



Board Report for February- 2013

Thank You Board Members!

We got to progress report time in the second trimester very quickly. Seeing that the snow days and furlough days just before Christmas break made things a little chaotic, teachers have been pushing hard to get in as much curriculum as we can. Soon the OAKS assessment requirements will further stress instructional time so I see many teachers doing their best to engage kids and make sure we are teaching what kids need to learn.

Intervention/Enrichment Days

Our Intervention/enrichment days are well-organized and most teachers are calling students they need. Now that progress reports are out, about 22% of our grades are incompletes (19.57%) or failures (2.92%.) This data will help us to focus more sharply on those students who should be in their intervention classes. While the enrichments are fun activities, I remain concerned that our best and above average students are missing out on class time that is more useful to them than the various classes we offer for enrichment. We plan to survey our students again next week (February 6) to see if we can better know what enrichments would be of value to them. This Wednesday schedule is still a work in progress.

Bomb/Shooting Threat Update

I was proud of the way our staff and students responded to the bomb/shooting threat that we had on January 30. We got excellent support from Josephine County Sherriff (6 men for 2 1/2 hours), our classified and certified staff did well in the search of all students, the confiscation of all electronics for the day, and for their ability to keep students calm and focused. John George, Mark Higgins and Jaime Ongman were very helpful in the search process. We were able to identify the student responsible for writing the threat and we are working with the Sherriff to complete the investigation. More detailed information can be obtained from the Superintendent and from Doug Ely.

Conferences February 6-7

We have begun calling parents for conferences and I hope they will be useful.

Boys Basketball Team Update

Our boys' basketball team is close to being Skyline Champs for the 2nd year in a row. We are inviting you to come see them in the playoffs and we have high hopes of being able to compete for the State 4A Championship.

Respectfully,
Dennis Misner, Principal