2023
 - Spring (Required): Apr. 3 to May 12, 2023
 - We will also administer the MAP testing two times during the school year.

- 2) I AM IRON MAN
 - This session was by the 2022 Nebraska Teacher of the Year, Lee Perez.
 - Lee gave 4 bullet points for the upcoming year:
 - 1) Go in with a fresh perspective ready to take on a new year.
 - 2) Remember that even our "toughest" students are listening to you.
 - 3) Admit your mistakes and learn from them – We're human and it's ok to make mistakes.
 - 4) Embrace change – Change is how we can all grow in this amazing profession.

He also referenced this quote by Joe Newton that I found to be very powerful ...
"It's nice to be great, but it's far greater to be nice."

- 3) NETWORKING WITH NEW PRINCIPALS
 - This session allowed me to meet other new principals and build important relationships.

Character Counts

This is a SEL program that I am implementing. It focuses on the Six Pillars of Character:

- 1) Trustworthiness
- 2) Respect
- 3) Responsibility
- 4) Fairness
- 5) Caring
- 6) Citizenship

The program will allow us to use common language to promote a positive school climate in which students are encouraged to show kindness and empathy towards each other.

Open House: Tuesday, Aug 9, 2022 at 7:30pm

The open house will allow students to meet their teachers and see their classrooms. It will also give me a chance to introduce myself to students and parents.