

January Staff Dev. Newsletter

January 1, 2025

Happy New Year!

As we step into the new year, let us take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared so far. Each one of you has played an essential role in our success, and your hard work, dedication, and resilience have been nothing short of inspiring. Together, we've overcome challenges, embraced opportunities, and achieved milestones that have brought us closer to our goals. This is a testament to the power of teamwork.

The year ahead holds limitless potential. It is a chance to innovate, grow, and reach new heights. Let's approach it with courage, creativity, and a mindset of continuous improvement. Remember, every challenge is an opportunity in disguise, and every effort, no matter how small, contributes to the bigger picture. Trust in your abilities and lean on one another—together, we can turn our aspirations into reality.

As we forge ahead, let's also prioritize kindness, gratitude, and balance in our journey. Celebrate your achievements, support your colleagues, and never lose sight of the vision that drives us. Here's to another year of success, growth, and making a positive impact—both in our work and in the lives we touch. Thank you for your unwavering commitment, and let's make this year our best one yet!

The Science of Math

As many of you know, the Science of Reading has become a term that is broadly used in all education circles. Not to be forgotten, math researches have also outlined the Science of Math. In this article linked below you will see an outline of the Science of Math.

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/00400599221121721>

Bacon and Waffles!

Our January 6th Staff Development Day is sure to be a great day as we start our morning with the Waffleman and we get to hear from award-winning speaker, author, professor and coach- John Bacon. Mr. Bacon will start presenting at 8:45 and conclude at 10:00 for the all staff presentation. Coaches will then get an encore presentation by Mr. Bacon which will be more focused on developing leadership among your athletes.



MTSS

A few of us attended an online MTSS conference that was facilitated by our data warehouse, Branching Minds. One of the presentations is attached below and had several good examples of forms and processes that we could adapt as necessary.



MTSS structures, practices and resources.pdf

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Patriotic Holidays

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Nebraska Revised Statute 79-724 requires the following:

Appropriate patriotic exercises suitable to the occasion shall be held under the direction of the superintendent in every public, private, denominational, and parochial school on George Washington's birthday, Abraham Lincoln's birthday, **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's birthday**, Native American Heritage Day, Constitution Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving Day, or on the day or week preceding or following such holiday, if the school is in session.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday is January 15th but celebrated on January 20th.



