

PTO Principal Update



August 31, 2021

What's Been Happening

- First 9 Days . . .
- Apple TV in Classrooms
- IDC Opening
- School Counselor
- Plans for September

First 9 Days . . .

- Carline
 - Arrival
 - Dismissal
- Lunch
- Building Classroom Communities
- Transitions

Innovation & Discovery Center Opening

- IDC will begin to open for students in grade 2-5 to come in, browse, and check-out books
- Students will be assisting with some of the design of the space
- The IDC lab has been a great space for meetings and collaboration
- The IDC space will continue to evolve as different spaces are opened
- There is an building IDC team that will work through the norms and expectations and uses of the spaces

What is the Innovation & Design Center?

A space where:

- Encourage inquiry and investigation
- Include diverse and inclusive resources , programs, and services
- Create interconnected learning opportunities through collaboration
- Include a professionally curated collection of resources
- Provide learners with a venue to explore questions through a wide variety of resources
- Help learners engage with the principles of safe and effective information skills

Why the creation of the Innovation & Discovery Center?

- To foster multiple literacies & teach inquiry skills to support lifelong learning:: Digital, Media, Information & Foundational Literacies
- To support students' passions for innovation, learning, & discovery
- To create inviting & engaging spaces for students to collaborate, experiment, learn new skills, build curiosity, and apply their learning in innovative ways

School Counselor

- Gage Volbert joins us for Columbus Public Schools, where is served as a school counselor at Gables and Cranbook Elementary Schools.
- He is a Hilliard graduate and both of his parents have been teachers in district
- Excited to have a school counselor in the building daily where he can:
 - Provide more frequent classroom lessons
 - Assist with social/emotional needs strategically & in the moment
 - Run small, specialized groups and meet with students individually
 - Support Syntero in their work (2.5 days/week at Washington)

Plans for September

- Building Commitment Plan
- Wolfie Awards Reinvention Introduced to all students
- Safety Patrol Up and Running
- Student Leadership Team Created
- Video Announcements Team Created
- Baseline Assessments Completed

Questions?