SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the Spartans

December 21nd, 2016

* **Happy Holidays!:** Sparta High School wishes your families a safe and rejuvenating Holiday Break! We look forward to see you in 2017!
* **“1:1” To Begin at Sparta High School!:** Sparta High School is excited to announce that Mr. Nickels and his technology committee has chosen the high school to implement the first phase of our 1:1 technology initiative made possible through the passing of the bond proposal last May. Beginning with the 2017-18 academic year, all students, and teachers, will use Chromebooks in the teaching and learning process. There is obviously a significant amount of planning, communicating, and training that will take place between now and the first day of school in 2017-18. Our students, parents, and staff will all be involved in this very exciting process.
* **Teacher Evaluation:** The 5D+ Teacher Evaluation system has been fully implemented throughout the district. 5D+ represent the ongoing educational research findings of the [Center for Educational Leadership](https://www.k-12leadership.org/) (CEL) based at the University of Washington. 5D+ represents the CEL’s researched based best practices for teaching and learning. The tool is organized by Dimension, Indicators within each Dimension, and Indicator Codes (see attachment A).

Within the 5D+ framework an administrator visits a teacher’s room 4-6 times per school year. Each observation cycle consists of:

* A 15 minute visit
* During the visit the administrator “scripts” any and all observable events (what the teacher says and does, what the students say and do, how the room is organized, etc.)
* The administrator codes, according to the 5D+ rubric, all his/her observable events.
* The administrator creates “noticings and wonderings” specific to the visit and tothat teacher’s areas of focus. These noticings and wonderings trigger metacognition on behalf of the teacher as he/she must reflect on his/her instructional practices.
* Within 48 hours the teacher responds, in writing, to the noticings and wonderings.
* The administrator provides feedback to the teachers specific to their areas of focus and communicate what will be focused on during the administrator’s next visit.
* The administrator reviews the teacher’s lesson plan.
* **Winter School (Repeat)**: Winter school will be held on Wednesday, December 28th and Thursday, December 29th from 8 – 11 am in the media center. Any students that owe time, need the work, or are prescribed to attend by a teacher should take advantage of this opportunity.
* **Christmas Break Dates (Repeat):** The ***last of day*** of school is Wednesday, ***December 21st.*** ***School resumes Tuesday, January 3rd***. Students are off Thursday, December 22nd - Monday, January 2nd.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!