



# W.J. ZAHNOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## W.J. Zahnow Elementary Board Report January 2026

Before our school went on Christmas Break, Kindergarteners had their annual Christmas Plays at the High School. It was another great night of concerts, where students did a wonderful job performing and showing all of their hard work from practicing. Congratulations to Ms. Evans on a successful Christmas performance.

Reindeer Games are a special afternoon of fun for all of our students. During the month of December, students work extra hard to show good classroom and school-wide behavior. Mr. Nehre and Coach Haare plan games and relay races for students to enjoy before the break. Students demonstrate teamwork and good character-building during the games to complete each task.

Reading Benchmarking took place on January 13th, with Math Benchmarking taking place on the 14th and 15th. Students are assessed three times a year to see their progress in both Reading and Math. This data also determines educational groups and helps drive our WIN instruction. Staff members will evaluate this current data to drive future instruction and interventions.

In December, students learned about and practiced the word "Caring." One student, who exhibited this character trait, was chosen from each classroom at the end of the month and presented with an award at the end-of-the-month assembly. Congratulations to those students selected from each classroom. In January, students are learning about the character trait of "Integrity or Honesty."

Congratulations to Sarah Bartosik, who was selected for January's Staff Member of the Month. Mrs. Bartosik is an Early Childhood teacher who makes an impact in her classroom, throughout the rest of the school, and helps at school events. We appreciate her positive attitude and helpful attitude. Thank you, Mrs. Bartosik, for all you do for our students and staff!

### Looking Ahead

January 27th - 100th Day of School

January 28th - 101st Day of School - 1st Grade Celebrations

February 13th - 11:30 Dismissal

February 16th - No School - Presidents' Day