

Board of Education mulls evaluations, Strategic Plan

By Steve Pashkov

After two years of discussion, the Board of Education is moving forward with a new system of evaluations for its 1,000-plus staff members, including teachers, administrators, support staff and bus drivers. The board will vote on the proposed system at its regular meeting on Aug. 21.

The move comes after the board last year approved a new evaluation system for Gibbs Middle School. The system, which was developed by the school's principal, Dr. Michael J. Fazio, and his staff, has been well received by parents and students. The board is now expanding the system to all other schools in the district. The new system will be implemented in the fall of 2014.

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Students, parents and community members showed their support for Gibbs Middle School during the grand opening of the school on Friday, Aug. 1.

Eagles of all ages flock to Gibbs Middle celebration

By Peter Smith

From the eagles in the mascot of the new Gibbs Middle School to the many species that call the area home, the Naturalist joined in Gibbs' first day of school with a variety of the many animals that call the area home.

The Naturalist, a 20-year-old male bald eagle who was born in Florida on August 17, 1993, was one of the newest additions to the school's first class of eighth-grade students. He is a 4-year-old bald eagle who has been living in the area since he was born. The Naturalist, who has many feathered friends, including several avian representatives of local ecosystems and cultures, was one of the stars of the new school.

Other species, including many different types of birds, were present. The park ranger, who organized the event, said that there had been a wide range of species to choose from. There were a variety of animals to give visitors their, and those visiting Gibbs Middle School and other Gibbs' schools, a chance to see the natural world. The Naturalist, who has been a favorite for students at Gibbs Middle School for



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