



**Strategic Plan  
Spotlight:  
Wildwood  
Elementary  
School  
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# Overview

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## **Building Strategic Plan Element**

- Building Relationships &  
Belonging





## Wildwood Elementary School Mission

Our mission statement is the declaration of our intent! This includes what we aspire to be, our purpose (why), and the environments we must have to support the mission.

**The mission of Wildwood Elementary School, the joyful Zephyr family dedicated to building the foundational pathway of learner agency and personal excellence, is to ensure that each student has intrinsic passion for life and learning with compassion for oneself and others, through a vital system distinguished by:**

- **A culture of exploration, play, wonder, and creativity**
- **An equitable learning experience for all**
- **A community that builds authentic relationships, a sense of belonging, collaboration, and trust**
- **A culture that views challenges as opportunities to persevere and grow**
- **An array of exceptional and global learning experiences that cultivate academic, social, and emotional growth**

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## Connecting with Each Other

- In order to build a sense of belonging we feel that it is important to get to know each other as the Wildwood School Family.
- We know that a sense of belonging is a key element in our building blocks to building learner agency.
- In our classrooms, we explore students' Hopes & Dreams and Very Important Person presentations as a way for our students to share and as a way for our staff to foster authentic relationships.



## Connecting with Each Other

- COVID-19 protocols make it difficult to gather as a large school community but we've found a new way to connect.
- We have started a "Connections Wall" at the front of our school with a new theme each month.
- Each month we have an opportunity for staff and students to highlight a piece of their life others may not know about.
- Distance learners also participate by sending in their information for the Connections Wall.
- The Connections Wall has created a space for students and classes to stop by, have conversations and often, the conversation goes deeper in the classroom.





**Honoring Our Veterans  
Wildwood Elementary School**



## Connection Wall Themes

**February:** Para appreciation: Honoring our hard working paras.

**March:** I Love to Read: Students will share pictures of creative places they like to read.

**April:** Staff as elementary students: Staff will bring in pictures of themselves when they were in elementary school

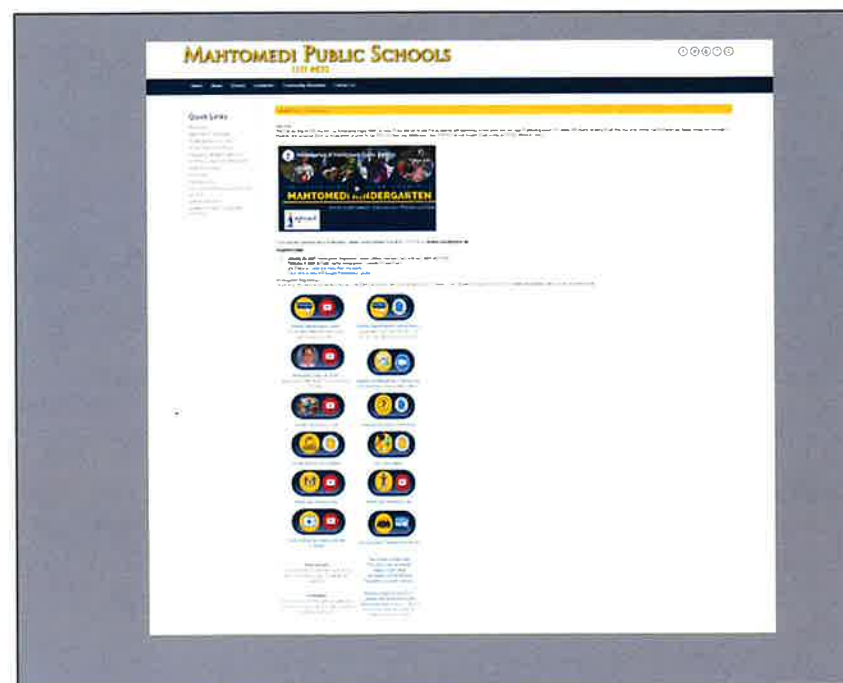
**May:** Favorite Pet: Students will bring in photos of their favorite pet or what they would like their favorite pet to be.





## Kindergarten: 2021-22

- COVID-19 protocols also prohibit large gatherings of our incoming Kindergarten families.
- In order to build a relationship with our new Kindergarten families, we converted our Open House and Registration process to a virtual experience.
- Families are able to access information and watch mini videos with teachers (classroom tour, book readings).
- On February 4, incoming Kindergarten families attended our first Zephyr Kindergarten Connection Zoom event where families met teachers in breakout rooms.



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