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TMS June 2017 Board Report

Greenhouse Plant Sale Big Success

Mrs. Paupore and her 7th grade students held a very successful plant sale. They had a bumper crop. There were many more plants this year, and so they gave away many plants that were left-over from the sale. Some were given to local community gardens such as Kinship and Grace Lutheran.

Red, White, and Blue Day

Our 8th grade choir and band students performed at the Red, White, and Blue Day ceremony in the field house. They did an excellent job and the field house was packed.

Staff vs. 8th Grade Kickball

We held a staff vs. 8th grade kickball game as an end of the year activity for the school and our PBIS program. Students received ice cream, and were able to watch the game. It was a fun event for everyone.

Awards Programs

Each grade level held awards programs for end of the year awards in academics and other activities. For 8th grade the program was in the evening with parents invited. It was not a graduation or completion ceremony, but a way to reward those students making good choices, and working hard throughout the year.

End of Year Class Activities

Each grade celebrated the end of the year with fun activities. The 8th grade went to Mt. Olympus. The 7th grade went to Nokomis Park, and the 6th grade went to Sara Park. It was a great way to end the school year.

Thank You to Mr. Marin! DC Trip Advisor

After twelve years of taking groups of students to Washington DC, Mr. Marin is hanging it up as an advisor for the trip. Many students were able to go on this trip over the years, and many will have lasting memories of their experiences. Mr. Marin has definitely paid his due with

organizing this trip each year. It takes countless hours, phone calls, and recruiting of chaperones. Mr. Marin is an expert guide on these trips and has shared a wealth of knowledge with his students.

Unfortunately, due to the increasing cost of this trip to students, and the inability to find a new advisor, this trip will more than likely not be available in the future.

New Two Teacher Team Model for 6th Grade Next Year

In order to increase our time for English/Language Arts and Math instruction for next year, the 6th grade will be going to a modified block schedule. The model will consist of two teacher teams, instead of the four teacher team model. Under this model, two teachers will teach the core subjects to one half of the incoming 6th grade, and two teachers will teach the other half of the grade. This results in the student load for teachers to be cut in half, so they can give better feedback to their students, and spend more time with them, building relationships. Two teachers will teach English/Language Arts and science, two teachers will teach math and social studies. The schedule will also allow teachers to increase the amount of time they are able to spend teaching English/Language Arts and math. We look forward to the adjustment to the schedule, and hope that it benefits all of our students.