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Subject: Community Circle Questions for remainder of the week
Attachments: [THRIVE Class Rotations Nov and Dec 21 \(2\).docx](#)

Good evening 8th grade team,

Thank you all for your support this week as we worked to jump start community circles with our 8th grade students. I appreciate their responses this week as we work to find themes of how we can build a better community within their grade level.

Here are the community circle questions for the remainder of week: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1inpMjct2BJxbVs9zM47GjHRuAw7oifA9gk13SthcbOA/edit?usp=sharing>. The community circles should be done during first period class. Since they are going back to 1st period class during Thrive, you can do the Wednesday community circle during Thrive. On Thursday and Friday, the community circles should be done during first period class.

Thrive Rotations for 8th Graders:

I have attached the Thrive Rotations for 8th graders for the remainder of the semester. Please share that rotation with them during Thrive tomorrow. If you could post it to your first period Schoology page, I would greatly appreciate it so that students can reference it.

Adding time to HR before 1st period:

I am aware of concern that this is cutting into instructional time by having community circles during 1st period. I am looking at adding 5 minutes to HR during 1st period and taking away 5 minutes during 8th grade Thrive. I need to have a few more conversations before I make that move, but it should do the trick. It is perfectly acceptable to have a timer that stops the community circle time so that you do not go over time. Not all students have to speak. You can resume with the students that did not speak on the next day. The purpose is to simply have the circles and questions each day so that we can get in the habit of community building.

Thanks again for your teamwork and support and thank you for your feedback. I greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

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