

A new day is an opportunity to make a new connection!

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## "All you need is love." - John Lennon

## Making Teams More Collaborative by James Harrell

## **Entry Plan Highlights**

As you can see to the right, love was in the air as Valentine's Day was celebrated! I have been impressed with the amount of current student work on display throughout our schools. I am often complimented on the work of our students so the community has taken notice as well. This week I was thrilled to work with our faculty during our "mini convocation". Understanding the hopes,



fears, challenges, and celebrations from the perspective of faculty will be helpful to me moving forward. My only *hope* would have been to have our entire team with us. To that end, I am looking forward to the paraprofessional meet and greets this week! Be on the lookout for a full staff survey in the coming weeks as well. To close, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the warm welcome I have received from everyone. Have an awesome week!



## **Professional Development**

**Corner!** Happier with Gretchen Rubin is another Podcast recommendation for you. I particularly like her "little happier" episodes that are just a few minutes long. Recently she had a two part series about the relationship between Helen Keller and

her teacher Anne Sullivan. <u>The first episode features Helen recounting how Anne taught</u> <u>her the word water.</u> <u>The second episode flips the perspective to Anne reflecting on her</u> <u>student's progress.</u> I think all educators can relate to the feeling of joy that comes when a student makes sense of a concept that has been difficult for them. Enjoy these two (very) *little* episodes.

Do you have a resource, quote, or article to share? District committees can also communicate news via this newsletter. Just email me at <u>tbaird@hebron.k12.ct.us</u>. Have a great week!