

7-12 Principal's Report February 2019

Curriculum & Instruction: We are continuing to work on developing classroom structure with the ELA team. The Math team is supporting their newest member to use the classroom structure that they adopted and that is aligned with our instructional framework. The new lesson plan template will support our instructional framework in the classroom and be required in all classrooms by March 11. These tools are aimed at increasing the rigor in the classroom as well as providing students with consistency between classrooms.

During our professional development day our MCLP independent consultant provided valuable training discussing literacy strategies. He modeled, gave examples from our own teaching staff, and helped to create a common language about the different strategies for our teachers to implement.

We continue to promote our tutoring for any subject after school from 3:30-5:00 pm Monday through Thursday. We are still focused on eligibility with the new quarter rule. We ensure that each student is earning a quarter grade of a 77% (C) in each class for 3rd quarter. We will continue to monitor all athletes to help ensure that they are eligible for spring sports as well as meet the requirements in the spring for MHSA standards for fall sports.

We received a new OPI consultant, Crystal Andrews. We are working with her through the MCLP grant and continuing our progress with the district leadership team meetings of which she is a part.

Supervision & Evaluation: The curriculum coach, independent consultants and principal continue to work with teachers. We continue to do walkthroughs and debriefing with the individual teachers after these short observations weekly. We are also asking teachers to do peer observations of one another during their prep times. This enables teachers to see their peers utilizing the strategies that have been taught during our professional development times.

We had conversations with each teacher to discuss how we can better help our students and what may need to change in the classroom to support our students' success after evaluating the data from STAR testing and submitting their "F" lists. These meetings will continue and will be combined with the walkthrough information to support our teachers as they improve their teaching skills supporting our students.

Culture & Language: Our Teepee Mondays continue however, we are struggling to find students willing to sing or drum during this time. We will continue to encourage students to share their cultural talents.

We are continuing our Tuesday Activity nights as we have many students participating and enjoying the different activities each week. We also provide a meal to participants of tutoring and activity night. Our participation has been down slightly due to tournaments time however, we do expect it to pick back up after the state tournament.

The FCS room is still providing time for student to create cultural items such as beading and sewing. However, February was scheduled to work on ribbon skirt/shirt but many students have been involved with the tournaments and traveling. Therefore, March will continue to provide time for the ribbon skirt/shirts to be created.

The MBI (Montana Behavioral Initiative) students continue to implement their “positive notes” in the school. Many students and staff are enjoying the positive notes and are beginning to pass them on.

We had numerous students participate in the Hill County Spelling Bee on February 11. The following junior high students competed in Havre; Kaden Lodge Pole, Kaliah Moore, Janessa Standing Rock, Joscayne Denny, Watson Whitford, and Tyra Parker DayChild.

Approximately 86 of our students participated in our semester honor roll trip to Havre. The students had to receive a 3.00 GPA without any “C-“grades during first or second quarter to be eligible for the trip. The students went bowling all day and were provided lunch before returning to Rocky Boy.

We had our semester Academic Awards Assembly on February 7. Student were honored for their high achievements in classes as well as performances on STAR reading and math exams and GPA. Also, citizenship, leadership and principal awards were given.

On February 19th Alyxandria Sunchild was featured on the KRTV 10pm News as the Student of the Week.

We also had two pep assemblies. One for both the boys and girls basketball teams prior to their district tournament in Shelby. The girl’s team lost out and the boy’s team won the tournament. The second assembly was to send off the boys to their divisional tournament in Shelby in which they won 2nd place. The varsity cheerleaders put on both assemblies and provided activities for all to enjoy.

Behavior Management: Handbook policies continue to be enforced.

Our “STAR Awards” are given to students who demonstrate behaviors which support our four MBI pillars (Graduate, Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe) every Monday. We would like to expand our use of MBI throughout the school in every area.

Our class attendance competition continues with the 8th grade taking first with a rate of 75.26%. The 7th grade took second with a rate of 74.99%. Freshman came in 3rd with

72.36%. Finally, the Seniors had 71.16%, the Juniors had 70.54%, and the Sophomores were last with 65.76%. Overall, the classes saw a 9-13 percent attendance rate drop for the month of February. We would like to see our students maintain at least an 85% or higher class attendance rate.

Students of the month - January: Ayana Figueroa and Kendall Windy Boy.

Daily Management: Work continues with Infinite Campus. We had training on the Infinite Campus food service piece which will enable the kitchen to have more accurate numbers for cooking. It also provides for easier tracking of meals and afternoon snacks served for reimbursement. We are also working on opening the student and parent portals for Infinite Campus. This will allow students and parents to monitor student progress in real-time. We are hoping to have this available soon but for sure by the beginning of next year (fall 2019).

We have successfully reassigned courses to teachers due to the resignation of a teacher. We have been able to cover the courses thanks to the support and flexibility of the entire teaching staff. We are also in the process of looking at teaching assignments for next year and developing our schedule. We need to offer more elective classes to the high school students which would require us to hire another full-time teacher on top of replacing the math teacher we lost at semester. Our goal is to have a schedule and tentative student schedules completed before students leave for summer break.

Current enrollment for Jr. High - 91 students, High School - 128 students, Total enrollment 7/12 - 219 students. Boy's State Basketball Tournament will be held in Belgrade March 6-8. We will then be gearing up for spring sports and graduation.