

# *Report to the School Board*

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## GOAL 1: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO PROVIDE THE BEST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

- **Thank you to all!**

As the Elementary and Intermediate Schools wrap up the 2020-2021 school year, a THANK YOU goes out to all students, parents and staff for all the needed effort that went into a year that presented many changes and challenges. We began the year with a specific Safe Learning Plan that included required safety procedures and social distancing protocols in place for all students and staff. We were able to continue that plan all year and provided a full schedule of instruction, even through a period of Distance Learning and a few quarantines. We can look back at a year which had its share of frustrations and missed opportunities. We can also look back on the year and see positives! All students, parents and staff members learned many new school tools and skills. We all were dropped into practicing life skills that can and will be utilized in our futures. We were creative. We were collaborative. We were definitely resilient. We were Cardinal Strong!

## GOAL 2: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO HIRE, DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE STAFF.

- **Thank you to staff!**

Thank you to Elementary paraprofessionals Ms. Gunnarson and Mr. Koski and Intermediate paraprofessional Ms. Clobes for their skills and service to our students and schools. We will miss you and wish you all the best in your new endeavors!

- **Happy Retirement!**

We also acknowledge and appreciate 33 years of teaching and service to students by Mr. Bunkowski. A long time member of the Intermediate school staff, Mr. B has taught hundreds of students in our district, many of which have sent children of their own into his classroom. We wish Mr. Bunkowski all the best in his upcoming retirement and hope that he maintains the connections to our school family.

## GOAL 3: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN A POSITIVE EMOTIONAL AND SAFE CLIMATE FOR LEARNERS AND STAFF.

- **Spring events:**

Although everything was impacted by the needed pandemic protocols and adjustments, our Elementary and Intermediate students and staff enjoyed events in May and June:

### Reading Night:

The weather first forced a postponement and then forced a change in the outdoor layout. As with so many things, staff and students overcame those speed bumps as many families were still able to participate in the "Spring Into Summer Reading" event. This drive through event provided families with information and resources for the school's summer reading program and digital connections as well as local library info. K-6 students who attended got a bookworm snack, chose a free book and were entered into a drawing for Barnes and Noble gift cards. Thank you to Ms. Ostrander for her planning and preparations.

### Homegoing dress up week.

The Homegoing spirit from the High School transferred to the elementary with a dress up week including America Day, Hawaii Day, Class Color Day, Hat Day and Pioneer Day to add into the Oregon Trail excitement.

### Oregon Trail

The show must go on. Although they would like to have presented their learning live to their elementary peers, the fourth-grade students and staff found a way to highlight and present their learning of American history. Virtual presentations put on by Mr. Buringa's and Ms. Kennedy's classes that portrayed scenes from the trail. Ms. Berndt's class presented video directions and demonstrations for games and activities that were a part of the lives of the children on the Oregon Trail. Creative and fun for all!

- **Last week of school**

Intermediate Activity Day

Mr. Montgomery led the fifth and sixth grade students through six rotations of events. Students competed in softball and frisbee throws, soccer kick, Standing long jump, vertical jump and a sprint.

Elementary Last Day

The elementary staff planned for rotational group activities at both the elementary back yard for grade 1-2 as well as at South Park for grades 3-4. A rotation of water balloon volleyball, egg toss and relay races were held on the warm last day of fun.

Sixth Grade Graduation

The sixth grade staff were proud to present 49 students with their sixth grade diplomas at our graduation event from the Intermediate School gymnasium. Thank you to all students and staff who planned for and presented this Live Streamed event to parents.

**GOAL 4: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE DISTRICT'S INFRASTRUCTURE.**

- **Elementary North Entrance**

Thank you to our Early Childhood staff members who volunteered time, effort and sweat to redesign the Early Childhood entrance to our school. The area is now planted with a low maintenance landscape around the entrance and sandbox areas. Take a look!