For the 2015-16 school year, we have established three goals for us as a staff at Cascade Middle School: 1) Enhance our relationships with students and families, 2) Be relentless with our teaching and learning and 3) Be responsive to the needs of all our students. We feel by focusing on these three goals, we will continue to make improvements in teaching and learning, as well as move forward in closing our achievement gap.

We will continue our work in implementing SIOP (Sheltered Instruction Observational Protocol) as this has helped to provide consistency in our instructional practices across all contents and school-wide. Through SIOP, we focus on content and language objectives so students know what they are learning and how they will learn it. We also emphasize student engagement because we believe if you can increase student engagement, you decrease off-task behaviors. Throughout the school year, we have professional development that helps to provide our staff with continued strategies and support so teaching and learning is enhanced.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR SCHOOL

We are excited to continue our YMCA partnership through our CLC grant. This partnership has created numerous after school activities and a summer program for our students. For the upcoming school year, this program will continue to enhance our existing after school programs and create many new ones. The purpose of this partnership is to create relationships with students outside of the school with the intent of having students feel connected to the school. By accomplishing this, we hope to increase student attendance, decrease student discipline and increase academic performance.

Another highlight for this school year is our implementation of our PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) model. With this new model, we hope to provide behavior intervention and supports that will help change student behavior and decrease student suspensions. This model is huge on communicating with parents and involving parents in the process. This is why we wanted to implement this model. We hope to have more resources next year to help support our PBIS model.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In addition to parent conferences, Cascade offers content nights for parents to attend. These content nights allow parents to be exposed to the curriculum and participate in activities to help them understand the curriculum.

Our YMCA also offers opportunities for community engagement through a series of parent nights that are focused on our families represented through our student demographics. These parent nights help provide us with information on how to better serve these families and give us the opportunity to share information regarding the school.

TITLE PROGRAM

Cascade is a Schoolwide Title I school. This means that all students at Cascade are Title I students! Title I is a federally funded program developed to help schools raise the literacy and math levels of students. Teachers, parents and especially our students benefit from this unique status. As a Schoolwide Title I school, Cascade is able to offer high quality instruction to ALL children. Cascade students may receive extra support in reading and math. We are working to improve student learning each year through partnership efforts between our staff, parents and students.
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS - Grades 6, 7 & 8

MATH - Grades 6, 7 & 8

SCIENCE - Grade 8