

Counselor's Corner

Board Report

November 2019

- **8th Grade Updates:** All of the 8th grade students are in the process of completing their high school applications with Ms. Weber. Once again, we have designated December 1st as the application deadline. Our students are applying to several different local schools this year including Bellevue High School, Newport High School, Highlands High School, Newport Catholic, and the Ignite Institute in Boone County. We are excited to share the news of their applications next month! Also, Ms. Weber is coordinating one final high school visit for the 8th grade class the week of November 19 to Newport High School.
- **Staff Development:** During the November 7th early release day, Ms. Weber presented to the staff about Trauma-Informed Discipline practices. This presentation was part of an ongoing effort to support and educate our staff in meeting the ever-growing social and emotional needs of our students. Ms. Weber shared schoolwide discipline data and information about mental health resources available to our students and families.
- **Check-In/Check-Out Program:** Ms. Weber is working with staff volunteers to implement a new check-in/check-out program for our most challenging students. Each adult volunteer has been paired with a struggling student whom they will “check in and out” with each day to talk about behavior, grades, and other concerns. The goal of the program is to provide a close, one-on-one relationship for each of these students to increase motivation and accountability. More to come!
- **PLCs:** Ms. Weber has facilitated a weekly PLC during early release time with the instructional aides and members of the primary special education staff. This PLC group has been an excellent forum for the members to share ideas and collaborate about specific student behaviors. The group has developed behavior intervention plans for individual students and makes schedule changes as necessary. We have been very proud of what we’ve been able to accomplish together thus far in the first half of the year.