

# DODGE CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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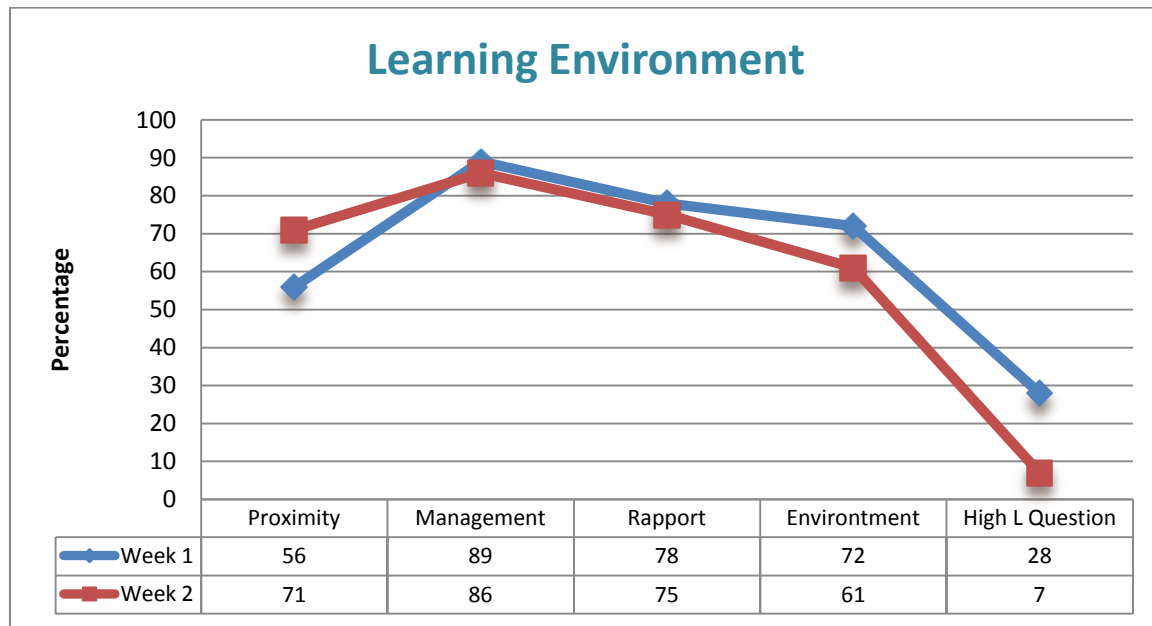
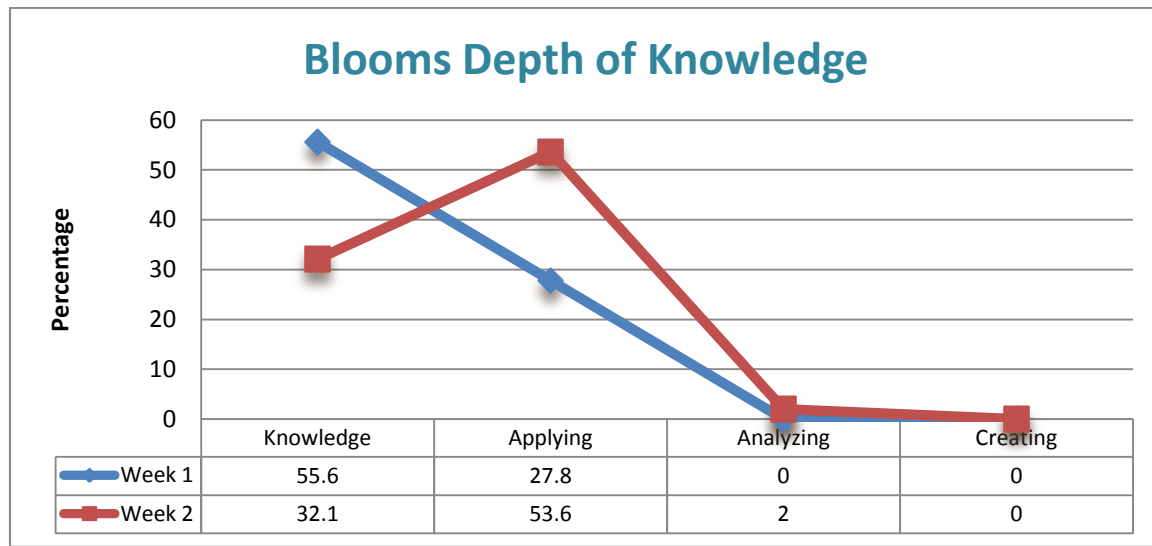


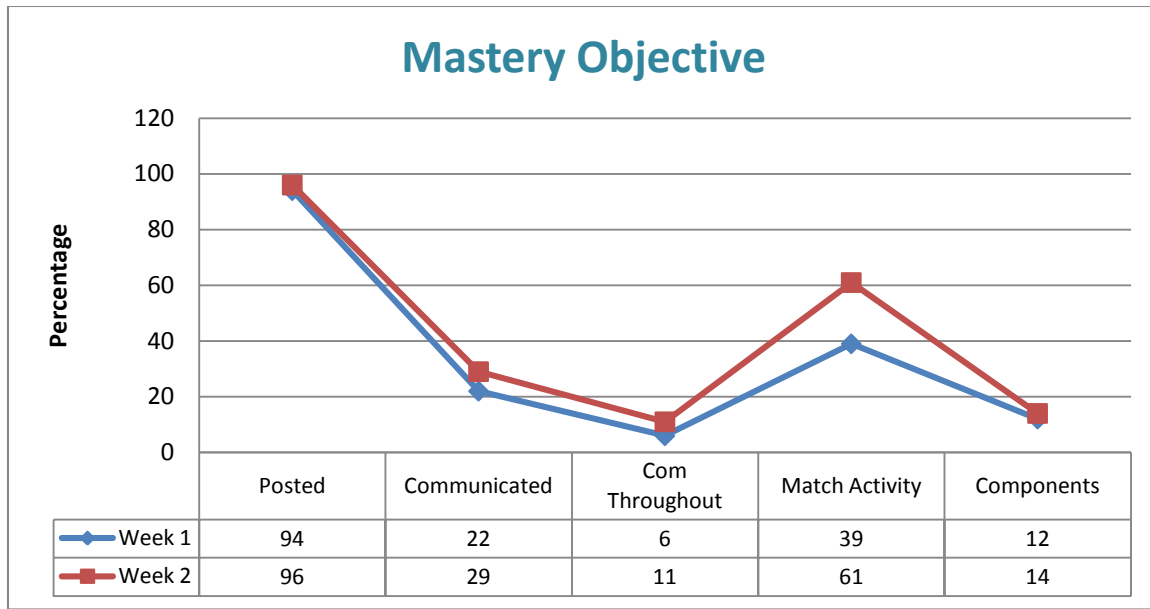
## Weekly Principals' Bulletin

September 23rd - 27th of 2013

### INSTRUCTIONAL WALKTHROUGHS

Last week DCMS conducted 19 classroom instructional walkthroughs. Our focus was to provide baseline data on Classroom Learning Environment and information on Mastery Objectives. Below is instructional data that was collected during week two as it is compared to week one.





## MIGRANT BACK 2 SCHOOL EVENT

On this Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., there will be a Back 2 School event in the building. The event organizers will only be using the North Gym and Cafeteria. No classrooms will be used.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> LATE START INFORMATION

Our second late start of the school year will be on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. We will begin our school day at 8:05 A.M. in the band room for a short orientation to district professional development expectations. During the whole group orientation presenters will model the professional **development** [“Five Kinds of Teacher Thinking”](#) activity that has been designed for your small group break out content sessions.

### Late Start Professional Development Schedule

Please refer to the [Late Start Professional Development Schedule](#) for small group breakout sessions, locations and content area room assignments. An updated schedule may be provided during the 8:05 whole group startup session in the band room.

- 8:05 - 8:20 (Whole Group Session) ..... Band Room
- 8:25 - 9:10 Breakout Sessions ..... ([See Schedule for Locations](#))
- 9:15 - 9:25 (Whole Group Session) ..... Band Room

### Late Start Daily Schedule

You can access the daily late start schedule on the DCMS Wiki under Professional Guide or by clicking here [Late Start Schedule 2.19](#). Please note that the regularly scheduled PLC times for Wednesday will not be held due to the late start schedules. Please follow the recommended 2.19 Schedule for late starts including team and plan times.

### Materials and Topic

Materials for your sessions will be available for your PLC teams during the opening session. Topics for the September 25<sup>th</sup> Late Start Professional Development will be on the topic of [“Five Kinds of Teacher Thinking”](#). The hyperlinks below can be used to define four of the five elements of Sapphire's model which will include;

- [Coverage Thinking](#)
- [Activity Thinking](#)
- [Involvement Thinking](#)
- [Mastery Objectives](#)
- Thinking Skills Objective

## **IPAD TEACHER UPGRADES**

We are moving forward this week (September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>) for teacher iPad4 upgrades. Teachers will be given the opportunity during their plan time to receive their new iPad 4. The distribution of the iPad4's will take approximately 15 minutes per group of two teachers. Please refer to the ([iPad4 Deployment Schedule](#)) which will take place on the STAGE. This should take no more than 15 minutes with 2 teachers at a time. **Please be on time & remember to take your current iPad2 with you along with charging cords.**

## **EXPLICIT INSTRUCTION MOODLE BOOK STUDY**

All teachers at DCMS will be receiving a book entitled "[explicit instruction; Effective and Efficient Teaching](#)" by Anita Archer and Charles Hughes this week. Teams may want to do an online book study as part of your Tuesday Team Professional Development time. The next online book study is scheduled to start on November 1<sup>st</sup>. If anyone is interested in registering for an online session you can contact Carol Swinney [carol.swinney@swplains.org](mailto:carol.swinney@swplains.org) [Click here for more information on the Moodle Book Study.](#)

## **OCTOBER CALENDAR**

The official 2013 [October Calendar](#) will go out on Thursday, September 26th. If you have any events you would like to post please contact Mr. King by the end of the day on Wednesday, September 25th. All monthly calendars have been updated on the DCMS Wiki. The 2013 – 2014 monthly calendars can be located on the side bar menu on the right hand side under the sub topic "Calendars 2012 – 2013."

## **ESI INFORMATION**

The Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI) information meeting that was scheduled for Tuesday, September 24 **has been moved to Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**. The reason for the date change for ESI information sharing is due to iPad4 teacher upgrades being moved up two weeks from the original date. The purpose for disseminating the ESI information to teams will be to define what it means by ESI Seclusion and Restraints. The information provided will help each member of our staff understand the laws regulating student restraints, the reporting procedures associated with a restraint and preventive measures.

The schedule attached was constructed by Mrs. Algrim that provides an opportunity for staff members to attend the [ESI meetings](#). Teachers who would like to access this information early can select the following link [Emergency Safety Intervention Information](#).

## **HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING DCMS PARKING LOT REHEARSAL**

The football season is here and that also means marching band! As in the past, the DCHS Marching Band will be using the front parking lot of Dodge City Middle School before every home game. Those games are:

- September 13th
- September 27th
- October 11th
- October 25th

The marching band begins rehearsing in the parking lot at 4:45pm before every home game. We are kindly asking that you move your car to the rear parking lot if you plan to stay at school later than 4:30pm.

## TEACHER EVALUATION ORIENTATION

The due date for the [Teacher evaluation orientation](#) is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Those of you that were unable to make the Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> session will need to complete your training by accessing the [iTunes U option](#). The iTunes U option for accessing the [e4E Teacher Evaluation training materials](#) is located on the DCMS wiki.

Teachers choosing the iTunes U self study option should present their certificate of completion at the time of your first scheduled observation. Any teacher who completes the self study iTunes U option will receive one staff development point entered into your MyLearning Plan. To access this information on your iPad you will need to download iTunes U by completing the following steps.

(Please note that if you already have iTunes U on your iPad skip steps 1 -3 and go to step 4.)

1. Select the following link on your iPad for [iTunes U](#)
2. You will be prompted to enter your iTunes account
3. Download the application
4. To request access to the teacher evaluation training materials click on the following link: [e4E Teacher Evaluation iTunes Course](#)

## ANNUAL USD443 ONLINE SAFETY TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT



It is that time a year when all USD 443 Employees are required to complete annual safety training. The online [Safety Training](#) web-link opened on **September 2, 2013**. Please make sure your name does not make the November 1, 2013 close date list. This year we are shooting for 100% participation by the November 1st close date. There are four (4) courses and each employee must successfully pass all four (4) courses to be considered complete.

To access the Safety Training website go to [www.publicschoolworks.com/232](http://www.publicschoolworks.com/232) As each employee passes a course, **DO NOT** go back and take the test for a higher score.

**Only** USD 443 employees are required to complete this training. 613 employees will complete training through 613.

To log on you will use your user name which will be your last name dot your first name (**example: doe.jane**) . Your password is your ID# which you can find on your ID badge or on your paystub (**example: 055526**). **Please do not enroll yourself in other courses unless you have prior approval from the Maintenance Department.**

If you have any problems logging onto the website, please contact Monique Immell immediately at 620-227-1712 or just e-mail her at [immell.monique@usd443.org](mailto:immell.monique@usd443.org). If you do not have a 443 e-mail address you need to get in touch with Technology at 620-227-1775 to get this set up.