

# District 4 staff takes part in Institute Day

All District 4 staff members spent the day at Indian Trail Junior High on Monday, Nov. 20, participating in a variety of Institute Day activities.

The day began with a gathering in the gym where representatives from all nine schools and the District Office took part in an "Are you smarter than a 5th grader (District 4 edition)?" competition. The winning teams from Stone and Indian Trail were awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals. A random drawing was held for paraprofessionals who won a free hour of lunch time and teachers who won extra plan time.

Staff members then participated in two morning workshops of their choice. The In-House Expert Presentations were led by District 4 staff on a variety of topics including technology tools, vocabulary, and student goal setting. After a lunch served from food trucks, teachers reconvened to take part in grade-level, team or department articulation meetings.

The day concluded with a jam session in the commons by the District 4 Staff Band. Lawrence Underwood, band teacher at Indian Trail, had put out a call for volunteers who wanted to take part in the 10-minute performance. The group—after one morning rehearsal—delighted the crowd with a couple tunes before sending everyone on their way to enjoy the Thanksgiving break.



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At District 4 Institute Day, staff took part in a District 4 version of "Are you smarter than a 5th grader?" Pictured is one of the participants receiving a Bronze medal.



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## A jammin' staff band

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## Earning the gift of time

Pictured are the teachers from District 4 who won extra planning time, while a district administrator teaches their students.