



**To:** Board of Education

**From:** Katie Spisich

**Re:** Board Report

**Date:** January 26th, 2026

### **Goal 1: Engagement**

- Through a partnership with Palmer Auto, South participated in the Toys for Tots drive, strengthening community connections while supporting families in need.
- Our Hat and Mitten Tree collection provided an opportunity for students and families to give back and care for others during the winter months.
- We continued our whole school sing along tradition, bringing students and staff together to build a strong sense of belonging and school community.
- Our Holiday Spirit Week, aligned with North Creek and Pierce, encouraged school pride and connection across buildings.
- This is our third year inviting Genot Picor to South Meadows for an assembly that brings Michigan history to life. The storyteller uses interactive legends, songs, and even incorporates French words and sign language to teach about the fur trade. Students are always excited to hear their names in the song when we pretend to row our canoes down the river. The assembly ends with a game and a simple step dance.
- Mrs. Linde's and Mrs. Pollack's students participate in a monthly intergenerational visit where they are paired one on one with a "grandparent" partner. Each visit includes shared activities such as crafts, word searches, board games, sing-alongs, light physical activities like chair volleyball, and time to enjoy snacks together. Students often create or bring small gifts and cards for their partners to keep in their rooms, which brings great joy and helps strengthen meaningful connections. Transportation is arranged through CRC via The Wave bus, making the experience smooth and accessible from start to finish. The pictures included highlights our most recent visit, where students and residents enjoyed a lively game of chair volleyball.





**Goal 2: Portrait of a Graduate (P.O.G.)**

- We are excited for our upcoming literacy and writing professional development on February 9, will allow teachers to dive deeper into new writing instruction
- We are looking forward to upcoming Literacy Lab MTSS (multi-tier system of support) days (Feb 3rd and 4th). This provides grade level teams with in house professional learning opportunities with our literacy specialist to review mid year data, reflect on current practices, and plan instructional next steps with students.

**Goal 3: Health and Safety**

- All students had the opportunity to meet our new Director of Safety and Security, Mr. DeGrand, helping to build familiarity, trust, and positive relationships with the adults who support their safety each day.

Respectfully,

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