

# Curriculum & Instruction Update

## Fairfield City School District

### Welcome to the 2014-2015 School Year!

The 2014-2015 school year promises to be a fantastic school year for FCSD. As you saw at our Opening Day Celebration, we have a lot to be “happy” about! We have hired 80+ new teachers who are ready, willing, and able to be positive contributors in the lives of the children we serve. Our district has been preparing for the 2014-2015 school year for quite a while now, and our veteran staff members know that there are a number of changes that will take place this school year.

- As a district, we are now fully implementing all of Ohio’s New Learning Standards grades PK-12 in all of our English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies classes.
- We will be administering Ohio’s Next Generation of Assessments, online, starting with the performance based assessments (PBA) in February, 2015.
- We are in our second year of Ohio’s Third Grade Guarantee, and the cut score for a student to move on to 4<sup>th</sup> grade has increased.

This will be a busy school year for everyone; but together we will make the 2014-2015 school year a great one for our kids, our staff, and our district!



### Still Using District Password to Log On?

Are you still using the password created for you to log in to your machine? To log in to FirstClass? Please change those passwords to protect the security of your information.

To change your domain name password (this is the password you use when you first log on): after logging on, press the Ctrl + Shift + Del buttons at the same time. Select ‘Change Password.’ Enter your old

password then your new password twice.

To change your FirstClass password: after logging in, choose ‘Collaborate’ from the top menu. Click ‘Change

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# Instructional Coaches

Greetings! My name is Rob Beidelman, Instructional Specialist for Technology & Data. I have been a part of the Fairfield City School District since the fall of 2004, when I was hired as the fifth and sixth grade science teacher for the Visions program. During my ten years as a science teacher at the Fairfield Intermediate School, I worked with a wonderful, dedicated group of distinguished colleagues,

as well as hundreds of students, who provided me with countless memories and experiences that I will cherish for years to come. Although I will miss the staff and students of the Intermediate School, I look forward to opportunities that will allow me to work with even more staff members and students throughout our great district. Prior to working in the education world, I worked in

sales and merchandising, holding a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. I have been married to my wife Melisa, a third grade teacher, for almost 16 years and we have one daughter, Joslyn, who will be entering the first grade this fall. I look forward to seeing you soon and assisting with your needs in a variety of areas in technology!

I am Lori Wegman. A 1989 graduate of Fairfield High School, I am a former Choralier, member of TriM, and Thespian. I attended Lee University, graduating with a B.S. in Biological Sciences and Secondary Education in 1994.

I am a twenty year veteran teacher, having taught in Georgia, Minnesota, and now

Ohio. I have experience teaching science from toddlers to adults and have worked in settings that include public schools, home school, co-ops, private tutoring, museums, and community centers.

This year I have the honor of assisting teachers with the integration of technology in

classrooms and the use of data to drive their instruction. I am very excited about my new role...I love what I do!

Outside the classroom I am a wife and mother, singer, thespian, nature lover, science fiction/fantasy nerd, and tech geek. I am an avid Whovian and Jedi wannabe. :)

Hello! My name is Laurie Gage, and I am the Instructional Coach for the elementary schools. I also work with Jennie Thompson to support our ESL teachers and tutors. I began my career in Fairfield after graduating from Miami in 1992. I subbed for a few years before accepting a first grade position at North Elementary. I moved to East

when it opened in 1997 and taught first and second grades there until I chose to stay home for three years to be a "stay at home" mom. I returned to the district in 2008 as a Literacy Coach at Central Elementary. Last year, I began working with the ESL staff two days a week along with coaching at Central. This will be my

first year being at district office all five days! I look forward to supporting the elementary schools this year, and I also look forward to continuing to support the ESL staff this year. If I can be of any service to you, please send me an email or call my office at (513) 858-7140. Welcome back and I wish you the best for the 2014-2015 school year!