

Report to the School Board

February 8, 2021

By Elementary / Intermediate School Principal Dave Riebel

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

- PK-6 In-person update:

Continued thanks and praise goes out to all PK-6 students and staff. The Elementary and Intermediate Schools continue to provide a consistent, stable and normal schedule of instruction. This continues while following the needed safety protocols and procedures that make the news as challenges across the state and nation.

We are pleased to finish up recent quarantine situations and will continue to work to maintain our full capacity.

- Distance Learner update:

Most of the families/students who opted into Distance Learning after the holiday break have now returned to in-person learning. A few more of the families/students who chose Distance Learning to start the year have also returned.

Elementary students in Distance Learning full time: 8%

Intermediate students in Distance Learning full time: 15%

Distance Learner percentage of total K-6 students: 10%

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

- January 22 Workshop Day:

The PK-6 staff members had their regularly scheduled workshop day on Jan. 22. The afternoon was scheduled for the typical end of the quarter assessing, report card and work in rooms tasks. The morning had a goal to clarify, quantify and communicate the effects of Distance Learning and our face-to-face/hybrid learning models on current students and communicate that impact amongst staff.

Staff first analyzed the impact on their instruction and assessment overall lesson plans. With this knowledge, staff can use it to plan for the remaining months of instruction. Staff then took time to analyze student learning levels from classroom and grade level assessment information to use as formative information for our remaining months of school.

- Concurrent Enrollment class collaboration:

A needed collaborative effort between Elementary staff members and Ms. Nickelotti from the High School is taking place. Ms. Nickelotti is instructing a concurrent enrollment class titled Foundations in Education for some high school juniors who are interested in the education field as a possible career. Through the collaboration, these juniors are able to join Zoom meetings to virtually observe classrooms, providing what would have been some in-person observations in a non-pandemic year.

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

- Paraprofessional Appreciation Week

Students and staff honored our dedicated paraprofessional staff throughout the week of Jan. 25-29 with classroom cards and ended with a appreciation pizza meal on Friday.

- 3rd – 6th grade pod Open Gym:

In efforts to purposely provide ways for students to be active and to play together, L-A Community Ed has set up afterschool open gym times supervised by school staff. Classroom pods are rotated after school in attempts to find times that will work for students and families. Thanks goes out to Ms. Sula for planning and implementing this endeavor.

- Winterfest 2021



There are too many items that typically provide excitement and engagement for our PK-6 students that are *not* able to be held because of the pandemic. In a purposeful effort to add in something that we CAN do, students and staff will participate in our first ever Winterfest on Feb. 8-12. Theme days will have dress up and activities planned throughout the week in efforts to add to the excitement and smiles in our buildings. It also provides a wonderful opportunity to emphasize and utilize our Cardinal CARES skills of Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy and Self control.

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

- A review of the Elementary and Intermediate school classroom technology inventory is underway to determine steps for upgrading and replacement.