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Blue Ridge Elementary

Academic Focus

- **Back to School Retreat:** Blue Ridge and Eastwood Hills joined for the Back to School Retreat at Graceway. Dr. Sondra Cave provided information and facilitated discussion on operating and refining talents into strengths through knowledge and skill-building. Teachers were provided time for reflection individually and with their teams to develop a better understanding of how to collaborate. The result of this time is a greater sense of appreciation of others and increased awareness of self.
- **Structure and procedures:** The primary focus of Blue Ridge for the first three weeks of school was establishing structures and procedures and building classroom community. Teachers challenged each other to see the full potential in all students, and provide students with the safe, respectful learning environment to make this happen.

Parent/Community Focus

- **Meet the Teacher Night:** Our annual Meet the Teacher night was Monday, August 13th. Eighty percent of Blue Ridge families visited classrooms on this special evening.

Upcoming School Events

- **Sept. 6** Score 1 for Health
- **Sept. 24-28** Scholastic Book Fair
- **Sept. 25** 3rd and 4th Grade Program and Math Night
- **Sept. 26** Grandparents Breakfast

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Eastwood Hills Elementary

Academic Focus

- For teachers, our learning began at our Back to School Retreat in partnership with Blue Ridge Elementary working with Dr. Sondra Cave investigating adult strengths and talents through the Strengthsfinder research. As a building team we have engaged in professional development around BIST and instructional strategies in mathematics learned as part of teachers' professional development opportunities over the summer.
- Student learning these first few weeks have been focused on becoming a BabyJay S.T.A.R.R.. Teachers have been teaching procedures and expectations for all things Eastwood Hills. We believe in hard work, respecting all community members, and challenging ourselves and our students in continuous growth.

Parent/Community Focus

- We have already had many great opportunities to connect with our families including Meet the Teacher Night and our Back to School BBQ. The EWH Back to School BBQ is a decades old tradition that begins in teacher classrooms and ends on the playground with staff serving dinner to our students and families. These are cherished evenings as we get to connect not only with current students, but also with previous students who find their way back to us on this EWH reunion night.
- In addition, two processes have been initiated for two new community focuses this school year. The first is Watch D.O.G.S, a program geared toward increasing male role model presence and participation in schools. The second is a teacher-initiated idea called Family Time which would allow every Eastwood student to be reorganized into a K-5th grade "family" one time a week during Community Building for the purpose of building and strengthening relationships across grade levels. Be on the lookout for more information to come!

Upcoming School Events

- **Sept. 7, 7:45-8:30 a.m.** VIP Breakfast
- **Sept. 14** Career Day
- **Sept. 17-18** Healthy Smiles Clinic
- **Sept. 24** Scholastic Book Fair Begins
- **Sept. 27, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** Math Curriculum Night
- **Sept. 28** Fun Run PTA Fundraiser

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Fletridge Elementary

Academic Focus

- **Procedures and Structure:** Our main focus at Fletridge this month is teaching our students the procedures and expectations. Teachers are maintaining high structure and teaching and reminding students how we do things at Fletridge.
- **STAR Assessments:** The students are completing the beginning of the year STAR assessments. The teachers will utilize this assessment data to support students during differentiated instruction times. They will also use this data as a general indicator for the academic strengths and needs of their individual students and their classes as a whole.

Parent/Community Focus

- **Back to School Night:** Fletridge families attended our annual Back to School Night to gather important information about the curriculum taught throughout the year. PTA sold hamburger and hot dog meals to families before the Back to School Night events began. Families were presented with information about our Title I services prior to going to classrooms for grade level specific information.

Upcoming School Events

- **Sept. 5, 6:30 p.m.** PTA Meeting
- **Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m.** Multilingual Back to School Night
- **Sept. 20-21** Cerner Healthe Kids
- **Sept. 27-28** Dental Clinic
- **Oct. 4, 6:30 p.m.** Family Reading Night (ELA)

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Laurel Hills Elementary

Academic Focus

- **Student Engagement:** The Laurel Hills staff are participating in a book study addressing student engagement during first semester. The staff kicked off our first building professional development time with our discussions around the initial reading. As we continue with the book study, teachers will respond to questions via Google Classroom. We will also dedicate time during our monthly faculty meetings to discuss engagement techniques teachers are utilizing in their classrooms.
- **STAR Assessments:** The students are completing the beginning of the year STAR assessments. The teachers will utilize this assessment data to support students during differentiated instruction times. They will also use this data as a general indicator for the academic strengths and needs of their individual students and their classes as a whole.

Parent/Community Focus

- **Back to School Night:** Families attended our annual Back to School Night to gather important information about the curriculum taught throughout the year. In an effort to support our families, our PTA sold hotdog meals to families before the Back to School Night events began. Families were presented with information about our Title I services prior to going to classrooms for grade level specific information.

Upcoming School Events

- **Sept. 10** PTA Fundraiser Kick Off
- **Sept. 24-25** Dental Clinic at LH
- **Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m.** PTA Unit Meeting
- **Oct. 2, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** ELA Curriculum Night

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Little Blue Elementary

Academic Focus

- **Procedures and Structure:** Practicing procedures has been the main focus at Little Blue this month. Teachers are maintaining high structure and teaching and reminding students how we do things at Little Blue.
- **PBIS Boot Camp:** We organized and conducted our bi-annual PBIS boot camp earlier this month. The expectations for every area of the building, including arrival, dismissal, hallways, restrooms, classrooms, breakfast, lunch, recess, common areas, and the bus were explicitly taught by adults in the building to all students. Students rotated through each sessions so everyone is hearing the same thing; this is setting everyone up for success.

Parent/Community Focus

- **Meet the Teacher Night:** Families and staff members enjoyed our Meet the Teacher Night on August 13th. We had information about PTA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cerner Healthe Kids, and resources and supplies for families in need.
- **Back to School Night:** We hosted Back to School Night on August 30th. Parents were able to get important information about Title 1, classroom expectations, structures, and routines, were able to start a background check to volunteer, and join PTA. One of our community partners grilled hot dogs and provided chips, a cookie and a drink so families were provided dinner, as well. It was a big success!

Upcoming School Events

- **Sept. 7** Cerner Healthe Kids
- **Sept. 17** PTA Fundraiser begins
- **Sept. 19, 4:30-8:30 p.m.** McTeacher Night Fundraiser at McDonalds on Blue Ridge Blvd.
- **Sept. 25** School Pictures
- **Sept. 28, 3:15 p.m.** Terrific Kids Assembly

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Norfleet Elementary

Academic Focus

- **Expectations Safari:** On the second day of school, classes navigated our Norfleet Jungle on a safari to learn the procedures of each common area of the school. Students
- **Professional Development:** The Norfleet faculty kicked off the 2018-2019 school year with professional development on PBS and social emotional learning and the data review team process.
- **STAR Testing Data Analysis:** Teachers will participate in data analysis at the end of the STAR testing window. This allows teachers to identify student strength and deficit areas so they can create small groups and lessons that will best meet the needs of their students. Through this process, our team can also identify students that need additional academic support.

Parent/Community Focus

- **Meet the Teacher Night:** Norfleet hosted “Meet the Teacher Night” and had an overwhelming number of families touring the building and classrooms. Our hallways and classrooms were warm and inviting and filled with new and returning Norfleet families. Our Caring for Kids partners also hosted a Back to School tailgate, providing a hotdog meal to families and staff. District Behavior Coordinator Jerod Duncan served as our DJ at the tailgate.
- **PTA Boo Hoo Social:** Our PTA hosted their annual “Boo Hoo Social” at Dough Boys on the first day of school. Parents gathered at Dough Boys for their delicious doughnuts and to celebrate the new school year. This was an excellent opportunity for Kindergarten families to get to know other families in the building.
- **Back to School Night:** Norfleet families were welcomed into classrooms on August 30th to explore the curriculum provided in each grade level and classroom.

Upcoming School Events

- **Sept. 6, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** Watch D.O.G.S. Kickoff and Dinner
- **Sept. 13** PTA Get Air! Trampoline Fundraiser Night
- **Sept. 17** PTA Fall Fundraiser begins
- **Sept. 20-21** Dental Clinic for Students

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Robinson Elementary

Academic Focus

- Students at Robinson are busy taking the STAR assessments. This information will be utilized for differentiated small group instruction. This information is also helpful in determining student's strengths and areas for growth. Content area pre-testing is also taking place. These pre-tests will give us a baseline and allow us to really tailor instruction to meet the needs of our students.
- We are continuing our focus on the teaching and re-teaching of structures and procedures in all areas of the building. Staff is working hard to remain consistent while balancing grace and accountability.

Parent/Community Focus

- **Meet the Teacher Night**-Families enjoyed our Meet the Teacher Night on August 13th. Boy Scouts, PTA and Healthy Kids were all represented that evening.
- **Back to School Night**-We held our Meet the Teacher Night on August 30th. Families began in the gym where Mrs. Washington introduced herself to families. Following the introduction staff was given information about Title I before having the opportunity to attend sessions focusing on individual classroom procedures and expectations. The night concluded with ice cream in the gym.

Upcoming School Events

- **Sept. 10** Freddy's Night
- **Sept. 11** School Pictures
- **Sept. 13** PTA Game Night
- **Sept. 28** Bookmobile Visit

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Southwood Elementary

Academic Focus

- **Behavior Expectations:** Southwood has been focused on procedures and expectations. The Southwood staff has been explicitly teaching, modeling, and practicing building wide and classroom expectations. We have a few new staff members and we recognize that the first few weeks of school are critical to creating a consistent foundation for all students. This foundation will be what we build from as we hold students accountable to the SW Way and recognize and celebrate their successes throughout the school year.
- **Data Review Teams:** We kicked-off our data teams with a review of the steps of the data process and focused in on areas that are relative strengths and weaknesses for each team. We determined ways we can focus on instructional strategies to strengthen our teaching and enhance student learning. We are excited to keep this step at the forefront of our collaborations as it aligns our building goals and the district goal of improving instructional practices.

Parent/Community Focus

- **Meet Your Teacher Night:** Meet Your Teacher Night was well attended as always. Students always want to know who their teacher is and all left with smiles on their faces. It was a good opportunity for us to fellowship with each other, to meet parents, to welcome new families to the Southwood Community, and an opportunity for PTA and other organizations to seek support.
- **Back to School Curriculum Night:** Another successful event with many families in attendance to learn more about their child's teacher, classroom expectations, and general grade level information. We promoted the evening with our school theme and had each family move through the evening with a scavenger hunt of introductions and activities.

Upcoming School Events

- **Sept. 6** Cerner Healthe Kids
- **Sept. 13** Smile Dentistry
- **Sept. 28** School Pictures

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Spring Valley Elementary

Academic Focus

- **Expectations and Relationships:** The first week and 3 days of school consisted of staff outlining, modeling and practicing expectations for academics, behavior, and social areas. This intentional focus allowed staff and students the opportunity to establish and building much needed relationships with structure that is known for the best success for all.
- **STAR and Math assessment:** SV will complete the STAR and Math assessments over the next few weeks to outline small group instruction for students and areas of support for whole group instruction. Tier 3 placement from these assessments will also outline supports needed from our Title I Reading and Math Teacher. These assessments will continue to be beneficial data used to help teachers determine and outline the instructional approach for all learners.
- **Strengthsfinder:** SV staff began our professional development journey with Dr. Sondra Cave who has outline 3 sessions around the text Strengthsfinder. The goal for this ongoing PD is for staff to focus on utilize areas of strength to support personal and student outcomes as collaborative teams.

Parent/Community Focus

- **Boo Hoo Breakfast:** On Wednesday, August 15, 2018, the PTA hosted a Boo Hoo Breakfast for kindergarten parents as they saw their student off to school for the first time as Kindergarteners. This was a great event in which parents ate pastries, held conversations, shed a few tears, and connected by having a kindergarten student at Spring Valley!
- **Back To School Night:** On Thursday, August 30, 2018, Spring Valley Families attended our Back to School Night. The purpose of this event was for families to receive essential information relating to Title I Compacts,, expectations outlined in specific grade levels, and methods in which families can support the learning and development for their student. Parents were excited to receive such a great welcome and beneficial information.

Upcoming School Events

- **Sept. 6, 6:00 p.m.** Back to School Picnic
- **Sept. 14, All Day** Fun Run During Specials
- **Sept. 14, 7:00 p.m.** Fun Run Movie Night Celebration

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Westridge Elementary

Academic Focus

- **Strengthsfinder Professional Development-** This year Westridge is working with Dr. Sondra Cave to identify personal strengths through the Gallup Strengthsfinder poll. This professional development is ongoing throughout the school year and provides insight to how our strongest traits affect our thought and actions, and how they affect each other as a team. This also applies to students and how their personal strengths align to needs in the classroom.

Parent/Community Focus

- **Curriculum Night:** August 30th is Westridge's Back to School Night and Ice Cream Social. Last year, approximately 200 students and family members attended to hear details about curriculum and expectations.
- **Positive Phone Calls:** During the first two weeks of school, the Westridge teachers contact families to share positive information about the children in their classrooms. Reciprocally we've already heard from multiple parents sharing how appreciative they were to hear the positive message.

Upcoming School Events

- **Sept. 14** Fall Picture Day
- **Sept. 24-28** Book Fair
- **Sept. 25** Chipotle Night

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New Trails Early Learning Center

Academic Focus

- The building has been working in collaboration groups on our SMART goal for data review teams. They are working in small groups on one to one correspondence with meaning based on individual student data.

Parent/Community Focus

- Parents as Teachers is conducting developmental screenings of potential students for the building.
- Home visits have started for new and returning families. Teachers are meeting with the parents to talk about our program, talk about student progress, and get to know and start building relationships with the families.

Upcoming School Events

- **Sept. 7** Spirit Day- Red Day
- **Sept. 11, 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Grandparents/Special Friend Night
- **Sept. 21** Batman Day

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Three Trails Preschool

Academic Focus

- All PrK students will be taking the STAR assessment. This assessment will be used to support the 3T Smart Goal for DRT
- All teachers participated in Conscious Discipline professional development. This was a kick of a series of monthly PD to focus on learning and implementing Conscious Discipline strategies and routines.
- Teachers have created a progress report for families that has aligned to the Missouri Preschool Standards and is similar to the format for elementary.

Parent/Community Focus

- Three Trails has worked with MARC Head Start to recruit families for the Head Start program
- Head Start families all had a home visit before starting school. Families also have begun to set Family Goals with the social worker. These goals will be supported during the school year with resources from 3T

Upcoming School Events

- **Sept. 6, 5:30 or 6:30 p.m.** 3T Curriculum Night