

Elementary Principal's Report - August 12, 2025

Community Involvement and Awareness

- Open registration occurred on August 1. We had several new and returning families come in for assistance during registration. We also provided free school supplies for families, thanks to donations from several generous organizations and individuals. Thanks to the staff who helped make this all possible. We welcomed 17 new students to the district (not including kindergarten and preK students).
- Meet the Teacher Night is scheduled for Monday, August 11. 1st - 5th grade families will be able to drop off school supplies and see their teachers' classroom. We expect a big turn out as always.
- Prekindergarten screening occurred on July 21. We screened 17 students. We admitted 19 new students into our program and have 7 students on our wait list.
- Prekindergarten Orientation was on Tuesday, August 5. Mrs. Testory did an excellent job sharing what our students and their families can expect with the new school year.
- Kindergarten Orientation was on Thursday, August 7. Families and their students joined us for a meal starting at 5:30 PM thanks to Mrs. Mulks. From there, students then went with their kindergarten teachers and worked on a short, fun lesson while staff presented on various topics. We were excited to have 31 families come out for this event (all but 6 of our new families)!

Curriculum & Program Development/Staff Collaboration

- We are continuing to work on professional development with ROE 17 on mathematics. We have our coaching session days scheduled and plan on using these services to support the implementation of the Illustrative Mathematics curriculum.
- Several special education and office staff participated in Crisis Prevention and Intervention training on August 7 provided by Tri-County. This training is required annually for any staff involved in potential restraint or time-out situations.
- All of our state and federal grants (IDEA, IDEA PreK, PreK, Title I, Title II, Title IV) have been submitted and have either been approved or are in the approval process. All periodic reporting has been completed as well. These grants bring in a combined total of \$389,822 for our district.
- New Arts and Letters Literacy Materials have arrived. Huge thanks to Mrs. Jamison, Stephanie Meints, and others who have helped organize and arrange materials. We are excited to begin distributing and using materials ASAP.

Students and Staff

- Thanks to our tireless custodians on a wonderful summer. The building looks amazing! Custodians helped move several classrooms, waxed floors to incredible shine, painted several areas of the school, relocated classrooms, painted the playground and did an overall outstanding job.

- Extended School Year (ESY) services for students with IEPs took place from July 7 to July 24. We hosted a session for 2 elementary students. Thanks to Mrs. Wilson, Mx. Perfect for their support of students this summer.
- Teacher Institute days will occur on August 11 and 12. We will be reviewing several building updates, review classroom management and crisis plan updates, working on curriculum, preparing for student needs, and a variety of other activities. Thanks to Jenny Jamison for her help in developing the schedule. We will be ready for the first day of student attendance on August 14!
- CHAMPIONS before/after school care has officially moved into the classroom in the basement.
- We are excited to welcome several new staff this year!
 - Allison Boettcher - Elementary Assistant Principal
 - Susan Brinkman - 5th Grade Teacher
 - Kali Caldwell - 1st Grade Teacher
 - Ryleigh Brown - Special Education Teacher
 - Halie Heinz - Paraprofessional
 - Brigitte Tracy - Paraprofessional

Assistant Principal Report

Staff Support

- 504 Plans
 - 504 presentation for staff on the purpose of 504's, the difference between a 504 and an IEP, their responsibility to the 504 and what support they can expect from me.
 - 504 manual
- Met with Special Education Teachers during Bootcamp to discuss communication with paras and classroom teachers about students on their caseloads, presented discussion checklists to staff.
- Paraprofessionals
 - New para orientation with 5 new paraprofessionals
 - With Justin Cox, created paraprofessional handbook
 - Mid-year check in with paraprofessionals via Google feedback form and meeting
- Developing a book study with Jenny Jamison, for teachers of *The Highly Effective Teacher*, to take place during 1st semester