

**Richard Johnson Elementary School Board Report  
October, 2024  
Shannon Hudson, Principal**

**Attendance Rate by Grade Level**

Grade Level	Attendance Rate
-1	80.48%
0	90.63%
1	89.3%
2	92.47%
3	87.09%
4	91.88%
5	86.62%

**Attendance**

Our attendance remains stronger than last year! The biggest impact on attendance this year has been family vacations.

**Testing**

The past two weeks, we have been testing for both Dibles and MAP testing. Dibles is testing that provides us data on reading progress and determines what students are well below proficient and need to be on an Individualized Reading Improvement Plan (IRIP). NWEA MAP test is now connected to the state test AKStar. It provides us with growth data in all areas and also gives us a comparison to how we are performing compared to a national norm.

I will plan on presenting results from these tests at the next board meeting.

**PreK**

We have been meeting regularly with Head Start to ensure our programs are in coordination with each other. Jeannie is helping to support this and we will be working together to apply again for the Early Learning grants. In January I will set

up a stakeholder meeting to ensure we have what we need in place to receive the grant funding for our PreK program.

Currently, there is nothing in our handbook that directly relates to PreK. I am putting together a section that outlines our program and expectations. I will have this completed for board approval after we have completed our stakeholder meetings.

### **PBIS**

We have been working on revamping our Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) to ensure it is connected to Tsym'sen Ayaawk. All of the staff had input on the posters and have written lesson plans that explicitly teach the expectations. Our 5th grade students named them Git Waal Gdm Ayaawk (Warrior Rules).

We start the lessons after the winter break, and I will be sharing the information with families at the same time.

### **Touch Tank**

Chaya Pike and Joe Henry have been working to get our touch tank up and running again. They are slowly introducing an array of creatures.

### **Holiday Events**

- Christmas Family Movie Night-December 14th 6pm
  - Free movie event in the RJ Elementary Gym. This is a family event. Students need to be accompanied by an adult to attend.
- Concert-December 18th 6pm
  - Our new music teacher Ms. Koch has been working really hard to prepare a concert that showcases what the students have been learning in class. Her interactive method of teaching music is a shift from what students experienced prior to her arrival. She is doing an amazing job and we are looking forward to showing the community what the kids have learned.
- 2nd Annual 5th Grade Winter Carnival-December 19th 6pm
  - Our 5th grade students have been working to prepare for another fun carnival. I hope you have seen the fun commercials they have put out there. We look forward to seeing all of our families.

## Curriculum

There are a few things to report about the curriculum.

- Music would like to look at adopting other standards and not using Alaska's. I am going to bring this up at our next New Visions Arts meeting to see if other districts are finding it difficult to connect learning to the AK music standards.
- Social Studies-The state has been revamping the SS standards. Chaya Pike and Owen Fulton have been a part of this effort. After these are fully adopted, we should look at our materials to ensure we can meet the new standards.
- **Social Emotional Learning**- There is a team that is forming at the secondary to review our current SEL program Growing Leaders. I have sent surveys to the students and staff, but I would also like input from families and the Board. I think this is something that we should discuss in a work session so that as we navigate the possibility of adopting a new program, we have clear, collective guidance of what all stakeholders would like to see from a Social Emotional Learning program.

## Arts-New Vision

Our NV group continues to meet monthly to discuss how we are all promoting arts across the state. We are waiting on our full funding, but some of the programs we are looking to support are the HS theater class, our new ES music program, ES dance groups and continue to provide supplies and resources for visual arts.





