

Principal's Report
January School Board Meeting
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown
Grades K-12



All District

Staff engaged in Professional Development on January 2 and 16. A part of the professional development included professional learning communities with work dedicated to learning standards and proficiency scales. In addition, the district teachers are doing a book read, *The Energy Bus* by Jon Gordon. Overall we are hearing positive feedback and observing growth.

The end of December and into January was busy in terms of weather related changes. We went into winter break with flexible learning and have had a few late starts and flexible learning days to kick off the New Year.

This week Jan. 23-29 is Paraprofessional Appreciation Week in the state of MN. Fun activities and treats have been planned for each day this week in all three schools! Thank you to all of our district paraprofessionals for all they do to support WEM students!

PreK-6 Report

K-6th grade students did a revisit on Bucs Pride expectations upon return from our winter break.

The Great Kindness Challenge takes place this week. Students in grades Prek-4 are challenged to show kindness in a variety of ways this week!

The sixth grade Math Masters team has begun to train for the upcoming Math Master's Competition. The Fifth grade Math Masters team will begin training in the coming weeks!

Grade 5 students have begun DARE Classroom lessons. Lessons will continue through April and will culminate with DARE Graduation at a future date.

Fifth Grade students will be attending the second annual Eagle Bluff Field Trip February 8-10. Many have raised funds for the trip through fundraising opportunities made available! Thanks to many in the community for your support in making this trip a reality!

7-12 Report

All secondary students and staff have completed semester 1 on January 13. New semester classes started on January 17. We are off to a great start for the second half of the year.

The FCCLA group held a blood drive on Friday, January 6. As always the drive was well attended and supported by the community.

Planning for Snow Week, Career Navigator (9th grade only) Reality Day (junior and seniors only) and standardized testing (MCAs and ACT) is underway. We will also be registering for 2023-2024 in February. Registration in February is earlier than previous years, but will help us get a head start on creating a master schedule which will benefit our staffing alignment between buildings.

The junior high students went to Mount Kato for a winter activity. Students had the choice of skiing or snow tubing. Thank you to Doug Androli and Pam Heinz for helping to organize the event.