What's Making a Difference at Lamarque Elementary School?

"The Big Rocks"

"If the big rocks don't go in first, they will not fit later."

~ Stephen Covey

Big Rock #1: Measuring Impact Data Driven

Student Accountability held to the Highest Degree of Importance

- Lamarque students have an understanding from the beginning that they play a HUGE role in their education. They become aware that they need to care, in order to make a difference.
- Weekly, Monthly, and Quarterly Data Chats with teachers, support staff, and even administrators.
- Lamarque have Student Data/Leadership Binders
- Lamarque students know their STRENGTHS and where the need to GROW.
- Lamarque students set S.M.A.R.T Goals (**S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**chievable, **R**elevant, & **T**imely)
- Lamarque students understand that making mistakes are proof that they are trying.
- Lamarque students understand they MUST have a Growth Mindset. They understand that having a Fixed Mindset will prevent them or even stop them from learning.
- Lamarque students know and consistently track their data. Grade Levels use grade level appropriate tracking sheets that help students and parents stay connected to weekly progress.

Big Rock #2: Building Teacher Capacity

- Professional Development is offered continuous throughout the school year. Both School Leaders and District Leaders facilitate these valuable and timely courses.
- 7 C.P.T's (Collaborative Planning Time) building sustainable teaching capacity through intentional collaboration.
- Visible Learning through Professor John Hattie and his extensive research on the effects of student learning.
- Lamarque teachers create and post weekly the Learning Intentions and Success Criteria for students to grasp the goals for the week. Accountable Talk in present.

Big Rock #3: Family Engagement

- Positive phone calls within the first 2 weeks of school.
- S.T.E.P Night (**S**tudents and **T**eaches **E**ngaging **P**arents) held 4 weeks into the school year.
- Multiple Academic and Fun Parent Nights where training is always part of our events.
- School Day Events where parents are invited to be part of our school community and family.
- Parent Communication through various sources, including ConnectEd messaging, social media, and school website.
- Parent Classes offered such as Parent University, Mind in the Making, and Technology Instruction Nights.

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