

School Board Meeting Agenda Item

Topic: Student & School Showcase
Presenter(s): School Principals & Staff

Nature of Action Requested by Board

Board action
Board information or scheduled report

Background Information

The purpose of these showcases is to celebrate and highlight the happenings in our schools and district. Each week a member of the Leadership Team will highlight an activity, group or individual from our district.

The showcase for tonight’s meeting is Neil Lahammer, Wes Albers and Bri Strandberg with the Kindness Club at Burnside Elementary School.

Students scheduled to attend the meeting are: Alana Albers, Zoey Farrell, Remi Glover, Beatrix Kraabel, Phoebe Kraabel, Kathryn O' Connell, Nolan Plote, Addie Reister and Azalea Erickson.

Burnside Kindness Club (meets 1-2 times per week during recess)

The idea for Kindness Club was inspired by Steve Hartman from CBS News, famous for his On the Road interviews, who started a Kindness101 Facebook page during COVID. It became so popular, Hartman invited teachers to share their stories of kindness and pass ideas along to one another. Now with over 93,000 followers, the Kindness101 Facebook page is where we got the idea to start our own Kindness Club after hearing about it at other schools. Our mission is simple.

Kindness Club Mission: Our goal is to spread joy, kindness, and inclusion at Burnside Elementary and beyond. We will encourage kindness and create a safe environment where everyone feels welcome and that they belong.

The students know: if you’re going to talk the talk, you gotta walk the walk.

Projects the Burnside Kindness Club has worked on so far this year include:

- making and putting up Kindness signs throughout the school
- making and putting up signs/making presentations to classes about our snack drive for the Hope and Harbor Homeless Shelter in Red Wing
- collecting snacks for the Hope and Harbor Homeless Shelter (170 boxes of items were collected from Burnside families)

- making anonymous holiday cards for Burnside staff members and putting them in their mailboxes
 - making and putting up signs/making presentations for a school-wide glove and mitten drive
 - collecting gloves and mittens for Burnside students (total of 107 pairs of gloves & mittens, 23 stocking caps, 1 scarf, and 1 pair of ear muffs)
 - making anonymous Valentine cards for Burnside staff members and putting them in their mailboxes
 - making and putting up signs around school for the Burnside Food Drive for the Red Wing Area Food Shelf
 - collecting items for the food drive each morning (this began today and will run through Wednesday, March 12)
- To be continued...