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I wanted to send my feedback from my observations this week and to let you know that this was an AMAZING experience! As you know this is my second full year teaching at Arcadia and although I know all of the teachers I have never truly seen them in their element and now I can see why everyone raves about our teachers.

My first observation was in Anna Patterson’s Calculus AB class, and boy did it bring back memories from my high school Calc classes. She is a great teacher who starts the students off right when the bell rings and keeps them engaged until the second bell which can be hard to do in a math class. She encourages the students to work together on problems and asks for them to speak out and share their answers with the class.

My second observation was in Shannon Paloma’s Economics class. I have always heard about the students building a zoo but have never seen the process behind it. For this, the students are given a town map and a budget. They must then make decisions together to decide where do we put the zoo, how will this affect the towns people, how much money do we spend on certain things, how do we get water, etc. It was awesome to see the students thinking outside the box and contemplating decisions that they will learn to take with them for the rest of their lives.

My last observation was in Dave Peterson’s English I honors class. I chose to go here because a lot of my same students are in this class and I wanted to see how they were outside of my own classroom. I his class they were learning about 2nd person point of view. His teaching style is amazing. He relates every details back to the students and gets them fully involved into his lessons, I’ve even heard he has freestyle rapped for them! The students want to share and raise their hands, they get up and move around the classroom which is a great way to keep them focused and active.

Overall, thank you and the PTO for this wonderful opportunity to go around and see other teachers in their elements. There is definitely many lessons learned that I want to incorporate into my own teaching style and classroom.

Thank you,

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