

Timberlake JH/HS

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On Wednesday, September 20th, the elementary and secondary staff met together to begin to discuss vertical alignment. Vertical alignment is a process of going through each subject and ensuring that the correct things are being taught and emphasized. Vertical alignment allows teachers to see what is being taught before and after them, as well as, what the end product should look like. While Wednesday just scratched the surface, it got me thinking about all that goes into a student's education from pre-k to their senior year.

Have you ever stopped to think about what it takes for a senior to walk across the stage and receive a diploma? It takes at least 14 years of school, attending 1080 hours per year. It takes numerous teachers, aides, administrators, and staff members. It takes parents, siblings, grandparents, and extended family. It takes a community or, in our case, four communities coming together. So the challenge becomes this: How in the world do we all get on the same page and make sure we are all pulling the rope in the same direction?

Vertical alignment is the school's piece of that. We must ensure that what is being taught at lower grades is relevant at the secondary level. We also must ensure that what is being taught at the secondary level reinforces what is taught at the elementary level. Once we have taken care of our piece, we must work to involve families and communities as a whole.

Involving all stakeholders and informing the communities, is an area that not only Timberlake, but every school, must find ways to improve. We must ensure that we are providing opportunities for involvement and pushing as much information as possible through whatever means possible. The old saying has never rang more true, "It takes a village to raise a child".

Important Dates

September 22

Timberlake Blood Drive 2p-7p

October 16-17

Parent Teacher Conf. 3:30p-7:30p

Sports and Clubs

Football

9-22 HS vs Kremlin-Hillsdale

9-25 JH vs Cherokee

9-29 HS @ Balko

10-2 JH @ Canton

10-6 HS vs Sharon-Mutual

10-9 JH vs DCLA

Softball

10-28 to 10-30 Regionals

Cross Country

9-26 Elem/JH/HS @ Timberlake

10-3 Elem/JH/HS @ Hinton

10-7 Elem/JH/HS @ Chisholm

Academic Team

9-28 HS @ Timberlake

FFA / Ag

10-1 to 10-8 Tulsa State Fair
