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We still have a few bugs to work out but I wanted to share with the community how smooth today went and how hard our students worked. Our intent of the Flex Friday schedule is to assist students in “learning” and to provide them with time during the regular school day to work with teachers for assistance and enrichment.

Today we had our first Flex Friday schedule where students spent four periods in classrooms designed for enrichment, intervention, strengthening fundamentals, spelling bees, silent reading, working in the computer lab, and a variety of other learning opportunities. Even though this is just the end of the second week of school and many students have not had the opportunity to accumulate many graded assessments of learning this day appears to have been successful.

When I visited classrooms today the vast majority of students were on task, the halls were quiet, and teachers were working diligently with individuals or small groups of students. An informal survey of the staff indicates that they are pleased with the outcome of our first real Flex Friday and student complaints have been few. In fact, a number of students came up to me and voluntarily shared the pleasure with how the day went.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and flexibility of our students and staff for making every effort to support our student’s learning.

Thank you,

Scott Sullivan

PS The winners of our first Flex Friday Spelling Bee were freshman Mykayla Duda and freshman Gabby Paris. Congratulations lady Rangers!!!