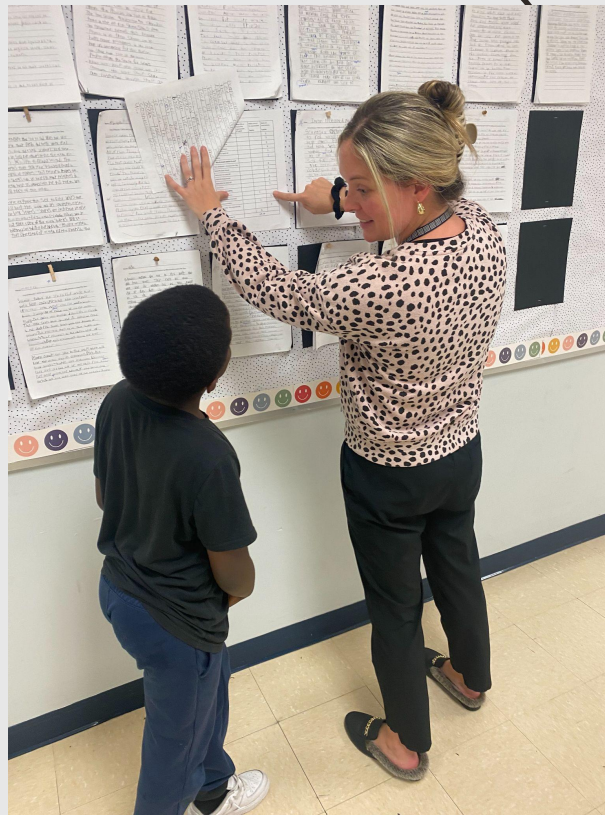


Curriculum & Instruction Report

Dec. 12, 2023



November/ December Highlights

- Finishing our mid-year assessments, including NWEA MAP Growth and foundational literacy assessments.
- Sent teachers to Mesa, Arizona, to participate in school visits and observations of team teaching models to support teaming initiatives at KCIA.
- Middle School PLC lead teachers and administrators attended a conference on Professional Learning Communities.
- ELL Team members visited Milwaukee for the WIDA Conference, one of the largest annual gatherings of K-12 educators supporting multilingual students.
- Schoolwide analysis of End-of-Module writing tasks
- First- and second-year teachers have met requirements for the first semester of our new teacher/ mentor program, participating in monthly professional development and one-on-one coaching.



Achievement Network Interim 1

33% of KCIA students in grades 2-8 will meet grade-level proficiency expectations on the ANet assessments.

Subject	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	A1: 2023-2024
Math	18%*	11%*	14%*	17%	25%
Reading	12%*	19%*	14%*	24%	20%

**Updated to new proficiency targets in 2022-23*

Students met the district goal in math in grades seven and eight!

SB 681 Requirements: Early Literacy & RSPs

Reading Success Plans					
Fall 2023	Yes	No	IEP Exempt	ELL Exempt	Total Students
1st:	17 (24%)	39 (54%)	3 (4%)	13 (18%)	72
2nd:	41 (54%)	24 (32%)	5 (6%)	6 (8%)	76
3rd:	30 (39%)	27 (35%)	7 (9%)	13 (17%)	77
Total:	88 (39%)	90 (40%)	15 (7%)	32 (14%)	225

Book Vending Machine

A team of staff, teachers and students worked with Lead to Read and Turn the Page KC to bring a book vending machine to KCIA! It has been so much fun to see students gaze in absolute awe as they pass the machine in the hallway. Teachers will be allotted a specific number of tokens per month that will allow students to select a book to celebrate leadership skills, academic growth, or meeting an academic benchmark. A committee of students will select titles for our next restock.



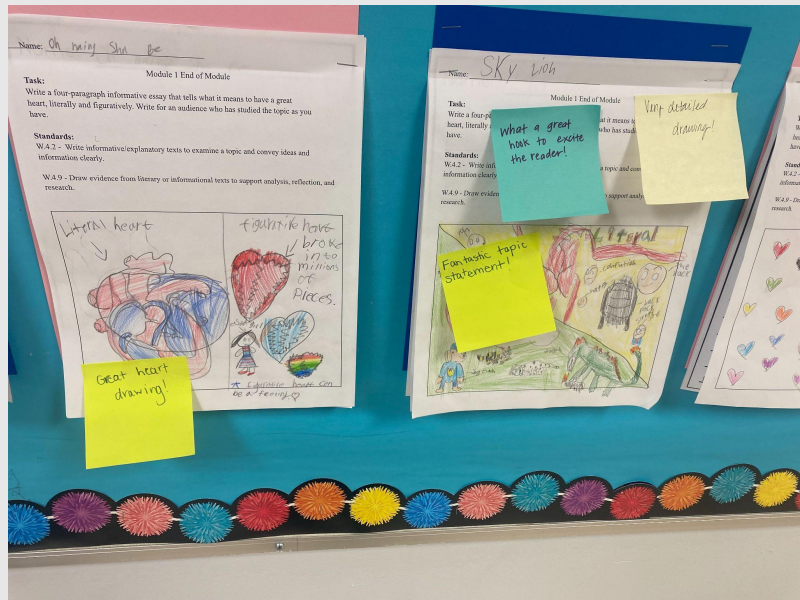
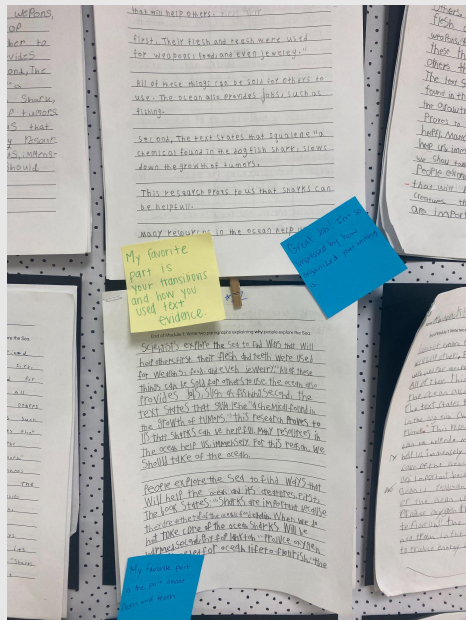
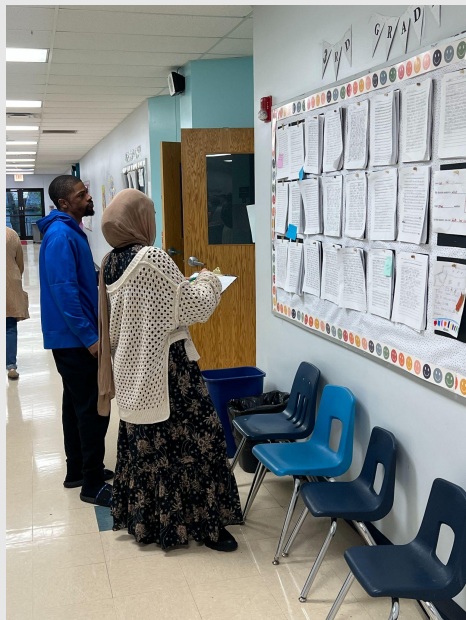
Hispanic Heritage Month

The Social Justice Committee helped our school celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and Dia De Los Muertos! This included a treat table for staff with Mexican and Hispanic candies, an ofrenda connecting students and staff to those we have lost, and decorating sugar skulls.



Student Writing Displays

Teachers displayed students' end-of-module writing tasks from Wit & Wisdom for students and parents to read during parent-teacher conferences. Staff took time to provide feedback to students in different classes and shared reflections on writing trends they are seeing across grade levels.



Future Diplomats

A group of eighth-graders visited the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce to participate in a talk about diplomacy and foreign service by Brain Grimm, a career member of the U.S. Senior Foreign Service and the current Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of International Organization Affairs. Students came prepared with thoughtful questions about Grimm's experiences in Jerusalem and Syria and with the United Nations. They answered several UN trivia questions correctly, outsmarting many of the adults in the room! Our students even got a shoutout in the United Nations of Greater Kansas City newsletter and Facebook page.





Questions?

