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A newsletter to help us stay informed on the progress of CLASS

April 17 Staff Development! What an awesome day! The CLASS team would like to thank each school and site leadership team for working so hard to continue forward with Collaborative Learning Teams! This was an enormous effort for our teams to coordinate and plan, and we sincerely appreciate the thoughtful work which went into planning and delivering this day of collaboration and learning.

Thank you for helping us to set a record on April 17! Over 200 of us took the time to give input on the Survey Monkey! Thank you for taking the time to give this important feedback! Here are some highlights: 93.9% of us agreed that we participated in finding solutions for the late start proposal and 69% of us would like to continue having discussion about the late start proposal. 91% of us think that CLTs are a valuable use of our time and 93.9% of us worked as members of a Collaborative Learning Team.

Look Who Won a Prize! Change is Good, You go First: Congratulations to Jenica Smith and Patty Arrigoni for bringing these little books forward! Have you read this little book yet? Have you seen it out there "floating around"? If YOU have one of the five copies and there are at least five signatures inside it from colleagues who have already read it, **YOU have WON!** Bring your copy to the DO to show Shane Murray and she will give you a very special Starbucks prize!

Summer Cyber Read and Share: Are you interested in learning more about Charlotte Danielson's work? A summer read and share is forming. We will be reading Enhancing Professional Practices, A Framework for Teaching and sharing our learning with each other on line, at pre-planned intervals! If you would like to join the group or if you would simply like a copy of the book for your reference, please email ebasley@sherwood.k12.or.us. Cyber Read and Share participants will be compensated for this important work.

Staff Innovation and Professional Development Funds: Are you thinking Innovation? The CLASS Team encourages everyone to apply for an Innovation Grant. The process to apply is simple and designed for busy Sherwood staff! If you need another electronic copy of the grants, please email Amy Spangler at aspangler@sherwood.k12.or.us.

Team Updates: We have four CLASS teams of colleagues who have been meeting together since January of this year. They are developing plans for our professional evaluation; professional development; career paths; and classified professional development, evaluation, and career paths. There are representatives to each team from all levels and we encourage all staff to ask these building representatives about the work they are doing. These updates are merely brief summaries and do not reflect the hours of work our colleagues have already spent developing recommendations.

Performance Evaluation Team: As this team continues to work on their four identified four goals, previously mentioned in our last newsletter, things are heating-up with forward planning. They are

contracting services with some local experts in the area of instruction and the Danielson model and are in the process of developing next steps for professional development, discussion, and planning. Be watching for more exciting information about what this team is doing!

Professional Development Team: This team has been out front, running with gathering information about a Late Start proposal. Data from our Professional Development Day on April 17 was shared with the Board. The concerns and strategies for addressing these were highlighted and discussed. This team has been working overtime on juggling information, communicating, and listening to concerns. We deeply appreciate their work and dedication in helping us shape our final recommendation to the board.

Classified Team: This team has finished several matrixes and will be finalizing more, before the end of the year. Thank you to everyone for giving your input to the team. We are currently finalizing the food service matrix and receptionist/secretarial positions. Please be watching your email and mail boxes for more opportunities to give input.

Career Path Team: This team is heavily engaged in developing a matrix of professional activities and accomplishments for which certified staff members can collect and share for movement through the three career path levels. Input has been sought from each school and we encourage everyone to continue to give us ideas about what we can add to strengthen this document.

CLASS Team Member Highlights:

It is my sincere pleasure to introduce **Eric Beasley**. Eric is an enormously talented educator with a passion for others. If you want something done well, ask Eric. He will not only go above and beyond the call of duty, he consciously remembers everyone along the way. The energy and intellect that Eric brings to each interaction is an asset that has enriched our entire school district. Eric is a great person to work with because he thinks of details and perceptions that most people miss and his inclusiveness is truly an inspiration to everyone who knows him. Eric's number one priority in life, his family, is a great source for his strength and energy. Father of two beautiful children, Ava and Alina, and adoring husband to Corinna. Please join me in thanking Eric for making such a difference. *Submitted by Amy Spangler*

Ode to Terrel. Terrel Smith is a great model of the concepts that motivate the Class Project and the Career Level Model. His stellar teaching career incorporates two central activities of a master teacher. First, Terrel has an ongoing commitment to existing effective programs and delivering excellent classroom instruction. His career long dedication to Track and athletics, as well as technology education are concrete examples of this focus. Second, Terrel has taken on significant leadership roles in developing new curriculum, teacher association activities, and a host of other endeavors. Terrel's competence in the classroom and commitment to improving the entire organization are the marks of a professional educator. *Submitted by John McGinity*

I would like to introduce you to **Jan Fuehrer**. A Great Place for ALL Kids is the mission statement of the Sherwood School District ...Jan Fuehrer "Walks the Walk". An employee since 1986 Jan has become the voice of the classified staff. She was the OSEA Classified Staff Union President for many years. She cares passionately about each and ever employee of the district and made it her goal to make sure that every one of our rights was taken care of! Jan has most currently received her Teaching License and hopes stay in our district. Either way, she will be missed in the library at Archer Glen!! Along with earning her degree, Jan has been remodeling her home. She is engaged to be married to Norm Zorbist in June! Jan, we wish you the very best in your new career and marriage! *Submitted by Loree Bowers*