



The Bay Academy for the Arts & Sciences  
Intermediate School 98

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Principal

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1. **Component 3b-** Questioning and discussion should be used to deepen student understanding. Effective questions should be used to invite students to make connections, formulate new ideas and challenge views. Discussions should be used to engage all students in important issues. The next Professional Development sessions will focus on these important strategies. During my walkthroughs of many classrooms I've observed a lack of these important strategies.
2. **Professional Day-** There will be a half-day of school on Wednesday January 14, 2015 for all students. Teachers will take their lunch from 11:00-12:00pm. Please report to the Auditorium at 12:00pm for an afternoon of workshops centered on developing Component 3b.
3. **Record Keeping-** It is essential to be diligent in your professional responsibility of record keeping. It is Standard Operating Procedure to keep accurate records. As teachers you are required to keep many different types of records and they all warrant the same careful attention. Please pause and remember to give your full attention to this task.
4. **Edline/Easy Grade Pro Web Reminder-** must be updated weekly. You are provided with ample time to maintain this. Training and tips are always available; please see your AP for assistance.
5. **Progress Reports-** Progress Reports must be generated for all students and returned signed by January 23, 2015. These reports are to be placed in the student's portfolio.
6. **Volleyball Tournament-** A special thank you to Max Sherman for organizing this student vs. staff event. The students were thrilled to compete against the staff. These types of events helped to build and support school spirit and morale. Thank you to all those who played and to those who cheered them on! Try-outs for the basketball tournament are up and coming.
7. **Happy Birthday-** A very happy birthday to those who celebrate their special day in January:  
*Janice Dalton, Nicole Kasbar, Meredith Samuelson, Chris Browne, Amanda Perillo, Dennis Soeur, Bridget Cuoco and Susan Golden*



***The New Year is a perfect time to try and put your sorrows behind you, make positive changes and remember and appreciate the good things in life. Whatever your goals for the year 2015, move forward, stay positive and work hard. It's time to welcome the New Year with a new sense of hope in your heart and a smile on your face.***

***Thought to ponder...***

***Don't think you can change the world?***

***Spark the minds that will***