



Superintendent Newsletter: November 2023

***Together We Inspire eXcellence***

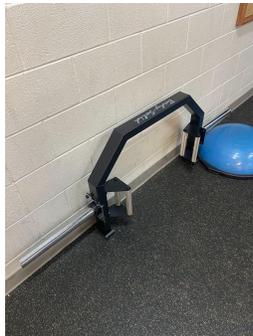
Recognitions:

- **National School Psychologists & Student Support Month:** Shout out to **Alaina Gfeller**, our new school psychologist through WCKSEC, is doing an amazing job!
- Huge **THANK YOU TO** our **Vinyl Media Class** who represented the student voice in our response to Tony Guerrero's piece in the Hays News. Check it out here: [Victoria High addresses state test score; student engagement](#)



1. Student Success:

- Ensure all students explore career pathways of success after high school
- Increase positive relationships with students
- Develop opportunities for work-based learning
- Increase support for students by challenging them



**FFA Officers visited Topeka and visited the state capitol. Ag students participated in a Vet Science Competition at Colby Community College.**

**Weight Room Fundraisers generated \$9,000.**

New bands, dumb bells, trap bars, and medicine balls- all PE and athletes benefit. Thank you Parents and Community Members!!

**New CPL Banners** designed and created by Mrs. Gabel's Vinyl Class were hung! **THANK YOU Weber Body Shop & Gauntlet Graphics.**



**THANK YOU CTE advisory council members for attending!** Career and Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Councils met this month.

A Huge KUDOS to some our partners who were able to attend:



- Kaylene Gabel (Arts & Visual/Graphic Design): Joe Leiker and Nate Bater
- Connie Braun (Human Services/ Teaching): Peggy Wohler, Ashley Urban, and Tammy Lichter
- Kori Braun (Digital Media) Becky Kaiser, Nancy Piatt;



## 2. Responsive Culture:

- Increase Parent/ community communication, support, and engagement
- Increase parent support and involvement
- Develop a culture of change- student success
- Promote positivity and share successes

Our **Veteran's Day Celebration** was a collaboration of high school students, Ms. Huser's 5th graders, the VES Choir and approximately 30 VETERANS who were recognized and treated to coffee and donuts afterwards.

Huge Success!



Mr. Cano's **Grant for Archery from NASP for \$2500** is in the works at the elementary school.

Mrs. Woolf presented to the **Victoria Alumni Association** Board Tuesday night, November 7, and had a great visit.

The **Neighborhood Revitalization Program** was approved by USD 432 BOE. Here is a link to preview that three party agreement between the City of Victoria, USD 432 and Ellis County that will allow residents to improve the valuation of their property with a rebate and waive of taxes on the valuation increases for ten years. Check the details here:

[Neighborhood Revitalization Plan 2023](#)

## 3. Support and Develop Staff (Support and retain high quality staff.)

- Increase communication between administration, teacher and parents
- Increase teacher involvement in the school and community
- Develop "open minded to change"
- Develop a culture of respect and support among staff

**After months of negotiations and work, January 1, 2024 USD 432 Staff will transition to new insurance.**

**Early Release Professional Development:** Andrea Wichers, from WCKSEC, presented on **Snap and Read/Read and Write**. These are accommodations every student can use to have text read aloud to them, and to have the ability of utilizing speech to text for writing.

**Ken and Amy Schoenrock did a refresher on JAMF to all our JH HS teachers.** This is a program provided with district funds for teachers district wide to put parameters on student devices for security and managing sites that students can not access during learning time on their iPad or laptop.