**César Chávez Academy Middle School** 

**March Updates**

**AdvancED External Visit-- March 15th - 18th**

* Tentative schedule for External Team Members:
  + Sunday, 3.15--meet with Central Office Administrators
  + Monday, 3.16--meet with School Leadership and select stakeholders
  + Tuesday, 3.17--conduct observations and interview select stakeholders
  + Wednesday, 3.18--compile reports; recommendation given to the Board

**Formal Observations:**

* If you haven’t already done so, please sign-up for your formal observation by the end of the day today (Monday, March 9th) as these have to be completed by Thursday.
* Thank you to those who have signed-up, I’ve enjoyed seeing the great things going on in your classrooms and throughout the school! If you haven’t already done so, please be sure to sign-up for a time to review your EEP.

**Shout-Outs:**

* A huge thank you to Mrs. Berrocal, Mrs. Starr, Ms. Gwen, and Mrs. Nagy for organizing and getting the TELL pilot test done.
* I’d also like to recognize Mrs. Cochran and Ms. Guzman for organizing WIDA.
* Thank you to the instructional support staff, for their diligence in ensuring identified students complete the speaking portion of WIDA-- almost done ☺!
* I’d like to extend an extra-warm token of appreciation to the teachers--I know it isn’t easy teaching when students are being pulled from your classrooms. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and flexibility.

**Congratulations:**

* Please join me in congratulating Mr. Biggar and his wife who are expecting their first child this July.
* I’d also like to congratulate Mrs. Near as she and her husband are expecting their first child this August.
  + If you know of anyone who is looking for a long-term sub position, please send them my way--as Mrs. Urben will be going on maternity leave mid-April and Mrs. Mosko mid-May.

**Reminders/Others:**

* **Staff Dress Down Passes:** Thank you to those who have been bringing them to me to sign-off on. As a reminder, please do not use your dress down pass during our AdvancEd External Review (March 15th - 18th)
* **Act 18 (now FTK – follow that kid) Aides:** As a reminder, the sole responsibility for one-on-one (FTK) aides is to provide support to their assigned student. In the event that their student is not here, other duties will be assigned.
  + Teachers, FTK Aides, and Special Education teachers, please ensure you are communicating about what content is being covered in class and the expectations of what students should be focusing on:
    - What are the essential components of the unit/topic of study?
    - How will these students show their understanding?
    - What progress is being made toward identified goals? (grades)
    - Ideally check-ins will be daily (please do not interrupt instructional time) or at minimum, weekly.
  + As a reminder, special education teachers have prep on Mondays. This is the perfect time to discuss ideas and suggestions for modifications and accommodations as well as progress toward targeted goals.
* **Math Openings:** We are still working on finding a replacement for both Math positions. If you know of anyone qualified for, and interested in, teaching 6th or 8th grade math, please send them my way.
* **Career Day:** was postponed until sometime in May, an exact data has yet to be determined.

**Team Work:**

The work that we do is difficult, challenging, and yet so very rewarding! Remember, it takes each of us to make this school a successful learning environment for the students we serve. As we begin this week, I ask that we take the advice of Michele Harvey (2015) and “Be mindful and look for ways to show gratitude toward people with whom you have difficulty relating.”

Remember:

In this School,

We don’t do EASY.

We make easy happen through

HARD WORK, COOPERATION, & LEARNING!

#***TheKidsSide***

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| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
| **8**  **Tornado Drill:**  sometime this week | **9**  PD:   * Szukielowicz - need sub * Krone - need sub | **10** | **11**  Admin-Steward Meeting  PD:   * Mosko - need sub * Martinez - need sub | **12**  TLG: Aurelia  Hine - need sub | **13**  TLG: Donna & Lina  **TLG Spelling Bee** | **14** |
| **15** | **16**  PD:   * Rogers - need sub * Dawood - need sub | **17**  PD:   * Rogers - need sub * Dawood - need sub   **AdvancED**  **On-Sight Visit** | **18**  SVSU:   * Urbenowski - need sub * Baxter - need sub   **CCA Board Mtg.**  **6pm @ East** | **19** | **20**  TLG: Special Ed.   * Brown * MacLeod * Morrison * Wright * Santoscoy * Garay | **21** |
| **22**  **Unity Week**  **Lockdown Drill:**  sometime this week | **23**  6th Grade to Holocaust Museum (10am - 2pm)  SpEd Team to RESA:   * Brown, MacLeod, Morrison**,** Wright**,** Garay,Santoscoy, Carroll | **24**  **Literacy Night**  PD:   * Laudani - need sub * Currie - need sub | **25** | **26**  6th Grade to Holocaust Museum (10am - 2pm) | **27**  **Unity Day**  Free Dress Down Wear Orange  **College 101: Pre-visit** (select 8th graders) | **28** |
| **29** | **30**  PD:   * Harden - need sub | **31**  Cesar Chavez’s Birthday  PD:   * Harden - need sub   **Staff Meeting @ 3:15** | **1**  PD:   * Harden - need sub | **2** | **3**  **PD Day:**  **Grades Due for 3rd Qtr.** | **4** |