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## RES Board Report

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# Rippleside Elementary School Board Report

November 2025

## Instruction & Classroom Highlights

- **4th Grade Cribbage Program:** Fourth graders are beginning to learn cribbage and will host *Cribbage Afternoons*, inviting community members to come and play against students. The first session begins this Friday.
- **2nd Grade STEAM – Dash Robot Balloon Parade:** Our annual Balloon Parade using Dash robots is currently underway as part of 2nd grade's engineering and computer science work.
- **6th Grade Science – Green Snap Circuits:** Sixth graders are completing their battery-free circuits project while learning about kinetic and potential energy.
- **Kindergarten Experiences:** Kindergarteners enjoyed a visit from Doctor Science and launched Book Buddies with older students.
- **1st and 4th Grade Book Buddies:** Continued cross-grade literacy partnerships supporting fluency, confidence, and connection.
- **3rd Grade Experiences:**
  - Students met their Grand Friends.
  - PTO sponsored a field trip to the Mille Lacs Indian Museum.
  - Local radio station will donate dictionaries to all 80 third-grade students on 11/25.

## Schoolwide Events & Celebrations

- **2nd Quarter Began:** Quarter 2 officially started on 11/3.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences (Nov. 6):**
  - 393 conferences held out of 400 scheduled
  - 98.25% attendance rate for scheduled conferences
- **Veterans Day Program and Parade:** A well-attended and meaningful celebration honoring local veterans.
- **Student Council Service Project:** Student Council members bagged groceries at Paulbeck's, raising more than **\$1,200** for student council initiatives and schoolwide activities.
- **Schoolwide Kick Back and Watch:** Students and staff enjoyed this positive behavior celebration together.
- **Mr. Dokken's Quarter 1 Reward Time:** Taking place on 11/26 to celebrate positive behavior and consistent effort across the building.

## Family & Community Engagement

- **Neighborhood National Bank Donation:** A generous donation of supplies and financial support was received and greatly appreciated.
- **2nd Grade Senior Center Visits:** Students took walking field trips to local senior centers to complete artwork and spend time with residents.
- **Farm2School Lunch:** Taking place this Thursday, highlighting local foods and healthy choices.
- **Title I Parent Literacy Nights:** The Title team will host two literacy nights in the coming weeks to support families with reading at home.
- **PTO Shirts Plus Fundraiser:** Running through November 30.
- **Community Education Fall Programs:** Basketball (grades 3–6), cheer squad, STEM Fun, and swimming lessons are underway.

## Upcoming Events

- **Scholastic Book Fair:** December 1–5
- **4th Grade “Every Kid Outdoors” Field Trip:** 11/25

## Staff Updates

- **New Paraprofessionals:** We are excited to welcome **Erin** and **Tiia** to the Rippleside paraprofessional team.

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## Principal Reflection — Opportunity

As we move through November, I continue to be inspired by the many opportunities our students and staff create each day. Whether it's 4th graders learning cribbage from community members, 2nd graders engineering their Balloon Parade, or 6th graders exploring energy through battery-free circuits, our building is full of moments where curiosity and creativity take center stage.

Our theme of **Opportunity** has been evident in every corner of Rippleside this month. Students are embracing new challenges, staff are opening doors for deeper learning, and our families and community partners are showing up in meaningful ways. I am grateful for the collective effort that makes Rippleside a place where every child can grow, connect, and discover what is possible. We will continue to build on this momentum as we enter the holiday season and settle into 2nd quarter.

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