



Colt Chatter

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COMING UP IN COLT COUNTRY:

Monday 4/6

- Mullet Monday
- Department Meetings via Zoom
 - ELA 9:00
 - AVID & Fine Arts 10:00
 - CTE & Business 11:00
 - SPED 12:00
 - Counselors 1:00

Tuesday 4/7

- Tasty Tuesday
- Department Meetings via Zoom
 - SS 9:00
 - Science 10:00
 - LOTE 11:00
 - Math 12:00
 - HPE 1:00

Wednesday 4/8

- Wellness Wednesday

Thursday 4/9

- Throwback Thursday

Friday 4/10

- Colts Family Gear

BIRTHDAYS:

Jeff Colston	6
Dan Seelig	12

Taking Care of Yourself

I don't know about you, but I'm beat. It's a different kind of tired than the usual tired we get from dealing with the hustle and bustle of spring, but nonetheless I'm tired. I think the biggest issue for me is working from home. There is no clear delineation of work time from home time, so the two intermingle...a lot. As we use this week to prepare for students coming to us for instruction through Canvas, I think it's just as important for you to find that delineation in your own life. As it's Sunday morning and I'm writing the Chatter, I am no stranger to working on days off, and I know this message in many ways will be hypocritical, but I'm going to give it anyway!!!

I feel I need to make this point: I'm talking about taking your work out of your non-work time, not the other way around. We are all at home; some of us with small children. There are going to be times during 'work time' that you have to take care of your family's needs, and that is OK.



CAMPUS GOAL:

Arlington High School will be a TEA rated A school by the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

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This week in our weekly department meetings, I'm going to share with you what the new normal looks like, at least for a little while. You are going to see terms like office hours and PLC time and of course when you can/should teach. But this week, in preparation for next, I want you to think about what efforts you will take to separate your work time from your non-work time. What strategies are you going to put in place to ensure that you are fresh for your students as well as your loved ones? Because I know one thing for sure, both groups are going to need you at 100% for the near future.

Faculty Spirit Week

We are having a faculty spirit week, so get ready:

- Mullet Monday (dress business on the top, party on the bottom)
- Tasty Tuesday - share something yummy you have cooked
- Wellness Wednesday - share what you are doing for self-care
- Throwback Thursday - dress like you did in high school/participate in a high school activity
- Colts Family Friday - dress in Colt gear

Take a picture, post to group message and post to your social media, with the #COLTSFamilySpiritWeek

This week's shout out goes to English teacher, Jason den Hartog. This email came to me via a teacher a week after SAT testing, and it pretty much sums up what we want from all of our COLTS Family members:

Jason DenHartog deserves a shout out! As a new teacher, I was a little nervous to proctor the SAT for the first time. Last night I had read over the proctor instructions ppt and made sure I had a good understanding of testing procedures and rules, and had planned to arrive at school by 6:50 so I had plenty of time to prepare. However, this morning I was stuck in traffic and didn't get to school until 7:10. The classroom I was proctoring in didn't have the desks arranged for testing, I had several students coming in earlier than I had anticipated and I felt unprepared and was scrambling to get things organized so we could start on time. Jason was my helper during 7th period and if it wasn't for him it would have been a nightmare trying to get everyone checked in and started on time. He checked ID's, helped me fill out the seating chart, wrote in booklet numbers, etc. He did all of the nitty gritty work while I got kids settled and read instructions. Thanks to his help, things went very smoothly and we started right on time. What could have been a crazy morning for both me and these students, ended up being a breeze with no issues. He had my back while I was struggling this morning and that's colts family!

Thanks, Jason, for being a great support to the COLTS Family!!!

