

Barlow, Michele

From: Adams, Charles (Superintendent)
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 8:30 AM
To: Barlow, Michele
Subject: Fw: Re:
Attachments: SCHS Leadership Bell Schedule.pub

FYI.....

*Chuck Adams, Superintendent
Spencer County Schools
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From: Phillips, Michael <michael.phillips@spencer.kyschools.us>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 9:53 AM
To: Adams, Charles (Superintendent) <charles.adams@spencer.kyschools.us>
Subject: Re:

Mr. Adams

I am attaching our "den day" schedule which is our Wednesday schedule. We have built dens into our day each Wednesday along with clubs for the purpose of building relationships. Every fifth week we don't have clubs in our rotation so we have a "Bear Cup", which is a school-wide competition of some sorts. Each den is made up of roughly 16 students, 4 per grade level, and students will keep the same den teacher their entire high school career. Next year we will rotate our new freshman into existing dens after we rotate our graduating seniors out. We built dens into the middle of the week for attendance purposes (club day use to be on Friday's and attendance was down on those days) and we built it into the middle of the day because that is when most seniors are in the building.

Dens are built with the main purpose of building relationships between students, teachers, administration and the community. Each den (we have 4 total) consists of 13 small groups led by a teacher, counselor, an adult in the building. Each Wednesday we have some type of activity that students complete while in dens. For example, here is a list of activities we have completed up to this point;

- School-wide teacher trivia
- As a school we wrote sympathy cards to a community in Texas that experienced a school shooting.
- We have created a few community service projects (can drive, coat drive, shoes for Africa.....)
- School-wide Trivia (some of the categories were movies, sports, geography.....)
- Each Bear Cup we try to create activities that get as many students involved as possible. Most Bear Cups have over 100 students who participate.
- School-wide mindfulness
- Each den has created their own crest. We are working on getting that crest up in the building in certain locations that will be designated for den information

I know I am missing a few of the activities that we have completed during our den time but I hope this helps paint a picture of what we are trying to accomplish. Dens have worked well in creating relationships among teachers and students. Teachers can take a few minutes each week to be "themselves" and get to know students that they might not normally get to know.

We have a den committee that is made up of myself, 7 teachers and our student voice committee (roughly 5 students). This committee develops all activities that take place during den time. Our students are vital in this process and we value their input.

I hope this somewhat helps and know that if you have any questions do not hesitate to ask.

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"Every person I meet is my superior in some way, and in that I learn from them." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Subject:

Hey Mike,

When you get a moment, send me some information regarding "Den Day." Schedule of activities, agendas, times, purpose, etc. Was asked to give a briefing to the BOE regarding this initiative. Thanks pal!

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