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To: Board of Education
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RE: Board Report
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Community Engagement

- **Community Connections** – The use of the online platform Heyzine is still working great for our quarterly catalogs giving us the ability to update as the season progresses to try new courses, and add sections for popular courses. The Fall catalog will start to be compiled in the coming months with cover art coming from a South Meadows student.
- **Arts Collaborative Advisory Board** - Since our last meeting, course offerings have been suggested from multiple community members to add art and music courses for all ages. We are hopeful this excitement continues to grow and we are able to continually add to our course offerings that align with this art initiative. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 6th.
- **Social Media Initiatives-** We are doing a play on March Madness giving the community opportunity to engage and vote in fun and playful content about our school logos. One pager dedicated to upcoming events are starting to roll out weekly to remind people of course offerings and to push enrollment.

Preschool and After Care

- **Preschool Program Highlights**
Our preschool program has had an engaging and literacy-rich month celebrating March is Reading Month. Students enthusiastically participated in a variety of activities, including welcoming guest readers from the community and tracking their reading progress as a school. We are proud to report that our preschoolers collectively read over **800 books** throughout the month. We concluded our celebration with a school-wide reading assembly, recognizing students' efforts and fostering a continued love of reading.
- **Aftercare Program Updates**
Our aftercare program continues to provide a fun and enriching environment for students. Upcoming themed events include a "Very Unhappy Birthday" celebration on May 4 and "Two Different Shoes Day" on May 19, both designed to encourage creativity and community building among participants.
- We have also launched our **spring fundraiser with Little Caesars**, with proceeds supporting the purchase of new toys and manipulatives to enhance student experiences during the spring and summer months.
- Looking ahead, **aftercare registration will open on April 6**, and we are excited to welcome both returning and new families for another full year of engaging programming.

Community Education

- **Adult Education & Enrichment** – Adult ceramics continues to be a flourishing class giving the community more excitement for art offerings to be available. We are working on creating hand held clay, abstract art, and adult music offerings for the Summer and Fall.
- **Youth Programming** - WRAP Camp, Safety Town, and CAP Camp registration will all go live on April 6th. We also have some Chess and Mad Science summer camp options that will be offered as well.
- **Facility Use** – We will be sending out updated processes to our community and staff this spring, and post the new guidelines on our website.
- **Registration Update** - We are excited to be transitioning to an upgraded platform for all of our community education programming and facility use. Beginning Saturday, March 28th all registrations and facility use will be done through a platform called Arux at chelseaschools.arux.app. The reason for this transition is because Eleyo is no longer able to upgrade their current software. Arux is the same software with upgrades which should make account management easier for our families and our staff. Account log-ins and passwords will remain the same, with the added option of using google single sign on. In addition, all current enrollments, programs, and stored information for accounts will transfer, so it should be a seamless process.