



Eugene 4j School District-Educator Quality Bi-Monthly

# Collaboration Chronicle

*"I Grow When You Grow"*

September 23, 2013

*"Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass...  
It's about learning how to dance in the rain." - Vivian Greene*



## Calendar & Reminders

**Month of Sept**-Possible Staff Meetings: Alignment of goals, SMART goal work sessions, form Collaboration/PLC sessions, exploration of rubrics

**Sept 30**-SMART goals drafted

**Month of Oct**-Complete beginning of the year meetings with teachers

**Oct 30**-First Informal Observation due

## Exemplary Practice

Bill Gates' TED Talk-"Teachers Need Real Feedback"  
[http://www.ted.com/talks/bill\\_gates\\_teachers\\_need\\_real\\_feedback.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/bill_gates_teachers_need_real_feedback.html)  
(attached as well)



## Collaboration & PLCs

### Optional Principal Critical Friends Group

What is it? Our Critical Friends Group is a principal "professional learning community" focused on transparent, collaborative examination of practice.

Why? To empower, enhance K-12 principal practice by examining dilemmas/collaborative inquiry specifically related to supporting teacher growth.

When? Kick off Meeting, Oct 11, 8-9:30am  
-Generally First Mondays (before principal meetings), 1-2:30pm

Where? Parr Rm

Mtg Process: Participants determine/pre-arrange the content by submitting dilemma to the facilitator, who will send out the work session agenda to participants. CFG protocols are selected and followed. Content when no dilemma: Teacher Rubric Exploration/ Sharing practice

## Tools & Ideas

### Effective and Efficient Collection of Evidence

Learn **Evernote** at your pace while you complete observations, incorporating detailed observation content (i.e. Research for Better Teaching). **In-building support provided!**

### Why Evernote?

- \*Supports fluid collection and organization of "evidence" from any device (auto syncs from iPhones, iPads, laptops)
- \*Enhances professional practice as you link information about best practices to classroom observations and share with practitioners

### Features

- \*Captures and supports organization of photos, audio files, text, sketching (if you want to draft a class map), saves webpages, organizes pdfs and more.
- \*Sends you reminders
- \*Shares "notebooks" (organized info) easily

### Evernote Kick Off Sessions:

**Sign up for a "learn-as-you-work" date at your convenience in your school building at your next principal meeting.**

**OR**

Oct 8 (North and Sheldon Region Administration) &  
Oct 10th (Churchill and South Region Administration),  
both 4-5pm, Location: Parr Rm

### Session Goals:

- 1) Set up Evernote on your devices
- 2) Overview of Evernote Features & practice!
- 3) Sign up for "learn-as-you-work" dates.