

Closing Out the Semester

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End of the First Semester

It is truly unbelievable how fast this first semester has gone for me here in the Land of the Longhorns. Truly, it feels like yesterday that we were getting things going back in early August, and now here we are with half of the school year all but completed.

Coming back to SW Kansas had always been in the back of my mind as I took on a variety of leadership roles back in the Topeka area. Having spent nine years out in Elkhart earlier in my career, I knew the quality of life out in SW Kansas, and I knew a great deal about Holcomb as we were in the same league together. So, when the opportunity presented itself to make a move to join Holcomb in a leadership role, I jumped at it. And, I haven't looked back yet as it has been wonderful.

In the cup of coffee I have been here, I have come to know the Holcomb Greater Educational Community is VERY supportive of our efforts and provides a ton of support to the school district as we strive to meet the educational and emotional needs of our students. Toward that end, we have been VERY busy looking to strengthen our educational approaches and in introducing newer and more effective ways to meet the needs of our students. Project-based learning, implementing Individual Plans of Study for the MS and HS students, and focusing on Trauma-Informed Practices are but three of the powerful initiatives we now have underway here in the Holcomb Schools.

While all of these initiatives we have going are VERY important, it is essential to remember education is a people business. It ALL boils down to the relationships we have with our students and their families. So, we are dedicated to taking the steps to get to know our students that much better. Like I have said previously, we are advantaged here in Holcomb in that we are big enough to have plenty of resources for our educational settings, but we are small enough that we should know every kid's middle name so as to fit the educational experiences to their needs. And, we are taking determined steps toward making that a reality. In fact, we are positioned in such a manner that I really do think our efforts will reap great rewards as we move into the second semester of the school year and beyond.

So, it is with excitement and gratitude I look forward to closing out this first semester and launching into the spring semester. I know we will build on the positive momentum that has taken place so far this year. This will cause two things:

1. We will be meeting the needs of our students even that much better, and,

2. It will cause the second semester to fly by just like this first semester...

That is a good thing as the clock has no hands when a person is fully engaged in learning and is having a good time. I am so looking forward to it. J