

Curriculum & Instruction Update

Fairfield City School District

The Summer is Coming!

The 2014-2015 has definitely been a year of great change for public education in the state of Ohio. With online assessments and new accountability processes in full swing, the staff of the Fairfield City School District has seen the work that they have done over the past three years through the RttT grant come to fruition. The summer will soon be coming, and it will be a time for our staff to take time to relax,

rejuvenate, and recharge.

As you consider plans for the summer, I hope that you will consider spending time recharging at the FCSD Professional Development Week: Monday, August 3rd through Friday, August 7th. This year, the setup will be a bit different as we are partnering with the High AIMS Consortium on Monday and Tuesday for an exciting conference that hundreds of educators

from Southwest Ohio will be attending. More information about event for this part of the week will be out soon. The link for the sessions being offered here at FCSD can be found by clicking [here](#). Please be sure to sign up by **May 15th**.

Thanks to all of our staff for the work that has taken place this year. Hopefully, you will be able to start the 2015-2016 school year off with the FCSD Professional Development Week.



Curriculum Department colleagues together at Barbara Bell's retirement celebration. Congratulations Barbara!

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Office365

In 2015-16 we will be offering staff (and hopefully students) the use of Office365. This is a Microsoft product that is cloud based. It will allow us to share files with peers and even work collaboratively. It has many practical applications and will allow you to have access to some of your files from anywhere you have an internet connection. Utilizing it in the classroom for student/student and student/teacher collaboration is the most exciting feature.

This will be a massive undertaking that will take some time to reach its full potential.

Please watch for PD opportunities this summer and into next year!



LETRS Training



K-5 ELA Pilot Teachers

LETRS

- Is based in real-world experience and the science of reading.
- Prepares educators to diagnose why some students fail to learn to read, spell, or write.
- Provides strategies and activities that can be implemented immediately.
- Increases effectiveness of any core or supplemental program.

EdInsights

The new Instructional Improvement System (IIS) that will be in use for 2015-16 is EdInsights. It will replace Thinkgate. It is designed to be a one-stop-shop for your data needs. It will hold all types of data: demographic, state testing, MAP data. It also has modules for SLOs,

RTI and many other features. The reports that teachers can run will be extremely beneficial. It talks to SI (DASL) daily so your class rosters will be up to date.

The platform is currently up and running. You will have

the opportunity to be introduced to the system at your building PD this month (April). There will also be opportunities for training this summer and next fall.

Stay tuned as we begin to utilize the great features in this wonderful product!