

Calendar

- **Friday, July 17 12:30pm Art Room— Thank you Manuel!! A Bar-B-Q to say so long! We will supply hamburgers for all who come; bring a dish to share.**
- Friday, July 24 – Fall schedule available online
- Tuesday, August 18, Professional Development Day
- Wednesday, August 19, Fall semester begins

So, what's the plan?

Many of us feel disoriented and sad that we are seeing some of our co-workers leave the school. That the great majority have jobs (in this uncertain time) is wonderful, and we should be grateful that our district is in so much better financial condition that many around us. But that does little to change this feeling of great personal loss and also apprehension about what the operational structure, routines, work assignments, offices will look like with seven fewer support staff. (Actually nine fewer than last year; two positions were not filled). Many have asked me "so, do you have a plan???" I have assured those who have asked that "we need to talk to each other, in all kinds of combinations, let some ideas set for a while to see if they make sense." I must also say that this assurance of a participatory decision-making process does little to mitigate the feeling of uncertainty about... well, very important questions. Like "who's going to open the school when Manuel isn't here.?" But by this Friday, July 17, we should start having some very specific ideas down in print for people to see. One idea is to use the Bookstore as a central "information" counter for all of our students... perhaps even doing lots of registration and other services there. Other ideas include a much more tightly controlled enrollment process... managed enrollment. Also, having some functions (attendance, TopsPro, purchase orders etc.) more centralized. So, I guess what I want to suggest is that we acknowledge these feelings of loss and trepidation about or necessary re-inventions, but that we also know that lots of EXTREMELY capable people are working together as a team to figure it out. Last, your ideas (classified or teacher) are very important to us as we re-invent. See the quote on the masthead? Every decision must be an experiment as we attempt to thrive in these uncharted waters.

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There are a lot of things happening in this summer. Of course we are adjusting to the reduction in staff (see item to the left) and the great reduction in classes that we are offering this summer. Only ESD (formerly ESP) is offering a full range of classes like we have in previous summers. But there is a lot of strategic discussions and planning going on as we "re-invent" much of how we operate and what we do for our community. ESL is talking about managed enrollment and how that is done. The "Data Center" has been created and Laura, Ofelia, Tom, and Patty are determining new protocols around student information systems and how to help the departments more. ESL and ESD are discussing asking for a materials fee for the first time in our history. We are rewriting certain portions of the handbook, working on the year-end reports, building the working budget for this next very curious year, and determining exactly how much we can pay for a brochure/advertising this next semester. We should be finishing the fall schedule of classes and very shortly (next week) be contacting some of our temporary teachers to ask them to fill out the rest of our reduced instructional program. We are planning for professional development day on August 18 – and we have a group of teachers who will work to make our professional development activities for the year meaningful, cohesive and relevant. I am strongly advocating that we align our professional development to our Schoolwide Action Plan, which calls for increased capacity to offer our students project-based instruction. IF THERE IS A QUESTION YOU WANT ANSWERED OR AN ISSUE YOU WANT ADDRESSED AT THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY PLEASE LET ME KNOW. So, July has actually seemed like a very busy time for many of us, even though there are many fewer students around

