Good afternoon everyone. I trust that you have enjoyed your weekend. Coming off of the emotional high that we all felt last week and as we prepare for a short week and a much deserved break, I have a thought I want to share with you...

When Superman took off his Superman outfit who was he? Now some of you might say Clark Kent but the answer is, he was still Superman. It didn’t matter what clothes he was wearing. He was still Superman on the inside. His strength came not from the uniform he wore but from the power within. The same goes for you. Your power does not come from your job, uniform, status, circumstance, fame or label people give you. Your power comes from your heart, soul, spirit, passion and love that exists inside you and you are more powerful than you think. You are not just human. You are super human. If you don’t feel powerful it’s because you have come to believe the illusion and lie that outside circumstances have power over you. You have forgotten the truth that you create your world from the inside-out. You don’t realize the power you possess. It’s as if you have been given the power of superman or wonderwoman but are living the life of Clark Kent or Diana Prince instead. But deep down you know the truth. It’s why these words resonate with you. It’s why so many love super hero movies. You know you were made for more and there is more within you. You have been given super human power and you are meant to use it. Not just to create your life but also to help others create theirs. Like all super heroes you have been given the greatest power in the universe. The power to make a difference in the life of another human being. You were made with a super power to empower others. You don’t need a special suit, a title or a super hero name. You just need to tap into the love, spirit, passion, soul and purpose inside you to create your life and a better world today. No cape required!

We have A LOT packed into this very short week. Let’s start with the benchmark testing on Monday and Tuesday. Last week Mrs. Perkins informed everyone of their role for these next two days. Tomorrow morning
the 7th grade will kick off our benchmark testing with the reading test during periods 1-3. **Ms. Meade, Mrs. Ryver, Mrs. Combs, and Ms. Kash** will be assisting me with testing in the gym tomorrow morning. I will need you to please stop by the conference room at 7:45 in the morning to pick up your materials. I will give you further instructions at that time. Everyone will report to 1st period as normal so that we can take attendance and take care of morning announcements. After everyone has taken attendance we will announce for students to report to their testing locations. At that time all of the students who will be testing in the gym will report there and find their tables. Those students who are receiving accommodations will report to the Library. In you are providing accommodations to 7th graders you will also report to the library at that time to pick up your student(s) and your testing materials from Mrs. Perkins. The 8th graders will be business as usual in the morning. We will turn off the bells so you will manually dismiss your classes when it’s time to move. I do need you to remind your students to keep the noise level down as they move from class to class as we will have a few 7th graders testing throughout the building. Once testing is complete, everyone will go to 4th period as normal. We will flip everything for periods 5-7. The 8th graders will take their reading benchmark while the 7th graders will attend their afternoon classes. We **WILL NOT** report to 7th period until our testing is complete. So please be prepared to spend some extra time in 6th period.

Tuesday will work the exact same way, except the 8th graders will take their math benchmark in the morning while the 7th graders will take theirs in the afternoon. Please let me know if you have any questions at all about these procedures. Especially for those of you who have done this with us before. I have attached the gym seating chart so that you can make sure your students know where they are going when we dismiss.

Some other activities that you need to keep in mind this week include:

- Monday – Those 7th grade students who attended Ward Elementary last year will be picked up and transported to Ward after 4th period for the afternoon (assuming they return their permission forms). Also our Girls Basketball team will be on the road to take on Bath County.
- Tuesday – First nine week grades need to be posted by 4:00 PM. Our Girls Basketball team will play at home against Elliott Co. This will be their 8th grade night. Please take a look at the schedule and see if you are assigned to work.
- Wednesday – ELA will have a PLC during 5th period. Also our Football Team will play at home against Nicholas Co. Please take a look at the schedule to see if you are assigned to work.
- Thursday through Monday – Fall Break…NO SCHOOL…RELAX…RECHARGE

An item to put on your radar for the following week…We will have our data night on Wednesday October 12th from 5:30 – 7:30. On this night we will share our KPREP data with our parents as well as hand out report cards. Please plan on attending.

I think that about covers it for this week. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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- Nelson Mandela