

The **BALANCED CALENDAR** **BULLETIN**

September 2015

Monthly newsletter debuts to keep all informed on coming Balanced Calendar

Welcome to the Balanced Calendar Bulletin! Implementation of the Balanced Calendar school year for Davison Community Schools is less than a year away and DCS staff are busy coming up with a plan to ensure a smooth transition for students, families, staff and our community as a whole. Watch for this newsletter to come out monthly to keep you informed!

Balanced Calendar Committee begins work

Superintendent **Eric Lieske** has appointed a committee of DCS staffers to study considerations, plan programming and recommend implementation strategies for the 2016-17 Balanced Calendar school year. The team, comprised of co-chairs Davison High School Principal **Sue Kenkel**, Davison Community Enrichment and Recreation Supervisor **Christina McWilliams** and Director of Public Information **Michelle Edwards** and committee members Siple Elementary Principal **Christy Flowers**, Hill Elementary Principal **Jennifer Torok**, Hahn Intermediate Assistant Principal **Christine Kuzinski** and Athletic Director **Dave Beamer**, are meeting bimonthly and reporting back to the full administrative team monthly. In addition, both certified and non-certified school staff will be engaged in the conversation for a seamless transition into our new school calendar. The committee's tasks include:

- Recommending themes and activities for the three, optional week-long intersessions that will be held during the 2016-17 school year. The intersessions will be focused on engaging students for college/career readiness, intervention/advancement academic opportunities and avoiding the summer learning loss.
- Developing alternate plans for students that might have conflicts the first week of school due to 4H, summer church camp, mission trips or other educational purposes.
- Studying staffing needs, including during intersessions and throughout the school year to ensure a smooth start when school begins on August 22, 2016.
- Looking at other considerations such as how does the balanced calendar affect open-houses, registrations, orientations, student and staff schedules, etc.

Surveys coming your way soon

If you are a student, parent or staff member, please watch for a survey coming your way by mid-October. We will be seeking your input on intersession themes and other topics related to the implementation of the Balanced Calendar. We appreciate your feedback!

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