

# Honey Creek Community School

## Director's Report

### November 8, 2007

#### **MEAPs**

The Meaps were completed successfully and they were shipped to Pearson on October 29. The replacement writing portion was completed per state instructions on November 7 and should be shipped to Pearson on November 12. As a consequence of the security breach, the state has announced that distribution of results to schools will be delayed.

#### **Faculty Update**

##### *Media Center*

Barbara Edwards has accepted the position of part-time media specialist and has been working with Gil McQuarrie and Kris Park to prepare the media center for its grand opening in mid November. This will be a joint High Point Honey Creek Event.

##### *4/5 Position*

November 9 is Ashley Norris' s last day. Please join me in wishing her well as she returns to Iowa to aid her family. The interview committee is in the process of deliberation. We have two qualified applicants at this time and intend to extend an offer before Monday, November 12.

##### *Art and Music*

We have several applicants for both the art and music position. Interview committees will be formed and interviews should begin the week of November 12.

##### *Substitutes*

We continue to expand our substitute list. We have added four new substitutes since the beginning of the year.

#### **Professional Development**

The faculty participated in professional development on November 2 and 5. Areas of development included environmental science, school and class climate, and Performance Series testing.

Paula Uche provided instruction and resources to assist the faculty in their efforts to integrate environmental science into the curriculum. The faculty was then given time on Monday to plan lessons that integrate environmental science into the general curriculum.

Fourth through eighth grade teachers participated in training on interpreting Performance base testing scores and utilizing the data to further develop individualized instructional objectives. The next step of this process will be to articulate this information to parents in a clear and reliable format. Three/four teachers were not available for this presentation. They will receive the training at a later date along with some of the professional support personnel.

On Monday morning JoAnn Okey continued her training on Tribes. The training included a number of activities as well as strategies for improving school and classroom climate.

## **Building Security**

The Washtinaw Intermediate School District as been reviewing building security and made the following requests: (1) All parents enter the building through the main doors. (2) HCCS resume the use of parent identification cards, which parents may be asked to display upon entering the building. (3) Regular classroom volunteers undergo a background check using Internet Criminal History Activity Access Tool (ICHAT). Regular volunteers must also complete an emergency contact form.