

# DODGE CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Champions Of Student Centered Learning

## Weekly Principals' Bulletin

August 20th - 24th



### MONDAY, AUGUST 20TH

#### Biographical Sketches

At the beginning of each school year the principal will ask each teacher to provide biographical sketches of each teacher on the team. This information can be written in an essay, outline, or short paragraph format. Teachers might want to tell something about their families, hobbies, special interests, travels, pet peeves, previous teaching experiences, educational degrees or awards, and future goals. Biographical sketches will be posted on the schools website which will include the teachers' school e-mail address along with a picture of the teacher. ([Reference Link](#))

#### Presenter Application NASSP Breaking Ranks Showcase Schools Conference



The Application Committee to present at the San Diego conference for NASSP Breaking Ranks Showcase Schools Conference is now open. Those who choose to be considered as a presenter must have their application submitted by 3:00 P.M. on Friday August 24, 2012. The committee encourages all members of the DCMS Faculty to submit a meaningful story as outlined in questions 3 and 4 of this application.

- [Link to Cardinal Spaces](#)
- [Direct Link to Form](#)

#### Stating and Posting Objectives

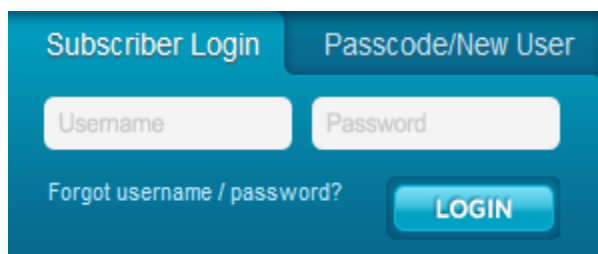
Regardless of your preferred teaching style, what you teach, or who you are teaching, having a sound plan is essential to a successful lesson. The Five Ways of Thinking can guide a teacher in designing a lesson with the objective in mind that supports student mastery. Remember to state your objective in a clear, rigorous, and well articulated means at the beginning of each lesson. Posting and stating the objective allows you as the teacher to anchor your assessment in solid ground while weaving non linguistic representation into your daily activities. The following is a summary from Mischel Miller on [Five Kinds of Teacher Thinking](#):

- A mastery objective is created to state “what” you want the students to learn, and “how” you will know if they learned it.
- Mastery objectives are appropriate if they can be assessed, either informally or formally.
- All mastery objectives start with the learner as the subject, “students (teachers, principals, coaches) will be able to...THEN the all-important verb, explain, make, describe, compare, demonstrate (by)...
- Criteria for success, as, “did you do it good enough.”

## Preparing for Daily Announcements and Discovery Education Videos

This week during team meetings the Connect teachers will help you login to the [Discovery Education](#) website site. You will need a user name and pass code. Once you have successfully entered the Discovery Education site you will need to do a short trial run for daily announcements. Go to Cardinal Spaces and locate the Daily Announcement Link which is located on the sidebar in the upper right hand corner of the page.

- Select the [Daily Announcement link](#) with your SMART Board on.
- Then select the Discovery Education link under [Monday, August 27th](#).
- You will need to login to the Discovery Education website to see the video.



This will test the link to ensure you have sound and playback capabilities. Please report any problems you might have to your Mrs. Wells or Mr. King before Wednesday, August 22nd.

For more information about how to get a login code select the following link. [Guide to Discovery Education](#)

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 21ST**

- 8th Grade Student Orientation Five Things We Believe 8:00 – 8:20 A.M. Auditorium

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22ND**

- Teacher Evaluation Orientation @ 7:30 a.m. Library
- Mentor Mentee Mini Session I CMS Library Media Center 3:30-4:30 P.M

## **This week during Professional Learning Communities**

This week in PLC's we will be reviewing [Common Core Units](#) and discussing strategies for integration. Please make sure you know your assigned times, and locations for your [PLC meetings](#). A [PLC workspace](#) has been provided with a list of activities and resources. These resources are provided below with links to resources.

- Agenda Item One: [Go to PLC Workspace](#)
- Agenda Item Two: Assign a recorder and download [PLC Form](#)
- Agenda Item Three: Watch the [Video by Diane DeBacker](#)
- Agenda Item Four: Review [Student Centered Instructional Goals](#)
- Agenda Item Five: Review [Common Core Unit One](#), discuss correlations of content, and integration of standards.
- Agenda Item Six: Post PLC form on teacher shared drive.

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 23RD**

- 7thGrade Student Orientation Five Things We Believe 8:00 – 8:20 A.M. Auditorium

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 24TH**

- 6th Grade Student Orientation Five Things We Believe 8:00 – 8:20 A.M.