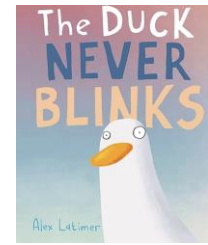
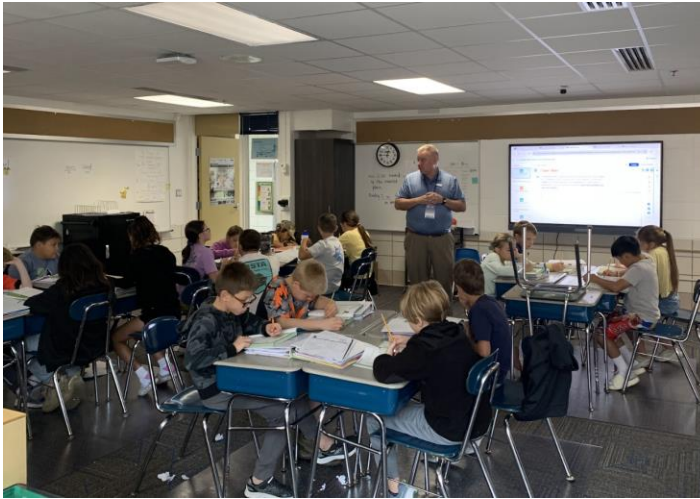


School Board Report – October 2024  
PK-5 Principal Jill McGowan



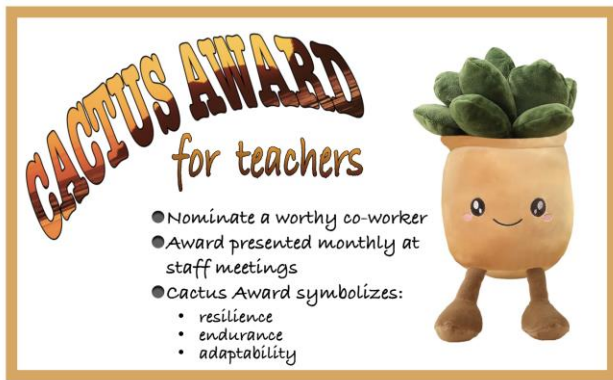
1. I had the opportunity to read to our preschool and kindergarten classrooms. Not all of these kids went to WHA last year, so this is a great way for them to meet me. It's fun to see the kids in the hallway days later and have them say, "Remember when you came into our room and read the book about the duck?"
2. On September 24th, we had an educational consultant from our math curriculum company, enVision, visit to push into classrooms to support teachers with implementation. While he was here, he met with teams to answer questions and he modeled a lesson in a 4th grade classroom that other teachers were able to come and watch.



3. On September 25th, the high school principal and myself attended a meeting at Sourcewell on the READ Act. These READ Act meetings will be held monthly and are meant to help ensure we are meeting the requirements, looking ahead to next steps with phase two, and networking with other schools to gain shared knowledge/understanding around the READ Act requirements.
4. On September 26th, I attended the tribal consultation meeting in Cass Lake with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Director of Education. Julie Granberg, Janelle R. Johnson, Kevin Wellen, Linda Arts, and Linsey McMurrin also attended.
5. On October 2nd we held our first pep fest of the school year. At our pep fest, the Auditorium is filled with laughter and cheering as we celebrate our students and staff. We cram a lot into a short amount of time. At the pep fests, we:
  - sing our school song
  - review our Character Strong word of the month (September was respect)
  - recognize students who were selected for Cookies with the Principal (this is chosen at a classroom level and one student is chosen per room each month who has gone above and beyond displaying the Character Strong word for that month)
  - introduce the following month's focus (October is responsibility)
  - play a Minute-to-Win-It game as a fun energizer
  - announce our five student winners for our monthly Wolf Pack Pride drawing
  - recognize our new classroom winner for the Wolf Pack Pride rug (this is for the classroom who has been doing a great job showing Wolf Pack Pride around the building and it's chosen by our school staff)
  - recognize our new classroom winner for the Golden Garbage can (this is for the classroom who has been doing a great job cleaning up after themselves and it's chosen by our school custodians).



6. The elementary started a new teacher recognition award called the Cactus Award. This is an internal award, where staff nominate co-workers. We recognized our first teacher on October 2nd and the recipient was Joe Capesius!



7. PE Recess is something new this year for students in grades 2-5. One of our Phy. Ed. teachers, Cody Stevenson, plans skills and games that students can choose to participate in during their recess. This is a great way to increase skills, help students learn rules of various games, teach sportsmanship, and develop a love for physical activity. Each week is a new opportunity. The first week of offering PE Recess, 208 students participated in soccer. The second week had 137 students play yard games. The third week had 155 students play wiffle ball. Last week, 244 students participated in volleyball. This week is net sports which includes Badminton, Tennis and Pickleball! We have had very positive feedback from students and staff!



8. Homecoming was September 30th to October 4th. We had fun dress up days and were invited to join in the high school pep fest. Kudos to the spirit squad for having courage to get up in front of the student body and perform some cheers!



9. On October 6th I attended the Healing Walk in Onigum. The Fall Feast followed the walk and was a celebration of the seasonal harvest. The Healing Walk began in 2021 under the guidance of Elaine Fleming who is a local, Anishinaabe elder. The purpose has been to heal and strengthen relationships between WHA and our Native communities.



10. We recognized fire prevention week on October 9th and 10th. The Walker Fire Department did a presentation with PreK through third grade. This report was due before this event, but a big thank you to the Walker Fire Department for their partnership!

11. We held Math Night on October 10th, in conjunction with the book fair. This event is always well attended and entails dinner and fun family math games. The purpose of this evening is to introduce families to educational math games they can play at home. A big thank you to Nola Ware and our math night sub-committee for their planning to make this event such a success.



Come to WHA school for

## Elementary Family Math Night!

**Thursday, October 10**

- This event is free!
- Please enter through the Commons (door #1). The elementary entrance will be locked.
- Students must be accompanied by an adult.

PreK to 5th-grade WHA students who attend will have a chance to win a *prize* at each grade level. The drawing will take place after the event during morning announcements.

- ★ 5:00-6:00 pm  
Dinner in the Commons



- ★ 5:30-7:00 pm  
Family math games in the Media Center and hallways



- ★ Learn about our Title services and funding
- ★ The Book fair will be open in the Media Center

**Student enrollment as of 10.7.24 = 306** (we ended the 23-24 school year with 317)

Pk = 18

Kindergarten = 46

1<sup>st</sup> Grade = 39

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade = 39

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade = 51

4<sup>th</sup> Grade = 58

5<sup>th</sup> Grade = 55