

Report to the School Board

October 9, 2023

By Elementary School Principal Dave Riebel

Strategic Priority 1: Student Success

- Safety Drills

All students and staff participated in building wide safety drills on Thursday, Sept 14. Our overall emphasis for all drills is to practice in order to be prepared and have all students understand what to do in case of these emergencies. Classroom teachers first spoke with classrooms to introduce, prepare and discuss the drills. The whole school then participated in announced storm, fire and evacuation drills. Classrooms also completed the bus evacuations drills that are required each year.

- Fall Assessments

Students and staff are near the end of the fall assessments. The staff are able to make data based decisions about instruction and services. We utilize the information from our Fastbridge fluency assessments, MAP comprehension assessments as well as the curricular assessments to differentiate the instruction and gauge learning levels. Our intervention staff directly utilize the assessment information to update the small groups that receive additional time and instruction for reading and math skills.

- Picture Day

Elementary School students and staff had picture day with Jostens on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 5-6. All students and families have the opportunity to purchase picture packages directly from the company website.

- Fire Prevention Week

Oct. 8 – 14 is Minnesota Fire Prevention Week. Our local volunteer fire department will be bringing fire trucks and the smoke house to teach students how be safe in the event of a house fire as well as how to prevent fires in their homes. Thank you to our local volunteers for this opportunity.

Strategic Priority 2: Effective Staffing

- Welcome Ben Oevering who has been added to our early childhood paraprofessional staff. Ben will assist in our school readiness rooms as well as assist with our early childhood special education department.

Strategic Priority 3: Finance

No report this month.

Strategic Priority 4: Facilities

No report this month.

Strategic Priority 5: Community Engagement

- Homecoming Week fun



Students and staff at the elementary participated in the homecoming fun by following the dress up days throughout the week. The build up the excitement for homecoming that was capped off by the annual walk to main street to watch homecoming parade on Friday afternoon. Go CARDS!



- Absentee voting under way

Community members who wish to cast an absentee ballot for the Operating Levy and Bond Referendum vote are able to stop by the elementary school from 7:30-3:30 each day that school is in session up to Friday, Nov. 3. Thank you to Nancy West and Linda Leibfried for their training and assistance with the absentee voting process.