

Middle School Guidance



Summertime Innovation

June 2013

In the summertime, activities in the school generally slow down. Teachers and students need this time of respite in order to recover from the demands of the school year and to “recharge” their individual batteries before the school bells begin to ring in late August. However, innovation efforts do not need to slow down during the summer. During the summer break, attitudes and vacation schedules converge to create a unique window of opportunity for doing new things. Cognitive science supports the notion that the brain is more creative when it is relaxed. New pathways of thinking and doing can more easily form and deep-seeded ideas have room to emerge. The mental blocks of everyday living are removed the

mind is free to explore new directions and inspiration. In essence, a brain on vacation hot bed of new ideas. Summer-time is supportive of new thinking and new ideas for another idea as well: There is a sense of anticipation - Yes, I went there to prove my point. We all recall the “feeling” that we get when it is almost time to return to school in the fall. Purchasing of new school clothes, supplies, the excitement of the “unknown” and the promise that we would have a better year than the previous. That same sense of preparedness can be utilized to drive new ideas and concepts for the upcoming year. As the few remaining days before the official day of summer dwindle, I encourage each

and everyone of you to allow your creative juices to flow and be more innovative. What figurative pencils do you need to sharpen over the summertime?

Quote of the month

“The first step toward success is taken when you refuse to be a captive of the environment in which you first find yourself.” (Mark Caine)



**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

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Points of Interest:

- ✓ - Unsure of your grades? Review grades by logging into the PowerSchool parent portal.
- ✓ - Excuses are due the day students return to school. A grace period of three days is allowed before becoming illegal.
- ✓ - Bullying information can be found at: <http://www.bbsd.com/bullying>

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Important Upcoming Events

The following are a listing of important dates to remember:

June 5, 2013 - End of the fourth nine-week grading period.

June 5, 2013 - Last student day of the 2012 - 2013 school year.

June 16, 2013 - Happy Father's Day. I love you dad!

June 14, 2013 - Flag Day! Display the colors proudly!

July 4, 2013 - Independence Day. Happy birthday America!

August 23, 2013 and August 24, 2013 - Teacher In-Service Days.

August 27, 2013 - First student day of the 2013 - 2014 school year.

September 2, 2013 - Labor Day.

