## Principal's Report March 2025 School Board Meeting Waterville-Elysian-Morristown K-4 & 9-12th Grade



## **Waterville Campus Information**

Students and staff were off for spring break March 17-21.

Standardized testing will be held in the month of April for all students grades 3-11. Teacher prep, review of instructions and testing schedules will be completed before the end of March.

## K-4

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on two different nights, March 31 and April 3.

The PE department hosted SkateTime again this year. Families were also able to enjoy an evening of skating earlier in the month. Thank you to our PE Department for offering SkateTime again this year.

The elementary school has been dabbling with UFLI, an early literacy program and curriculum through the University of Florida for at least a year. In ongoing conversations with Title I/Interventionist Britta Robran we decided in-house professional development could assist in the promotion of the curriculum as well as increase the confidence using the tools through the UFLI program. Together, Mrs. Robran and elementary special education teacher Hillary Hebl, presented to elementary staff on March 6. It was a well attended hour of professional development with excitement for implementation moving forward.

Third grade teacher, Ms. Bruns, held a publishing party in her classroom on March 14. The class created and published a book and held an open house for other students/classes to stop and see their work. Students learned about the writing and publishing process over the last few weeks. A fun event to showcase their hard work and knowledge gained!

The High School BUCS Pride team celebrated the efforts of Quarter 3 with students and staff on Pie Day, March 14. We served an assortment of pies from Lolli-Pops Bakery in Elysian.

## 9-12

Parent-teacher conferences were held on March 3. Spring conferences at the high school have a single date.

On March 7 all juniors met in the auditorium for a presentation from Dr. Wilson and Mrs. Reuvers. Information presented included ACT, MCA and early bird study classes for preparation of the exams. Post Covid, many 2-year schools are reviewing MCA scores for entrance levels so emphasis on performance and effort were stressed.

Mr. Richards and Mr. Petry will be offering early bird test prep classes in late March and April in subject areas of math and science. The classes are offered at no-charge to students and funding for class expenses is approved in our Achievement and Integration grant.

Juniors attended a career fair on March 12 during the morning hours at Minnesota State University-Mankato. Students completed a career interest form ahead of the event and attended informational sessions based on their top interests. Reports from staff and students attending were raving and informative.

Quarter 3 will end on Friday, March 28.