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Wapakoneta Middle School students and staff are excited to be in the sixth week of school already! High expectations have been established in our classrooms, and teachers are working hard to facilitate student learning and achievement. One quick walk-through of the classrooms would prove that teachers are challenging every student in their classroom.

Randy Fisher met with our students to kick off our third year of the Youth in Government program. "Teens in the program learn about the legislative process, how to write and research bills, and how to participate in elections. Their work culminates in teens serving as delegates at their state conference and debating bills on the floor of the legislature. Some teens have actually made bills into laws!" The past two years, we have had several students elected to leadership positions, showing signs of a very successful program. A huge thank you to Randy Fisher and the YMCA for organizing and supporting this group.

Finally, our teachers and administration have been meeting with Carrie Knoch to look at the AIR released test questions. This is an important opportunity for our staff because it provides insight into what the state's expectations are for the achievement test. It also provides our teachers with data in order to improve our teaching through collaboration. The information gleaned from these meetings will also be discussed during our teacher-based team times.