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FROM: RYAN PEYTON, PRINCIPAL, RUTH M. SCHNEIDER ELEMENTARY

DATE: 9/11/2024

RE: PRINCIPAL REPORT

Upcoming Events:

September

2 Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
9 P.I.E. 6:00 p.m.
18 Board Meeting, HS Library 7:00 p.m.
20 Progress reports go home
23 School Improvement - NO SCHOOL

October

3 Growing Together, Schneider Cafeteria, 5:30 p.m.
7 P.I.E., 6:00 p.m.
9 Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:30-6:45 p.m.
10 Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:30-6:45 p.m.
11 Teacher Institute – NO SCHOOL
14 Columbus Day – NO SCHOOL.
16 Board Meeting, HS Library 7:00 p.m.
18 End of 1st Quarter
25 Report cards go home
TBA Knight Walk, 6:00 p.m., BRHS
TBA Halloween Parade, 1:30 p.m.; Parties, 2:15 p.m.

FYI:

***Knight Walk** - Knight Walk is P.I.E.'s largest fundraiser. This fundraiser supports Schneider Elementary's students and staff. Our families and students outdid themselves this year raising \$10,658. The Knight Walk will take place September 27 at 6:00 p.m. Following the Knight Walk, families are invited to attend a family friendly movie in the BRHS Old Gym. We hope to see everyone there!

Congratulations and Kudos:

***UFLI Implementation** - Last school year, our district literacy committee worked diligently to explore ways to improve literacy for all students. This work resulted in adopting an evidence based curriculum known as UFLI Foundations for the 2024-2025 school year. UFLI Foundations is an explicit and systematic program that introduces students to the foundational reading skills necessary for proficient reading. It's been amazing to observe UFLI in action this school year. From K to 3, students and staff are engaging with this curriculum and utilizing resources to support implementation. I'm excited to see the growth our students make in their foundational reading skills from explicit, systematic phonics instruction.

***Pre-K Growing Together** - We hosted our first Pre-K Growing Together Night in August. These events happen throughout the school year and provide an engaging, family friendly evening. This event featured dinner and an opportunity for students and families to interact on the playground. It's a simple event with the purpose of helping families to connect!



***PBIS Kickoff Assembly/Gotcha Party** - Each year we host a PBIS Kickoff Assembly. This event features a PBIS skit that demonstrates our “Respect” rules in action. Our BRHS Thespian Troupe put on another engaging performance that captivated our students. Thank you, Sarah Yeagle and the BRHS Thespian Troupe for providing this exciting event. In the afternoon, we celebrated our “Respect” rules with an outdoor party featuring bubbles and chalk. These events contribute to building a positive and safe learning community.



***Safety Drills** - Each year, our building plans and implements several safety drills including fire drills, evacuation drills, bus drills, etc. Teachers share expectations with students prior to these events to create clarity and understanding. These events allow us to fine tune our actions during these critical moments. At the beginning of the month, we completed our state required bus drills. Thank you to Debra and our transportation department for providing bus expectations and demonstrating how to properly evacuate a bus.



***Exemplary Knights:**

Audriel Hardin (K) - I would like to recommend Audriel Hardin as an Exemplary Knight for Kindergarten. Audriel has started her school year with a smile and is excited everyday to come to class. She has easily learned our classroom rules and procedures and sets a great example to her peers on what is expected. She is a great friend to others, often complimenting them on a job well done or encouraging them to try their best. She is helpful and kind to classmates as well as teachers throughout the building. She participates in class discussions, completes all of her work and tries her best on all she does. Audriel has a great sense of humor and is a delight to have in class. For these reasons and more, I would like to recommend Audriel Hardin as an Exemplary Knight for Kindergarten.

Ellie Clark (1st) - Ellie is such a kind and respectful student. She is a leader for our class, always following directions the first time, even when there are distractions around her. She is engaged in our lessons, participating often and sharing thoughtful ideas during our class discussions. It is clear she loves learning! In addition to being a great student Ellie is a great friend! She is caring and empathetic. She always makes sure people around her are happy and feel included. Ellie brings so much joy to our classroom and we love spending our days with her!

Cambrey Masset (2nd) - Cambrey is a true leader in our classroom. She is always willing to help her peers, cheer someone up who needs it, and always thinks of others. Cambrey teaches her peers new skills and helps them to understand directions or class work whenever she can. She is always willing to learn. Cambrey seeks out opportunities to learn new things or ask questions to help her better understand. I love that she listens to feedback on her work, asks questions about what to do, and takes extra time to check work and apply feedback! She is incredibly talented, intelligent, and exemplifies what a Knight should be! I am extremely proud of Cambrey and love seeing all of the amazing things she accomplishes each day!

Braelynn Anderson (3rd) - Braelynn is an extraordinary student! She is kind, caring, helpful, hardworking, and has a great sense of humor. Braelynn is always there to lend a hand, to both students and adults alike. She is never afraid to ask questions in order to accomplish her task and goals. Braelynn always comes to class with a grin on her face and a quick story to tell. She goes above and beyond what is asked of her every day and is a great friend to those around her. Braelynn is an outstanding student and is perfect for Exemplary Knight!

Michelle Wills (Faculty) - Mrs. Wills works numerous hours to support students, families, and staff at Schneider. She finds ways to meet the needs of her students. She has a 'think outside the box' mentality and aims to make sure students are able to show what they have learned, even if it's in a way that is unique from our own experiences. She embraces her students and believes that ALL students can and will learn. Mrs. Wills stays in constant communication with families to assure that the home-school connection is at its best. Finally, Mrs. Wills works hard to support classroom teachers with ideas on supporting students. Schneider is fortunate to have Mrs. Wills and her determination to empower students to be the best that they can be at school and in life!

Curriculum/Instruction:

*See Mrs. Trimble's Report

Behavior:

*There is no behavior data for August. Our building begins collecting behavior data in September. We spend our first few weeks teaching routines, rules, and expectations so students clearly understand what is expected of them.