Reflections on the Opening Week
2017-2018
Middle School Edition
Summary from all 5 Middle Schools

- SO PROUD of our Teacher Leaders for all the training and ongoing support throughout week with our new technology. This took a lot of time and the teacher leaders were with the staff every step of the way.
- Collectively all sites spent a great deal of time working on PLC’s and expectations for the year.
- There was continued conversation and clarity around the SUSD Grading policy and what that looks like in a Growth Mindset classroom.
- Additional time for teachers to collaborate and get organized is always welcome.
Desert Canyon
Mountain Lions
Ingleside Trojans
Cocopah Mustangs

- Cocopah opened their week with a **Quick Write** activity. Mr. Noonan introduced himself and shared his professional and personal background. He asked all teachers to write when and why they became teachers. Teachers then paired up with someone they did not know well and shared. All new staff members were introduced to the rest of the staff by the person with whom they collaborated.

- Instructional Teacher Leaders led groups of teachers through website and laptop training. Because of their collective experiences with adult learner activities they created a user-friendly schedule that provided continuous feedback. All teacher websites were created and published. Teachers have communicated that they are appreciative of the new reliable and sophisticated technology.

- AzMerit data was shared, celebrated and reviewed. Data was analyzed and trends were identified utilizing the Data Dialogue sheet modeled at Administrative Academy. The data dialogue sheets will be used to write collaborative team SMART goals at a future collaborative team meeting. School Improvement Plan (SIP) was reviewed and Cocopah’s Instructional Leader Team is currently creating a PD plan to support the SIP.

- Reviewed and discussed PLC expectations and history. Assessed staff understanding of PLC elements by administering a PLC inventory. Staff members who participated in the PLC Summit in February are collaborating to provide additional and ongoing support in conjunction with the Instructional Team and administration.
Mohave Wildcats

- Used excerpts from this book to help improve the conversation on IEP and the importance of being involved in the processes.
Thank you very much for your continued support and trust in us as site leaders!!!

Here’s to a GREAT 2017-2018 School Year!!!