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Good News from Centennial Schools:

Butler Creek: Administration is in agreement that school success involves everyone and she is willing to work with us and hear our concerns. **CHS:** Homecoming and the Eagle Bite provided an opportunity for everyone to come together after a lot of tragedy in the past few months. **CMS:** Had a highly charged, very active assembly at the start of the year. Students participated in a variety of games which helped deliver the theme of community - a school focus this year. **CTC:** Several students had employment this summer. **Meadows Elementary:** Staff used the app "Goosechase" during inservice and it was great for team building and having FUN with other staff. **Parklane Elementary:** We are able to hire a 3rd sixth grade teacher, which is wonderful since our 6th grade classes are at 37 students! We will also be hiring a half time Behavior Specialist. We have a new collaboration with Playworks non-profit. They will be coming in monthly to help with our recess and student problem-solving skills. **Wood Elementary:** Breaking ground on the community garden that is in our school field. **Oliver Elementary:** We had a great Back-To-School Barbecue that was well-attended by Oliver families. Teachers are excited about and using Responsive Classrooms and the school year has a calm, positive feel to it. We resolved a conference scheduling issue in a way that made teachers and administration happy. We have an actual social committee and our first happy hour is Friday 9/29! **Pleasant Valley:** Because of hiring a new 1st grade teacher, class size will go from 30 to 20 each.

WANTED!

Files in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint or Excel that you have tried to convert to Google Apps and it resulted in an Epic Fail because Google Apps messed them up completely.

Please:

1. E-mail the original file to Angela_Dickey@csd28j.org
2. Share the converted file with angela_dickey@csd28j.org

WHY?

CEA is currently perceived as not wanting to use Google Apps for everything because there is a resistance to change. We need to make the case that it will cost members an extensive amount of time and energy.

Upcoming Events:

October 25:
School Board meeting
District Office, 7:00 pm

November 8:
School Board meeting
CMS Presents
District Office, 7:00 pm

November 16:
Rep Council meeting
UniServ Office, 4:00 pm
*Meeting is in basement this month



To the Point

Your Representatives:

Butler Creek:

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From your President:

Phew! We made it through September and hopefully we have all found our groove. September comes with a lot of challenges and it feels nice to have a routine in place and know that most of the groundwork is set. But boy it is exhausting! Remember to continue to take time for yourself, your family, and those around you. :)

Earlier this month, several exec members went to Parklane for our first attempt at the Engage Project. It was super fun to talk to members, listen to people share their personal experiences, and get time to have one-on-one conversations with our members. I've also enjoyed getting out into buildings and feeling the excitement and energy from teachers.. We have several more buildings lined up this month and I'm looking forward to each and everyone of them.

The plan for the engage project is to come into buildings shortly after students are released. I will work with building rep and principals to make sure this isn't a day when you have meetings. We will be coming to you, in your classroom, to take only 3-5 minutes of your time. We will be asking 3 questions: What is going well for you this year? What keeps you from doing your job as well as you want? Who in your building do you trust and respect?

Look for an email sent from me and communication from your principals and buildings reps for when we will be in your building.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

~ Avery Fish, CEA President

"If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, the excitement, and the mystery of the world we live in."

-- Rachel Carlson

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