Beginning Teacher Newsletter

HOW HAVE YOU USED YOUR INSTRUCTIONAL TIME?

Webster list time as a noun to describe duration or occasion. The definition on the online site for Merriam-Webster has two parts: (1) the measured or measurable period during which an action, process, or condition exists or continues: DURATION and (2) the point or period when something occurs: OCCASION. As you begin to prepare for the end of the first semester or begin your planning for the end of the school year, ask yourself the following questions. What have you done with your time during your instructional period? How much time have you provided for your students to ask you questions and how much time have you used asking the students questions? Did you use your instructional time for teaching and learning? Were all of your days planned for bell to bell instruction? Did you allow classroom management or discipline issues to decrease your instructional time? Did you take time for yourself to maintain your health? These questions and many more should be reviewed as you look back over your first semester or first half of the school year. If you fail to plan, you plan to fail. Planning is not just about getting an activity started or done, but also about how you move forward, make adjustments and finish the activity. Planning takes time, practice and review. There are many things you will need to plan for and some that you will not have time to plan for, but if you have a plan for the expected and unexpected you can endure and move forward. Time is flying by….it is already January 2019.

"THE BAD NEWS IS TIME FLIES. THE GOOD NEWS IS YOU'RE THE PILOT."

- ANONYMOUS

DATES TO REMEMBER

- JANUARY 31 — MODULE CERTIFICATES DUE

- FEBRUARY 4 — BEGINNING TEACHER PD (8:30 A.M. - 1:30 A.M.) ETMS MEDIA CENTER

- MARCH 1 — LICENSURE CONFERENCES AS SCHEDULED