



# Coach's Corner

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*"A good teacher, like a good entertainer must hold his audience's attention, then he can teach his lesson."  
-John Henrik Clarke*

## Mini Series!

The Teacher Center will be offering a mini-series every other Tuesday

### November 10<sup>th</sup>

#### *All Teachers*

The Power of an Effective Do Now

Mini Series sessions are offered during periods 4-7.

Each session starts 10 minutes after the bell and lasts 30 minutes.

Grab a snack and stop by for:

*Strategies on the go!*

## New Teacher Mixer!!

Join us on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor for a special Welcome Mixer for all of our new teachers! Dinner will be provided

**3:00pm**

## WooHoo...Quarter 2!

### Welcome to Second Quarter

Midterms are done, grades are in, and you officially have a full quarter under your belt! Take a moment to reflect. How did the quarter go? What do you wish you did differently? What worked great? Now is the time to make those changes and start Quarter 2 with a blank slate. Invite your students to reflect with you and offer them a blank slate as well. If you haven't designed all of the procedures for your class yet, now is a good time to begin. Don't be afraid to have your students offer input, after all, the more opportunity they have to help make class decisions, the more ownership they will take in the class environment. If you are not sure where to start, stop by *The Teacher Center* (220) and pick up the Procedures checklist!

### Implementing Change: one step at a time

Making changes mid-year may not be easy but it's not impossible. If you are trying to make a couple changes in your classes, whether in policy, procedure, protocol, or consequences try the following steps to put them in place:

- Make a list of all the changes and put them in order of priority
- Make sure that number one is do-able, if it's too complicated break it up into smaller steps
- Implement number one only

### Start with your favorite class

- After the change is working with your favorite class introduce it to the rest
- Once it is a solid change, start the process all over with a new number

### Learning Walks

This week the Instructional Leadership Team will be conducting our first Learning Walk. The objective of the Learning Walk is just that...Learning. This will give us a chance to witness best practices, determine specialties, and ultimately gauge the temperature of Instruction at WCHS. Our goal is to develop Learning Walks for all teachers on campus, so this first walk will help us work out the logistics. If you are interested in creating a mini learning walk stop into The Teacher Center! Together we can design a Learning Walk that can focus on any area you are interested in.

The Teacher Center Website is Up and Running!! [www.thewcs.org/theteachercenter](http://www.thewcs.org/theteachercenter)