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W.J. Zahnow Elementary Board Report November 2026

October and November are busy months for our elementary buildings! This year, some of our staff participated in Learning Walks with Dr. Thornell. Teachers and administrators visited each elementary school, going into different classrooms to gauge student engagement. We had many great conversations and reflections during the day.

Staff and students participated in a Fire Drill with the Fire Department as well as an Intruder Drill with local police. Both the staff and our students did a great job preparing just in case of an event.

Zahnow held its annual Halloween parade before the Halloween break, and this year we had great weather for the event. This was then followed by Kindergarten and 1st-grade classroom parties. Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the parties.

Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on October 30th and 31st. This was a great opportunity for parents or guardians to meet with teachers to discuss progress so far this school year and see how their child is adjusting to the new year. We had a great turnout of parents /guardians at Zahnow. Thank you to all the parents/guardians who took the time to meet with their teacher(s).

Starting on November 3rd, WIN, or "What I Need" started in 1st grade. Students are split into groups based on academic progress, needs, or anything else in between. Our reading coach and teachers plan groups and activities based on what students need at that moment and monitor progress to reorganize groups and materials as needed.

For October, students learned about the word "Responsibility." We are very proud of all the students who were chosen at the end of the month for demonstrating our character word. In November, students are learning about the word "Peace." Congratulations to Zahnow's Staff Member of the Month, Mike Lindeman. We appreciate the energy he has brought to the cafeteria, the planning he has done, and the time he's taken to get to know the students.

Looking Ahead

November 23rd - 3rd Annual Zahnow Turkey Trot - Parents Invited
November 24th - 1st Grade Thanksgiving Feast
November 25th-November 29th - Thanksgiving Break
December 4th - Early Dismissal
December 5th - Saturday with Santa
December 15th - Kindergarten Christmas Programs
December 18th - Last day before Christmas Break