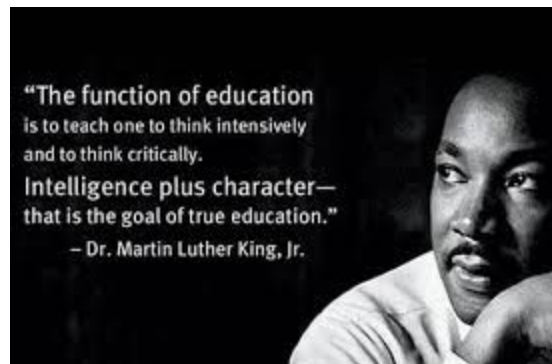


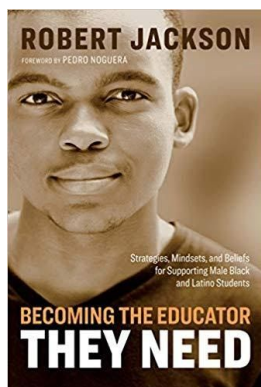
Monday is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Take time to pause and reflect on his impact. [Read more about the history of this holiday here \(from USA Today\).](#)

National Compliment Day is Friday! Did you know that this day started in my home state of New Hampshire? [Read more about it here!](#)



Entry Plan Highlights

This week I would like to highlight some of my learning regarding curriculum and instruction work underway in the district. Stephanie DeLucia was very helpful showing me curriculum documents and detailing professional development efforts. The Intervention Team provided me with insights on the intervention and instructional coaching work in place at both schools. On Tuesday I was able to sit in on some of the staff developer sessions with Teachers College at Hebron Elementary. I was impressed with the high quality of this embedded professional development model. As many of you know, I have been stopping by classrooms. As opportunities present themselves, I'll stay longer to take in math, reading, and writing lessons. On Friday I was able to see a Number Corner lesson in action and learn more about this component of Bridges. I could see our students really thinking deeply as they discussed patterns and developed equations to model relationships. I loved it!



Professional Development Corner!

Becoming the Educator They Need by Robert Jackson is an excellent book about relationships and expectations. For me, it provided exceptional clarity on the beliefs and strategies educators need in order to forge strong relationships with our students. I highly recommend it.

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