A Note from Kimberly

Happy New Year! Welcome Back!

I’m sure you have hit the ground running like I have! I do hope you all enjoyed your holiday break. I enjoyed my time immensely! My husband’s family always gathers at his parents over the holidays for an extended time. We had lots of cousin sleep overs at our house, lots of giggles and fun times.

It’s taken me a few days to re-focus on what’s ahead these next few months, but I’m ready and I hope you are, too!

I wanted to quickly share what’s coming up here at ESC-20 in ways to support you and your Family Engagement work. Check out the upcoming professional trainings and what’s being offered for parents/families.

Please don’t ever hesitate to reach out to me!

Many blessings,
Kimberly

Share the Upcoming Parent Trainings & Webinars with your Families!

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION: PARTNERING WITH PARENTS

January 17, 2019
Communicating with parents is one of the most challenging and potentially stressful tasks that teachers and administrators face on a daily basis. Research has shown that establishing strong communication and relationships with parents can have positive and tangible effects on a student's success in school. Whether trying to resolve an argument caused by miscommunication or sharing difficult information, this session will provide tips and tools to help you know how to handle tough situations and foster positive relationships with your students' parents.

Register NOW!

Title I School-Parent Compact & PI Policy WORKDAY

Date: January 23, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Location: ESC-20
Session ID: 50813
Fee: $0

Come be a part of a work session toward your parent involvement policy and school parent compacts. Come and go as you would like. Bring copies of your current policy and compact so we can look at ways to make them more engaging with families and linked to student learning.

Please note: You do not need to have attended the November Title I: Compact & Policy training to participate in this workday.

Register NOW!

Family Engagement: Link to Student Learning

Date: February 26, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Location: ESC-20
Session ID: 50817
Fee: $25

Family Engagement is not just about inviting families to attend events on your campus, but when you do plan events on your campus, how are they linked to student learning? This session will focus on strategies and ideas to not only link student learning to events, but everything you do within your school so families can clearly understand, be involved with, and communicate what their child is learning and how they are a part of it.

Register NOW!
Family Engagement Network Meeting #3

Date: February 28, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Location: ESC-20
Session ID: 50799
Fee: $0

Agenda coming in February!

Register NOW!

TAPPestry Conference Registration is OPEN!

Please share with your families & staff!

Click HERE to register for the TAPPestry Conference
MUDDLED: How Confusing Information from Schools is Failing American Families

Insightful article. The quote below stood out to me and makes me wonder how student performance is communicated and if it's effective in districts around our Region. What do you think?

"The entire process of communicating the progress of individual students to their families is a mess."

"In the course of our work, we have observed that the entire process of communicating the progress of individual students to their families is a mess. Parents have access to more information about students than ever, and yet the avalanche of data has become its own problem. They get lost in difficult-to-interpret report cards and test results, and spun around by overly positive messages from educators about how well students are doing. This incoherence makes it easy for families to overestimate the performance of their children, miss warning signs of major problems, and pass up learning opportunities that have the power to reshape a child's basic educational trajectory."

Read the FULL article from EdNavigator HERE.