



# Waterville-Elysian-Morristown

ISD #2143

Greetings School Board Members,

Here are a few updates from the Middle School:

- **Promoting Positivity and Kindness:** We have a variety of different activities, dress up days, and miscellaneous things we are doing to promote kindness this month. We have scheduled dress up days throughout the month and if the students dress up they write a kindness note to a classmate and put it in their homeroom's "Kindness Jar." At the end of the month the homeroom with the most kindness notes will win a prize for spreading the most kindness! Teachers are passing out Kindness tokens to students who can then turn around and use them at our "Kindness Kart" to purchase different prizes. We are all seeing the impact these things are having on the students and look forward to ending the 2024 year on a positive note!
- **Holiday Concerts:** Congratulations to Mr. Larson and the Middle School choir and band on two successful concerts this month. I was impressed with the preparation I have seen all year long, so it was wonderful to see it all pay off during the performances. I was able to supervise the choir concert on Monday and to say it was a "packed house" is an understatement. Families and community members really show up to support our students during performances, sporting events, and activities!
- **PBIS Data:** Our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) team has diligently reviewed behavioral data to ensure we, as a staff, are accountable for creating systems that promote positive behavior. By implementing clear expectations and proactive strategies, we have fostered a culture where positive actions are consistently reinforced. This is evident in our distribution of BUCS Pride tokens, which staff have given out at a 12:1 ratio compared to office referrals and behavior infractions, highlighting our commitment to encouraging and recognizing positive student behavior.

Thank you,  
Myles Knutson