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**Work Session/Regular Meeting**

**Dr. Thomas J. Duffy, Superintendent**  
**October 14, 2024**

*Thomas J. Duffy*  
10/14/24

**Education Updates**

Our October Act 80 / Teacher In-Service agendas (10.9 and 10.25) include professional development related to the District Curriculum Review and Evaluation Cycle with all MS and HS teachers teaming to review curriculum, revise MS curriculum templates reflective of 24-25 master schedule changes and also includes assessment development related to STEELS Standards. K-5 science and math committees will meet and health curriculum alignment will be an area of focus.

Our first quarter ends on October 24, 2024 and Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 11, 2024; additional conference specific information will be released via each school.

Students in grades 4-12 are currently partaking in the Wyoming Valley Veterans Day Parade Committee sponsored essay contest. This year's essay theme for students in grades 4-5 is "Why is it important to remember and honor our Veterans?" Students in grades 6-12 will use the theme, "Veterans in our Neighborhood: Honoring Veterans Living in our Community." School winners will be invited to participate in the November 10 Veterans Day Parade and award winners will be eligible for prizes. An update related to Veterans Day recognition and essay contest winners will be part of our November meeting updates.

**Student Activities**

Spirit Week and Homecoming will be celebrated this week with theme days including USA, Country vs. Country Club, Skier vs. Surfer, and Class Color Wars. The week culminates on Friday, October 18 with Spirit Games - a class vs. class event where students compete for the Spirit Stick and the Homecoming Football Game that will include senior night for Band, Cheer, and Football pregame, introduction of the Homecoming Court and announcement of the King and Queen at halftime. A new tradition will begin this year with the Class of 2037 meeting with the Class of 2025 for a gift exchange at Mountaineer Stadium on Friday morning.

Traditional Halloween Parades (K-2 and 3-5) are planned for October 31, 2024 with detailed parade information to be distributed by each building.

**Additional Brief Updates**

- District Facebook Page - Internal plan with principals contributing is resulting in 4-5 posts per week and we are working toward 5-8 posts per week.
- Dallas High School - AP College Board Recognition - DHS has been named to the 2024 AP School Honor Roll as a BRONZE medalist. Students took 319 AP Exams with 73% of students scoring a three or higher.
- World Language Enrichment Opportunity - Partnership with Building Blocks for after school enrichment program that will be piloted in November for grades 3-5 and may expand with interest.
- Technology Internet Maintenance - Core switch replacement preliminary work is complete and the switch cut-over is planned for this week, overnight.