

Report to the School Board

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Strategic Priority 1: Student Success



Splash into Sumer: An Early Childhood event. The families involved in our early childhood programs were invited to an evening of fun on May 5. The families enjoyed water themed activities and a scavenger hunt along with a hotdog meal for the family. Thank you to our wonderful early childhood team for the planning and implementation of Splash into Summer!

Spring Concerts: Mr. Harper had the K-3 students excited for their performances once again. Our 2nd and 3rd graders performed together on Thursday, May 7 featuring nine songs. The kindergarten and first graders performed on Friday, May 8, also with nine classic songs. Fourth grade students have a musical as part of their learning and performing objectives> Heading West combined their learning about United States history and the practice it takes to put on a musical. Great work students and staff. Our fifth graders will be performing at their upcoming graduation ceremony.



Field Trips: The spring months bring a full calendar of field trips for our elementary students. Visits to indoor facilities like the Planetarium or Owl Center along with outdoor experiences like Quarry Hills and Eagle Bluff provide connections between our grade level standards with the experiential learning. Field trips create the long term memories that stick with students. Thank you to the PLAY Group and our families for the fundraising needed for these activities.

Fourth grade Wax Museum presentations:

A fun way to highlight both the learning and performances that fourth grade students have from their social studies class culminates in a wax museum style presentation. Students and parents push the Play button to activate the performance and script of a famous person from history.



Strategic Priority 2: Effective Staffing

In our April newsletters, the following chart was presented to elementary families highlighting the classroom teachers for the 2026-2027 school year. Adjustments to the specialist schedule, along with the recess, lunch and special education services have been planned and ready for implementation and adjustments in the fall.

Grade	Classroom teachers	
Kindergarten	Ms. Falkowski	Ms. Pilger
1 st grade	Ms. Reszka	
2 nd grade	Ms. Heftman	Ms Mehling
3 rd grade	Mr. Ihrke	
4 th grade	Ms. Kennedy	Mr. Schmaltz
5 th grade	Mr. Buringa	Ms. Puetz

Strategic Priority 3: Finance

No report this month.

Strategic Priority 4: Facilities



It's happening. The boxes are being filled and labeled in preparation for the upcoming renovation of our elementary school and grounds. Thank you to staff for their proactive efforts and for the efforts about to happen on May 21-22.



Strategic Priority 5: Community Engagement

Last Day of School – A big thank you goes out to the Crossings Center for allowing our elementary students to utilize that wonderful facility for our last day of school fun. Classes will rotate between stations for a fun afternoon on our last day of school.