

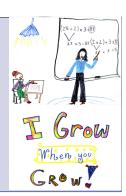
Eugene 4j School District-Educator Quality Bi-Monthly

# 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 Feelback" 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.

<u>Why?</u>: 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, <u>Location</u>: 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.