



Driftwood School

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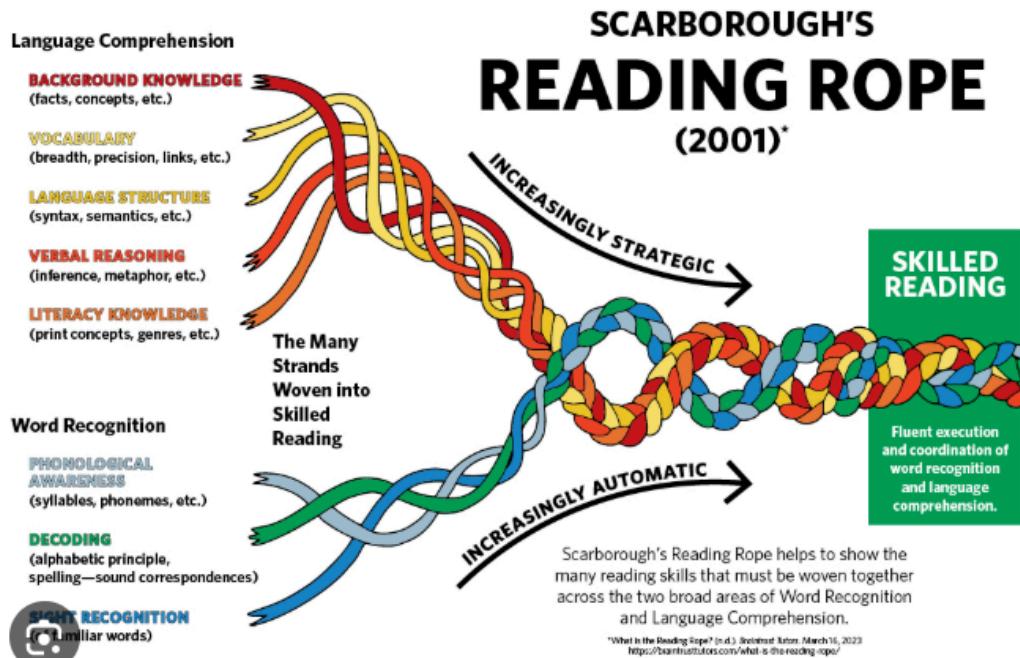
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*“We are here to help our Students.....
Navigate Challenges with Grace, Prepare For Their Futures and Anchor Themselves In Our Community.”*

PRINCIPAL's UPDATE 12/15/25

- Current Enrollment 102 students (with three new registrants expected when we return in January).
- Family literacy night was well attended with approximately 58 participants. Families enjoyed dinner and hot chocolate. Ms. Johannesmeyer provided a presentation on the strands of literacy using the Scarborough Model



Participants were released to eight educational stations/classrooms to engage in a fun activity that highlighted each strand of the reading rope. Our students collected tickets from each station that were turned in at the end of the evening to enter a raffle for several literacy prize baskets. Many thanks to our staff members who helped run stations, serve food, provide child care and help with clean up! Shout out to Ms. Johansenmeyer for planning and organizing, Ms. Shanthi for the shopping, Ms Autumn for child care with her PHS assistants, Ms. Fleming, Mr. Fisher, Ms Lamon, Ms Skinner, Ms. McDade, Ms Windholz, Ms. Thompson, Ms Heather, Ms Michele, Mr. Miller....and to Lauriel and Dee for the food order and making sure I knew how to operate the ovens and dishwasher!!

- Twas the Night Before Christmas PHS production. Ms Carlton and Ms. Dupree helped us create a schedule so that all Driftwood students could attend on Friday the 12th in two separate performances (9 - 10 and 10:30 - 11). Driftwood greatly appreciates this accommodation as well as the transportation required!
- Staffing - Ms. Stout has been working on trying to find coverage for our ASL interpreter who will be out on maternity leave. We have two people who were willing to cover sporadically but that is not sufficient for our 1st grader. Inquiries have also been made regarding virtual providers. By happy accident during interviews for a different position, Ms Stout noticed one of our candidates had some ASL skills as is willing to receive additional training from Ms Raymond to fill in as an interpreter.

We were able to hire Carrie King for our open special ed aid position working primarily with one Student. Welcome Carrie!!

- Driftwood is sad to say goodbye to Brooke Seagrave and Cameron Pasquel who have been doing heavy duty subbing in the kitchen, in Title 1, in Life Skills. A big thank you to them both! They showed up just when we needed them most! Best of luck in California!!
- Law Conference session:
Some interesting takeaways about using AI in schools and protecting privacy and preventing copyright issues. I think the admin team needs to discuss our current policy and determine:

Do we want to use one particular platform/
Open or closed AI platform?
Appropriate use in the classroom
Teaching appropriate use and acknowledging use of AI in work
Teaching that AI is only as good as the information it is fed

- V Math intervention curriculum received- 6 hour asynchronous training needed for Donna, and Barbara and myself. All teachers will have access to this training.
- Discussion with Mr Miller regarding additional intervention time (beyond Title 1) for students brought to the MTSS committee. A thought that we use Ashleigh, our potential ASL substitute for this role. We can create a dual schedule for classroom support and tutoring specific students.
- Our Community Liaison has organized a Dance Party on the 17th in the Driftwood Play shed.5PM to 7PM.
- November and December Students of the Month will have Lunch with the principal on the 17th.
- Our next round of progress monitoring opens January 8 and closes February 9.
- The next PBIS assembly will be January 22,2026.







