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District Day helps prepare Arlington staff for the 2019-20 school year

ARLINGTON- Nearly 700 Arlington Public Schools employees attended District Day at the Byrnes Performing Arts Center on Aug. 27. District Day is held annually before the start of the school year so employees can engage in professional development and team-building activities. This year, the keynote speaker was Gerry Brooks, a Kentucky principal who produces comedic, school-related videos on YouTube.

“My goal is to not only provide encouragement to school staff but also make this the funniest professional development session they attend,” said Brooks. “I want the staff to leave my session with two or three things that will help them in the upcoming school year.”

Brooks showed several of his videos to staff. He also provided them with ideas on how to cultivate a positive climate and culture in their schools and classrooms. He said the most important thing is for staff members to get to know their students. Following the keynote, staff attended a lunch and then engaged in additional professional development activities.

During the day, Dr. Chrys Sweeting, Arlington Public Schools Superintendent, shared how excited she was to work with such great staff members and the impact each has on students.

“Together, we are better and every one of us can make a difference in the life of a student,” said Dr. Sweeting.

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