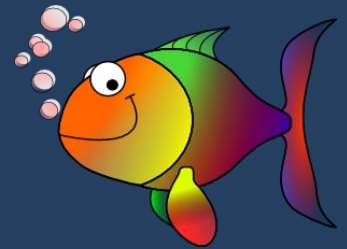


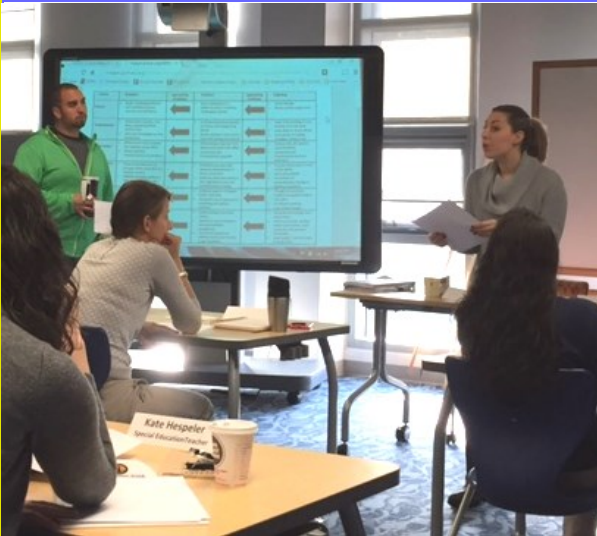
MSMHS FISH TALES



that are true from the desk of Dr. Spera

Week of November 4, 2014

Teachers Calibrate Rubric Scoring in Professional Development



Mr. Litvinoff and Mrs. Cregger leads the MSMHS staff through the Stanford Calibration Method activity on Tuesday.

GROTON, CT - Ever wonder what teachers do on professional development day? Here's an inside look at today's professional development!

On Tuesday morning, the staff begins by hearing the inspiring reflection from an aspiring teacher (current MSMHS senior) and celebrating the success of multiple students from Dr. Spera. The purpose for the day is discussed as it relates to the school's goals and its core values and beliefs.

The morning professional development was delivered by Mrs. Cregger and Mr. Litvinoff who led the teachers in a whole staff calibration of the communication rubric #1: *Read and write effectively for a variety of purposes*. The activity, Stanford Calibration Method, is named after the training that both teachers received this summer at Stanford University. This training ensures the alignment with the school-wide rubrics.

The afternoon featured presentations centered around instructional best practices from Ms. Barnes, Mrs. La Vista, Mrs. Hardison, and Dr. Spera. Ms. Barnes presented about the Flipped Classroom while Mrs. La Vista and Mrs. Hardison led the group through annotation exercises and discussion. Following an update from NEASC co-chairs Mr. Regan and Mrs. Hanrahan, Dr. Spera discussed the purpose and importance of writing and displaying rigorous daily classroom objectives.

All of this work strengthens the evidence that the from the MSMHS staff is committed to providing 21st century instruction that is rigorous and personalized for the broad spectrum of students. Thanks to the entire staff for your continued hard work!

Mary Gregory - MSMHS Student of the Month



Junior Mary Gregory, Groton, is the September Student of the Month. Mary is involved in a multitude of clubs and teams at MSMHS. She is the Vice President of the Junior Class and founder of the Music Club and member of the Interact Club, Debate Team, and the Dungeons and Dragons Club. She is a hard working student that has proved that *effort creates ability*. She is a high honor roll student who is enrolled in a rigorous course load including AP Biology, AP US History, AP Literature, and the UCONN's ECE Marine Science.

On behalf of the MSMHS Faculty, congratulations to Mary for her outstanding spirit, leadership, and dedication.

Abstetar Heading to Colorado State University!



It is official! Mariah Abstetar becomes the first member of the Class of 2015 to commit to a 4 four-year university. Since her visit a few weeks ago in Fort Collins, Colorado, Mariah was certain that she wanted to be a Colorado State Ram. Mariah will major in Psychology. Congrats!



UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS

A/B SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4th

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
A Day	No School	B Day	A Day	B Day/ Advisory

Senior Class Pie and Cookie Dough sale has been extended through November 6th!

PTO Scrip Gift Cards will be on sale at Parent Teacher Conferences.

NEASC Meetings - Wednesday, November 19 @ 2:15

REMAINING PROJECT O TRIPS FOR 2014

Day	Classes Attending
NOV 13 (A)	Per 1 – Marine Studies II – Howard Per 3 – Marine Studies II - Litvinoff Per 4 – Marine Studies II – Litvinoff
18 (B)	Per 5 – Marine Studies II – Litvinoff Per 8 – Marine Studies II - Zimberlin
DEC 9 (A)	All Field Research Classes (Blocks 3, 7, 8)