

Elementary Principal's Report - December 2025

Community Involvement and Awareness

- 12/17 - We will celebrate the holidays with our annual Holiday Meal for our Kindergarten - Second grade students. Thanks to Jennifer Scaggs, Emily McCormick, , Allison Boettcher, our classroom teachers, supervisory staff, and most importantly, April Mulks and our outstanding kitchen staff and custodians who help make this event a success.

Curriculum & Program Development/Staff Collaboration

- 12/9 - Mrs. Jamison and I met with grade level teachers to discuss our new ELA curriculum, pacing, and future plans for looking at standards and adjusting report cards to identify new skills and standards. Teachers commented on the challenges of the new curriculum and how it is stretching our students.
- 12/12 - Kindergarten and Fifth grade teachers received coaching from Hailey Pocić-Burt, our dedicated math coach related to our new Illustrative Math Curriculum. We continue to offer professional development for our staff and appreciate Hailey's expertise.

Students and Staff

- 12/3 - Fifth grade band performed in their very first band concert. Mr. Marchese and the students did a great job!
- 12/9 - PreK students held their very first Holiday Program which incorporated signing, hot chocolate, and cookies. Thanks to Mrs. Testory, Mrs. Morefield, Mrs. McCormick, Ms. Boettcher, Miss Cioni, and Mrs. Veytia for their help with such a great event. We had over 100 family members in attendance and filled up almost all of the south gym!
- 12/10 - K-4 students performed in their annual holiday concert. Thanks to Mrs. Aupperle and all staff who remain at school to assist students during this concert! Also, thanks to Mr. Jamerson who assisted with livestreaming the event on YouTube. Overall, the evening was an incredible success!
- 12/15 - 5th Grade students attended their annual Challenger Learning Center field trip in which they engage in an outer space simulation. Thanks as always to the Peoples State Bank of Colfax for helping to pay for this awesome opportunity. We could not attend every year without their support and we are extremely grateful!
- 12/17 - Elementary Student Council continues to try new experiences to make students feel good about themselves and entertain their peers. During December, student council members prepared fun holiday skits and presented them to classes in the south gym. We continue to be excited for the future of our student council!
- 12/18 - Pre-k students attended their first Christmas themed field trip to Helmig Tree Farm. They had decoration crafts, fun with cookies, and much more, all at a local establishment. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Helmig for having students visit the farm!

- 12/19 - STANGS will be here to assist our K-2 teachers and students with games in order to celebrate during our Winter parties! Thanks as always to them for their support.