

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



Quarter 2 began on November 9. Junior high quarter classes finalized and new quarter switch classes are underway. Positive feedback from students regarding our new classes, specifically wildlife (junior high) and outdoor education (high school).

Parent-Teacher conferences are November 22-23. Students have school a half day both days.

Thanksgiving break is November 25-28. Students will return for 3.5 weeks before winter break.

On November 2, we welcomed Willow Sweeney from Top 20. Willow's message focused on social-emotional development, learning and meeting students where they are in their development post-pandemic. The responses from staff included positivity and a request to bring her back. All staff were invited to attend.

Special thanks to WEM staff members. They show up each day, in the toughest of circumstances at times to give their best to our students. It has been a more difficult start to the year than years past, but know we see your hard work and appreciate all you do!

### ***PreK-6 Report***

On Nov. 11, Kindergarten and Third grade students participated in the high school hosted Veteran's Day program. Kindergarten students lead the program participants in the Pledge of Allegiance and Third Grade students shared their musical talent with a song. Fifth and Sixth grade students were able to live stream the event as well.

Prek-6th grade student conferences begin today and continue into tomorrow.

On Nov. 24, the Ned Show returns to WEM K-4 students, in a live stream event! The theme of the Need Show this year is “Kindness Adventure” which supports our Kindness initiative this year!

5-8th grade students participated in Coin Wars. This was an all Morristown event which challenged grades to bring in the most coins. Winning grades received a fun prize. Proceeds went to purchase books for students and classroom libraries. This event coincided with the 5-8 Scholastic Book Fair which is running currently in Morristown.

### ***7-12 Report***

The high school hosted a Veteran’s Day program on November 11 at 2:00 p.m. Members of our local Legion chapters attended. A special thank you to the colorguard for being with us, the WEM third graders for participating in singing a patriotic song, the kindergarteners and their teachers for preparing and leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Larson and Mrs. Kreinbring for their musical direction and Mr. David Wollin for giving the keynote address.

On November 1 two members of MN Teen Challenge (adult program) came to WEM and presented for the high school student body. The message was well received and students have asked to have them back to further talk and educate. This is a no-charge program that promotes chemical free lifestyles and provides insight and options to avoid peer pressures.

On November 4 members of the junior class took the ASVAB test. The proctors from the MN National Guard reported back to us, “They were a great group of students. You should be proud of them and thank you for all you do for your students!”

On November 5 the freshmen attended the annual Career Navigator program at SCC in Faribault. Mrs. Reuver’s (school counselor) reported it was a great day and a fun experience.

A group of juniors and seniors attended the Construct Tomorrow Event at Civic Center in the morning and SCC (Mankato) in the afternoon on November 17. There have been a fair number of students showing interest in the welding program at SCC so it was a great opportunity for the group to enjoy visiting and engaging with instructors from the program in-person.