



Friday Focus

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Pursuing Proficiency

It's that time of year again...the time when testing is quickly approaching and everyone starts to wonder whether we have done enough to help our students master their grade level standards. We begin to question every lesson we've taught and second-guess every assessment we've given, wondering whether our children have really learned what we wanted them to learn. Maybe we should all just take some deep breaths and reflect on the high quality instruction we've provided for our students this year.

John Hattie's work is really a treasure of information and it's a great place to start when we consider what we've given to our students this year in our district. In our "Pursuit of Proficiency" this year, Carter County has referenced his work countless times in efforts to solidify the strategies we have put in place to help our students achieve. Here's a quick reminder of Hattie's top strategies with effect sizes. We will all feel better about our instruction this year when we read what Hattie has to say. (Remember, 0.4 and above is considered significant for improving achievement.)

Teacher Efficacy	1.57
Response to Intervention	1.07
Teacher Credibility	0.90
Classroom Discussion	0.82
Concept Mapping	0.62
Teaching Vocabulary	0.62
Teaching Strategies	0.60
Direct Explicit Instruction	0.60
Cooperative Learning	0.59

Spotlight on Excellence



Carter City Elementary 5th graders have been working for months to prepare for their performance in "Boston" about the American Revolution. The play will be held next Friday, April 28, at 6 pm at the Olive Hill Historical Society and includes 5th graders from Tygart Creek Elementary performing songs and poems. Admission will be \$1.00. Congratulations Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Tackett, and students! We can't wait to see your performance!



What's Happening?

- April 21 WCMS Social Studies Expo
- April 24 ECMS Social Studies Extravaganza
- April 28 5th Grade Play @OHHS
- May 1-12 KPREP Testing Window
- May 18 Last Day of School for Students



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