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# Broad Run Newsletter

## From the Desk of Mr. Anderson

SOLs made their first appearance of the year this week. Ms. Mann tested summer school students, make-ups, and retests. Now she can take a breath until October when the SOL Writing test comes to town. Our STS Mentors had their first official meetings with their mentees on Thursday and Friday. Thanks to all the mentors and teachers who are spearheading this program; I know it will have a positive impact for years to come.

We just finished the PEP rally. I had a few staff members mention that it was the "best PEP rally" they have seen here at BRHS. Way to go Ms. Ries and the SCA!



Roddy Jordan

Next week, we will be visited by Beijing School #22. Their principal, Mr. Gao, and two other adults will accompany eleven students. This exchange program is always a great experience. Say hi when you see the students in the halls with their "Spartan Buddy" or when they show up in your class. They will be with us for the week, before heading to New York for a day or two and then home to Beijing. We hope to send ten to fifteen of our own students to visit them in China during Spring Break.

## Spartan Birthdays

\*Jennifer Kauffmann - September 27



## Spartan Spotlight

Our Spartan Spotlight falls on Roddy Jordan. Roddy joined our custodial ranks a little over two years ago, first working the night shift, before being asked to move to the day. I'm sure you have seen him around the building as he is constantly on the move helping in any way he can.

In his free time, Roddy enjoys reading, writing and singing. Roddy has only one flaw: he is a fan of the New York Giants. One interesting fact about Roddy is he enjoys writing poetry. When asked what he likes best about BRHS, he responds "the people." We are truly blessed to have a dedicated worker like Roddy on our staff.

## DECA

DECA is an association of marketing students. DECA has started the year off with two big community events: Battle of the Burn and the pink game. The students participated in a spirit link competition with Stone Bridge. The proceeds from the event went to The Capital Area Food Bank. We also collected cans to donate to their food program. Students collected a total of 1,424 cans and sold enough spirit links to donate \$1,100 to The Capital Area Food Bank. Students will travel to the facility in November to donate their time.

We are also getting ready for our annual pink game. The game is October 5 and the theme is Pink'd. Watch out for some "pinking" to take place! We are raising money for the Loudoun Breast Health Network. We are working hard to promote the event and will be on WMZQ radio station. Pink'd t-shirts will be sold for \$10 the week of October 1-5. Events will take place every day at school and lots of family fun at the football game. Come on out and get Pink'd!!

## Instructional Focus of the Week

During the past week, we met with everyone who is on the evaluation cycle this year. After reflecting on the many conversations that I had with staff members, I thought it would be useful to highlight one significant change in the evaluation process. The new evaluation system requires teachers to document what they do in the classroom. During an observation, we can only see so much so we are relying on you to provide evidence of what you do both inside and outside of the classroom. Once you determine your goal, you will begin to collect evidence supporting your progress toward that goal. Any evidence collected for standard 7 (Student Academic Progress) can also be used to support standard 4 (Assessment of/for Student Learning) and vice-versa. Standard 4 also asks teachers to demonstrate how they gather, analyze, and use student assessment data (diagnostic, formative, summative). Later this week, you will find an article in your mailbox that advocates the power of "feedback" and how it can promote student learning. I hope that this article will begin some professional dialogue within your department.

## Reminders to Staff

- Be present in the hallways before school and during class changes-just your presence for those few minutes helps head off many issues that can disrupt our learning environment.
- Take attendance daily using clarity-all periods.
- Update your grade book every two weeks and make sure it can be understood by your audience (students/parents).



## This Week's Highlights

### Monday

Guests from Beijing School 22 Arrive

### Tuesday

Partners for Safe Teen Driving @ 7 pm in Auditorium

### Wednesday

Beijing 22 Trip to Washington, DC

### Thursday

Senior Pictures by Appointment

### Friday

Senior Pictures by Appointment & Mr. Blevins here for Re-Licensure Appointments

## Upcoming Events

**\*Interims due on 10/3**

**\*Faculty meeting at 8 am and 4 pm on 10/3**

**\*Interims distributed on 10/4**

