

Sebastian Middle School

Board Presentation

- Explore Testing September 23rd.
- Currently Conducting MAP Testing.
- Teachers are Deconstructing Data via PLC Meetings.
- Grade Cam in use.
- Lexia Core and Reading Plus soon to be in use.
- PGP and Professional Growth Goals on-going.

Several ARI (Appalachian Renaissance Initiative) Grants have been written and submitted by SMS teachers. These grants will assist teachers in securing funding for materials, supplies, trips, technology, and other necessary items to ensure a rigorous curriculum based on PBL. I commend our teachers for their hard work and dedication in applying for these grants.

Sebastian Middle School has been chosen by CFES (College for Every Student) as a School of Distinction. Thirty-three schools from across the country received this recognition. This distinction was awarded to schools that have exemplary programs incorporating the three CFES core practices: Mentoring, Leadership through Service, and Pathways to College. An article detailing CFES Schools of Distinction was published in the Huffington Post. Noted below are some of the article highlights:

"This year's award winners have developed some of the best activities we've seen in the last five years," said Steve Boyce, who leads the "School of Distinction" program.

"These award-winning schools are not only helping their Scholars become college ready, they're also lifting up schools across the country and beyond by sharing their best practices," said CFES President & CEO Rick Dalton.

The entire article is available at the following link:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/matthew-lynch-edd/thirty-three-schools-name_b_5688815.html