

Blanchard Memorial School  
Community Coffee



March 29, 2019

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#### Parking lot

- Cones currently come down at 5:00, we will keep them up until 6
- We will put up a sign that says not to go beyond the cones and send a message
- No idle zone, cannot park in illegal spots - no legal spots next to the caf
- Next year the parking lot extension will be staff only so families have more flexibility

#### Recess

- Concerns that students are losing recess for non-recess related behavior issues?
- We use restorative justice and processing with children to make reparations
- We can remind staff about not threatening to take away recess
- We encourage you to reach out to the teacher if you have concerns, then come to us
- We believe students need to be outside, run around

#### Support for behavior at home

- some resources: [parenttoolkit.com](http://parenttoolkit.com), PBS Parents, Empowering Parents, blogs on parenting skills (e.g. Raising kids who get along), parent speaker series through district
- William James INTERFACE referral service - anonymous
- Town social workers in Acton and Boxborough
- Collaborative Problem Solving, Think Kids @ MGH

#### Crossing Guard

- We shared with Peter that the people who formerly did the crossing guard duty were educators in the building and found it was prohibitive to change in and out of a uniform
- Should it be a police officer versus a crossing guard, since 111 is a state highway?

#### Morning drop off

- make an interactive modeling video - share with kids and families
- Clarify expectations

#### MTSS

- Send overview letter to grade 1 families
- We have a formal schedule - time for differentiated, individualized instruction
- Multi-tiered systems of support - all students participate
- General education system and structure

- MTSS schedule posted on website - We can add description on website

At what point are families looped in to conversations about MTSS and Child Study?

- Part of child study flow chart and process
- Leadership team meets every Tuesday to discuss concerns, child study meets twice a week
- Formalized problem of practice
- Share statewide regulations and framework around MTSS
- We have shifted from data to instruction
- Opportunities for enrichment and extensions
  - Balance this with resiliency, various skills and strengths
- Shifting reading support to earlier grades, coaching, push in support
- Some grade levels are doing strategy groupings versus leveled groupings
- State is piloting open ended problem solving performance tasks

Family education

- Giving families experience with a math lesson

Kimball's trip - grade 6

- began a number of years ago
- Not required, some students have opted not to go, or haven't been allowed to go
- All schools do some sort of celebration with the 6th grade
- Combination of teachers, families, interests of students
- Kids just want to be together and have fun
- Parents have generally backed off from the multitude of big scale 6th grade events
- Make sure door with ramp is unlocked - arm needs to be installed - oversight in our part

What happens with all the Poland springs bottles in the school?

- they go back to Poland springs and are reused again
- No plan not to use them
- The district pays for the water
- Welcome to contact JD

Others

- More running club - expand to another day during week