

Soarin' to Success Through Collaboration with Administration, Title I, Staff, Students & Parents

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Wethersfield Soarin' Program

A partnership between Wethersfield Jr/Sr High School
& Bureau Henry Stark Regional Office of Education

- Rural district – total junior high and high school enrollment - 278 students
- Poverty rate 42%
- Soarin' serves approximately 100 Jr/Sr High School Students
- End of 4th year of 5 year grant



Soarin' Goals - Students

- Align with goals of School District
- Create independent learners
- Differentiate goals & make attainable
- Celebrate success
- Treat everyone with respect



Collaboration with Administration

Superintendent/Principal

- New employee orientation
- Become member of school improvement team
- Attend school wide meetings and/or grade level meetings
- Share 21st CCLC program news



Collaboration with Staff

Core classroom staff

- Share program goals
- Buy in to *Soarin'* program
- Get to know their classroom/teaching style
- Offer/share ideas for classroom support in program
- Proof of success

Collaboration with Students

- Get to know students - personal level
- Be positive
- Celebrate success
- Listen
- Create accountability
- Treat with respect



Collaboration with Parents

Parents/Guardians

- Show interest and confidence in their child
- Model behavior
- Create trust
- Treat with respect

incredible! *you're so thoughtful!* *you make me so happy!* GREAT BEAUTIFUL! YOU'RE
 I LOVE magnificent! GREAT QUESTION! you're sensational! IMAGINATION!
 IT! SUPER JOB! WAY TO READ! *clever mind!* *you solved it!* *you're exactly right* OUTSTANDING! YOU DID IT!
 I THINK YOU'RE HOORAY! *that's so cool!* *great discovery!* truly phenomenal
 WONDERFUL! good thinking! so lovable! THAT'S GENIUS! *good talking!* *i like that!* FANTASTIC!
 EXACTLY RIGHT! awesome! SUPER STAR *great leadership!* HOW NICE!
 YOU'RE SO TALENTED! terrific! *you mean the world to me!* GREAT READING! REMARKABLE!
 nice job!
 THAT'S THE BEST!
 SUPER!
 great! YES!
 WAY TO GO!
 excellent!
 THATS
 AMAZING!
 incredible artwork! YOU'RE SO CREATIVE! *you made my day* LISTENING!
 SUPER JOB! SO SWEET! YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD FRIEND! that's correct! OUTSTANDING JOB!
 I AGREE! TERRIFIC IDEA! BEAUTIFUL! THAT'S BRILLIANT! GREAT DISCOVERY perfect! great manners!
 excellent creativity! *you're the best!* *how'd i get so lucky?* extraordinary work!
you're fantastic! WAY TO GO! HOW THOUGHTFUL! *fabulous job!* YOU'RE SO CARING!
outstanding work! EXCEPTIONAL! excellent writing! *impeccable!* *you're fun!*
 THAT'S SO ORIGINAL! GREAT IDEA! *you're precious!* GREAT CHOICE!
 too cool! wonderful! NEAT! I LOVE YOU! superb! SPECTACULAR WORK!
 nice work! YOU MAKE ME SMILE! *great listening!* I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT!
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100 WAYS TO PRAISE A CHILD

Program Success

- 100% Jr High students promoted to next grade level
- 100% 8th grade students passed both Federal & Illinois Constitution tests
- Decrease in Ineligibility from last school year
- Increase in students making honor roll
- Keeping students on track for graduation
- Improved attendance



Soarin' to Success

- Observant of Success
- Changing attitudes of staff
- Putting kids first
- Watching kids SOAR!

HOPE for Tomorrow

“ Out of difficulties
grow miracles. ”

— JEAN DE LA BREYERE

It's not always what you see!!!

