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MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

Happy Holidays!

As we enter the holiday season, we want to take a moment to express our appreciation for all that you do to make our schools great places for students. We know that each of you devote countless hours and continue to go the extra mile to ensure the academic growth of our students. On behalf of the Teacher Excellence Initiative team and Human Capital Management, we wish each of you a safe, relaxing, and joyous holiday.

Celebrating Success!

Teaching a room full of 3-year olds is challenging on many levels, but one of Dallas ISD's best is rising to the challenge every day. [Hear from Tara Broadus](#), a preK teacher at J. J. Rhoads Learning Center, who was recently named the Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Important Reminders

- The SLO Goal Accomplishment window is open in Schoolnet. If you teach semester long courses, please remember to administer your post-assessment, upload your student score sheet, and submit your SLO Goal Accomplishment by December 15.
- Are you a DTR-eligible teacher looking for help completing your DTR application? Do you need clarification on what to expect from the DTR process? We encourage you to sign up for a DTR Process Training [by clicking here](#), and watch a brief overview video [by clicking here](#). DTR notification of eligibility for teachers who are a part of wave 2 was sent on December 7.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 14, 2016 at noon
Wave 2 DTR application
submission deadline

SUPPORTING EXCELLENCE

K-2 Curriculum & Instruction:

K-2 Content Area Night for Math: 1/12/16 @ 4:30 – 6:30 at Nolan Estes
K-2 Content Area Night for RLA: 1/14/16 @ 4:30 – 6:30 at Nolan Estes

K-2 Content Area Night for Science: 1/19/16 @ 4:30 – 6:30 at Nolan Estes
K-2 Content Area Night for SLAR: 1/21/16 @ 4:30 – 6:30 at Nolan Estes
See the Professional Development Catalog (links below) to register for these sessions.

STAAR/EOC Intervention for High School Teachers:

Teachers will receive the most recent updates from the legislature as well as explore instructional strategies and best practices for the assessed curriculum in the following content areas--Algebra I, Biology, English I/II, US History: 12/15/2015 and 12/16/2015 @ 2:30 - 5:00 at H. B. Bell School Support Service Center

Math Olympiad Goes Viral!

District employees may sponsor a student or group of students in grades 3-12 in a video math competition. Sponsors/ Students submit an original video solving and explaining a TEKS-aligned, grade-level mathematics problem provided by the STEM Math department. Register [here](#), deadline is December 18, 2015.

Did you know Dallas ISD has a robust professional development catalog with workshops available by subject matter? You can browse the catalog and register for the workshops through the links below.

[Elementary](#)
[Secondary](#)

The Reading Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies Departments are offering training to deepen content knowledge, increase student engagement levels, and strengthen teacher practice:

[Academic Facilitators](#)
[Campus Instructional Coaches](#)

HMH Textbook Exploration:

Teachers will explore the content, process, product, and learning environment using print and digital resources available in Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) textbooks.

- Location: H. B. Bell School Support Service Center
- Date: January 5, 2016



Questions?



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