

Report to the School Board

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By Elementary / Intermediate School Principal Dave Riebel

GOAL 1: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO PROVIDE THE BEST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

- Parent Teacher Conferences

Grade K-6 parents were able to access our online scheduling system to arrange for a fall conference with homeroom teachers during our scheduled conference evenings on Nov. 15 and 17th. Our lower grades continue to enjoy nearly perfect parent participation, with our overall participation average near 90%. We appreciate that our families understand the importance of home and school communications.

- Evening with Santa

The excitement of the season could be seen as preschool and elementary students came bouncing into the building to attend an Evening with Santa, organized by the Early Childhood team. Families entered the Early Childhood wing and made their way down a winter wonderland hallway filled with photo opportunities like climbing into gingerbread houses and boarding the Polar Express. That train took them to meet Santa, who listened to their wishes. Families had many activities to complete as a family in the media center. Thanks goes out to all staff who assisted with the decorations and to the preschool staff for planning and presenting the memorable evening.



- Intermediate Winter Concerts



The 5th and 6th graders showcased their beginning band and choir skills at the Winter Concert on December 8th. Students enjoyed creating art projects that decorated the walls of the gym, adding to the anticipation of the concert. It was the first time that the winter concert was held in front of a live audience in two years. For fifth grade band members, it highlights the first attempts at playing instruments together and shows the progression of skills and rigor for the sixth graders.

GOAL 2: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO HIRE, DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE STAFF.

- Wellness Updates

Staff members from across PK-12 have been assisting with many activities and events in efforts to keep staff wellness high. Ongoing Wellness activities include Podcast Club, Book Club, Marathon/Million Mile Club and a “You’ve been Socked” holiday challenge. Staff have installed a “Sensory Pathway” in the main hallway of the Elementary for classes to use during passing times. There are also 25 Walking Classroom kits available for grades 4-6 to use as a “walking classroom” lesson. A big thank you goes out to Michelle MacPherson and the whole wellness team for these efforts throughout the school year!

- Staff Development Day- Weds. Dec. 7

Progress continues with our district three year transition plan towards Standards Based Instruction, Assessment and Reporting. Staff continued this path with specific work on developing proficiency scales for each of our standard benchmarks. This will also involve fine tuning the assessments that show the student levels of understanding.

GOAL 3: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN A POSITIVE EMOTIONAL AND SAFE CLIMATE FOR LEARNERS AND STAFF.

- Ten Days of Giving:



The elementary and intermediate school student council members lead our annual 10 Days of Giving collection efforts to benefit the Winona County food shelf. This is a great way to show our Cardinal CARES! Students and staff were able to highlight and understand Empathy for families in need. Cooperation and Assertion were used in working together to bring in lots of items to donate. The “Golden Can” traveling trophy award is given to the classrooms who collect the highest amount of items. Great work everyone!

GOAL 4: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE DISTRICT'S INFRASTRUCTURE.

- Dental Services

Our Elementary and Intermediate School parents will have the opportunity to have free or reduced cost preventative dental services at our buildings through the Minnesota School Sealant Program. Dates for elementary and intermediate students is coming in February.

- Spreading cheer to all!

Thanks to all students and staff members who have put efforts into creating and maintaining a festive atmosphere at our buildings.

The hallways and classrooms reflect these efforts and cast a positive mood for all!

