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Lea Hill Parents & Community Members,

Fall is here! Can you believe how fast the school year is already moving? Last month I shared with you some changes taking place at Lea Hill. These changes are designed to align with the district improvement plan www.auburn.wednet.edu and have a positive impact on student learning at Lea Hill. I'm proud to share that we are learning from what's working. The Professional Learning Community process is certainly about effective collaboration. After a productive staff in-service day on October 9th, we have created new guiding statements for our school:

Our Mission

Lea Hill exists to ensure individual academic success.

Our Vision

Lea Hill is a learning team of staff, students, parents, and community that is driven by individual student achievement.

Our Values

- *Accept no limits on the learning potential of any child.*
- *Meet the individual learning needs of each child.*
- *Create serious classroom learning environments.*
- *Treat students, parents, and colleagues with courtesy and respect.*
- *Hold students, parents and each other to the highest standards of performance.*
- *Collaborate regularly with colleagues to seek and implement more effective strategies for helping each child to achieve his or her academic potential.*

We are most excited about meeting the individual needs of each child. Our grade level teams are collaborating to clearly identify student learning targets and design the most effective instruction for each student. They are using small-group instruction all throughout the day. Everything we do is intended to positively impact student learning. We recently completed K-5th DIBELS (reading fluency) testing, as well as MAPS (an online assessment for reading and math, aligned with state standards) for 3rd – 5th. We will be sharing these results (and a variety of others) at our upcoming parent-teacher conferences. You can also check your student's grades at any time using "Family Access." Please contact me or your child's teacher if you are interested in more information.

We currently have a variety of volunteers collaborating with staff at Lea Hill and working directly with students: Parent volunteers, Green River Community College students, Auburn Mountainview High School Service Learning Students, and retirees from the Wesley Homes Community Center. Our faculty would love to have you assist with small group or one-on-one instruction. Your valuable time can make a difference for learning! My door is always open. Should you ever want to speak with me, please call and make an appointment, e-mail me, or catch me at buses!

Sincerely,

Ed Herda

Lea Hill Mustangs.....galloping toward success!

