

CALENDAR CHANGES

Staff Development with iPads:

If we are to see successful implementation of iPads in the classroom our teachers must be able to competently use the iPads as both a teaching and learning tool. While our teachers have had their iPads for sometime now, we have essentially given them this technology with little to no guidance of how to use it in their classrooms. We now need to show them how to use the iPad to enhance their teaching.

We will have an initial training before schools begins for staff, but we cannot expect the teachers to learn all they need to know in a single training. Instead, we need to look at their training as a process.

In order to provide the needed training for staff in utilizing the iPads in their classrooms the district needs to provide ongoing training on the use of iPads as a classroom tool. This training was not provided for in the current 2013-14 approved calendar.

Through the process of this staff development time teachers will continue to learn ways to incorporate the iPad into their classrooms thus increasing their confidence in teaching with the device.

At the end of the 1st semester we will be able to evaluate to what degree the training has been helpful to the teachers and the students. It is also at this point we will decide how much further training needs to occur.

The administration's plan is to provide training on 6 different dates during the first semester. On each date there will be a morning session and an afternoon session so that staff can choose which time works best for them. Each session will be for 45 minutes each.

This training will be offered to all teachers in the Rock County District but will be mandatory for all teachers of 7th -12th grade students.

The afternoon session will require a calendar change so that we can have an "early out" at 3:00 pm. on each of the six dates.

The morning session will begin at 7:00 am and run until 7:45 am.
The afternoon session will begin at 3:10 pm and run until 3:55 pm.

In order to meet the teacher workday a teacher who attends the morning session will be able to leave in the afternoon at 3:00 when school is dismissed and the students have left. A teacher who attends the afternoon session can leave 10 minutes early at the end of the day on the date following the training.

Training Dates:

- Wednesday, August 21
- Wednesday, September 11
- Wednesday, September 25
- Wednesday, October 9
- Wednesday, October 30
- Wednesday, November 13

For this calendar change of 3:00 dismissals we need board approval. The administration is ok if the Board would prefer that the Rose and Pony Lake buildings not have these early dismissals since their teachers could not get to the trainings. Our tech integrationist will be providing training to these teachers at times that are convenient to them.