

Rush City Schools School Board Advisory

January

2025-26



Strategic Directions:

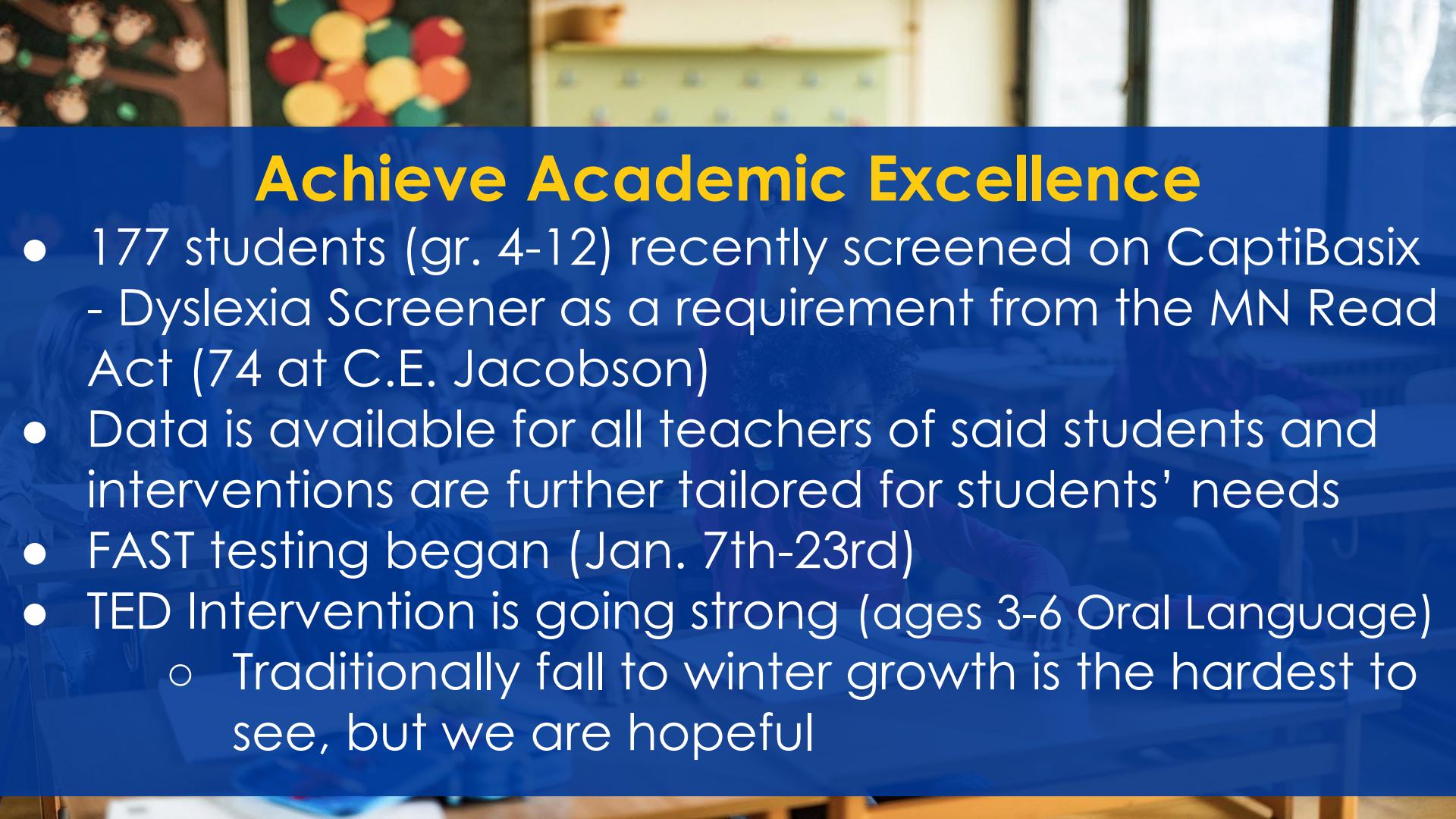
Focus of Our Improvement Efforts

- 1. Achieve Academic Excellence**
- 2. Foster Positive and Safe Environment**
- 3. Strengthen Community Relationships**
- 4. Finance and Management**



C.E. Jacobson Elementary





Achieve Academic Excellence

- 177 students (gr. 4-12) recently screened on CaptiBasix - Dyslexia Screener as a requirement from the MN Read Act (74 at C.E. Jacobson)
- Data is available for all teachers of said students and interventions are further tailored for students' needs
- FAST testing began (Jan. 7th-23rd)
- TED Intervention is going strong (ages 3-6 Oral Language)
 - Traditionally fall to winter growth is the hardest to see, but we are hopeful

Foster A Positive And Safe Environment

- Continued review of school safety procedures and ERT (Emergency Response Team) practices
- Schoolwide PBIS is in full implementation status and continues to “run itself” at this point - staff doing it automatically and students are still interested in concepts and rewards
- Intentional work on maintaining staff morale - lots of check ins for January and February

Strengthen Community Relationships

- We will be welcoming our families to a special Reading night with an author visit on Feb. 24th
- Family Art Night set for April 9th

Grades 3 & 4 put on great music performances for the community last month!



Events for the **WHOLE FAMILY**

FAMILY READING NIGHT

Author Visit:

Erin Soderberg Downing

Tuesday, February 24th

5:00-7:30pm

For the

Whole Family!

*Come enjoy a fun night of
entertainment with a famous
Minnesota author!*



FAMILY ART NIGHT

Thursday, April 9th

5:00-7:30pm

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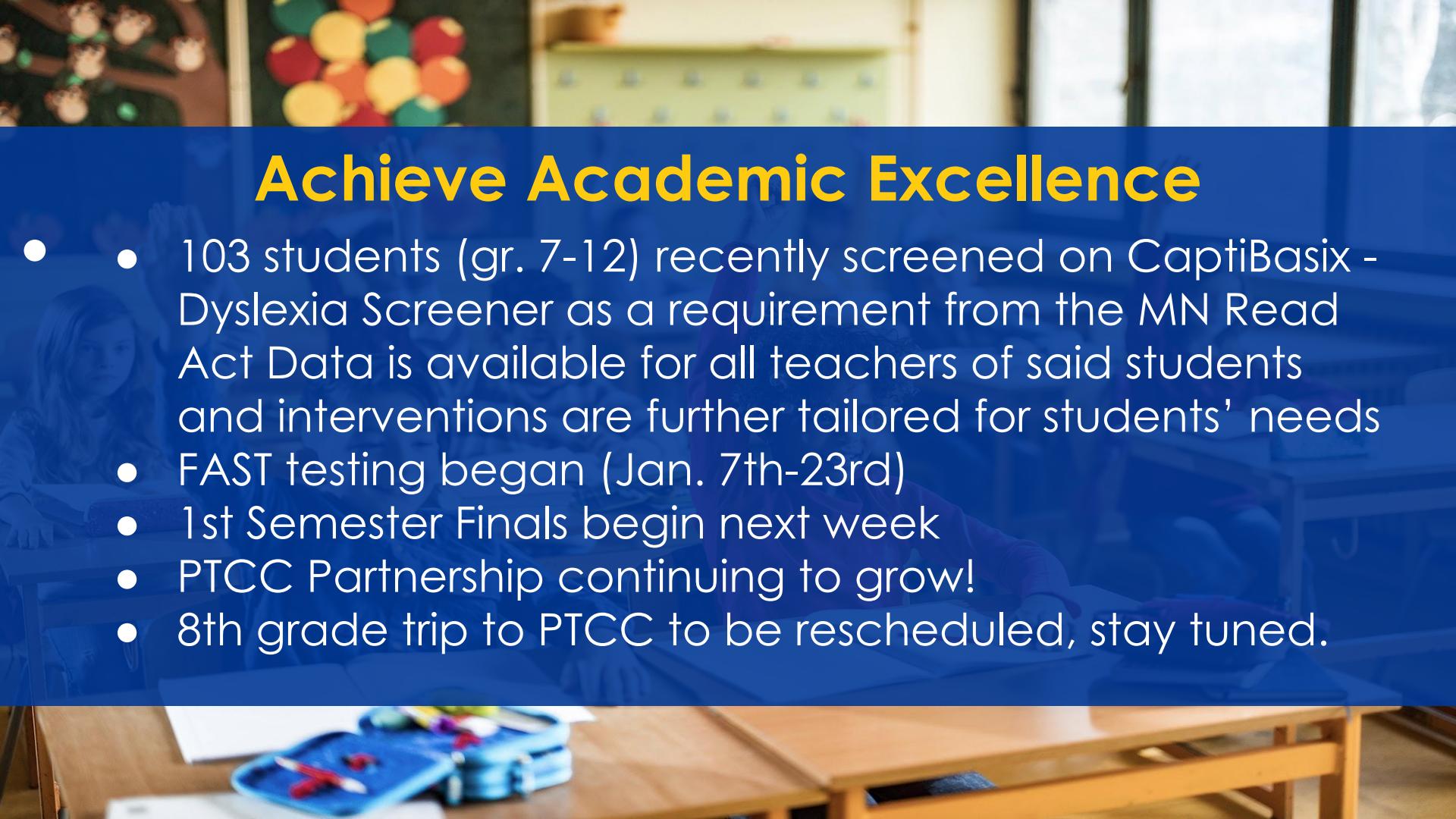
Join us for a night of creativity and fun as you select up to 6 make-and-take art projects! *There's something for everyone!*

Finance and Management

- Mid year observations / evaluations have started for non-tenured teachers and will wrap up by the end of January
- 2 new teacher subs have been hired (one returning to the district)
- 2 paraprofessionals have joined the team over the last two months

Rush City High School





Achieve Academic Excellence

- 103 students (gr. 7-12) recently screened on CaptiBasix - Dyslexia Screener as a requirement from the MN Read Act Data is available for all teachers of said students and interventions are further tailored for students' needs
- FAST testing began (Jan. 7th-23rd)
- 1st Semester Finals begin next week
- PTCC Partnership continuing to grow!
- 8th grade trip to PTCC to be rescheduled, stay tuned.

Foster A Positive And Safe Environment

- RCHS filled with holiday cheer:) Dress-up days, Holiday Bingo.
- Staff Holiday gathering at the VFW.

Strengthen Community Relationships

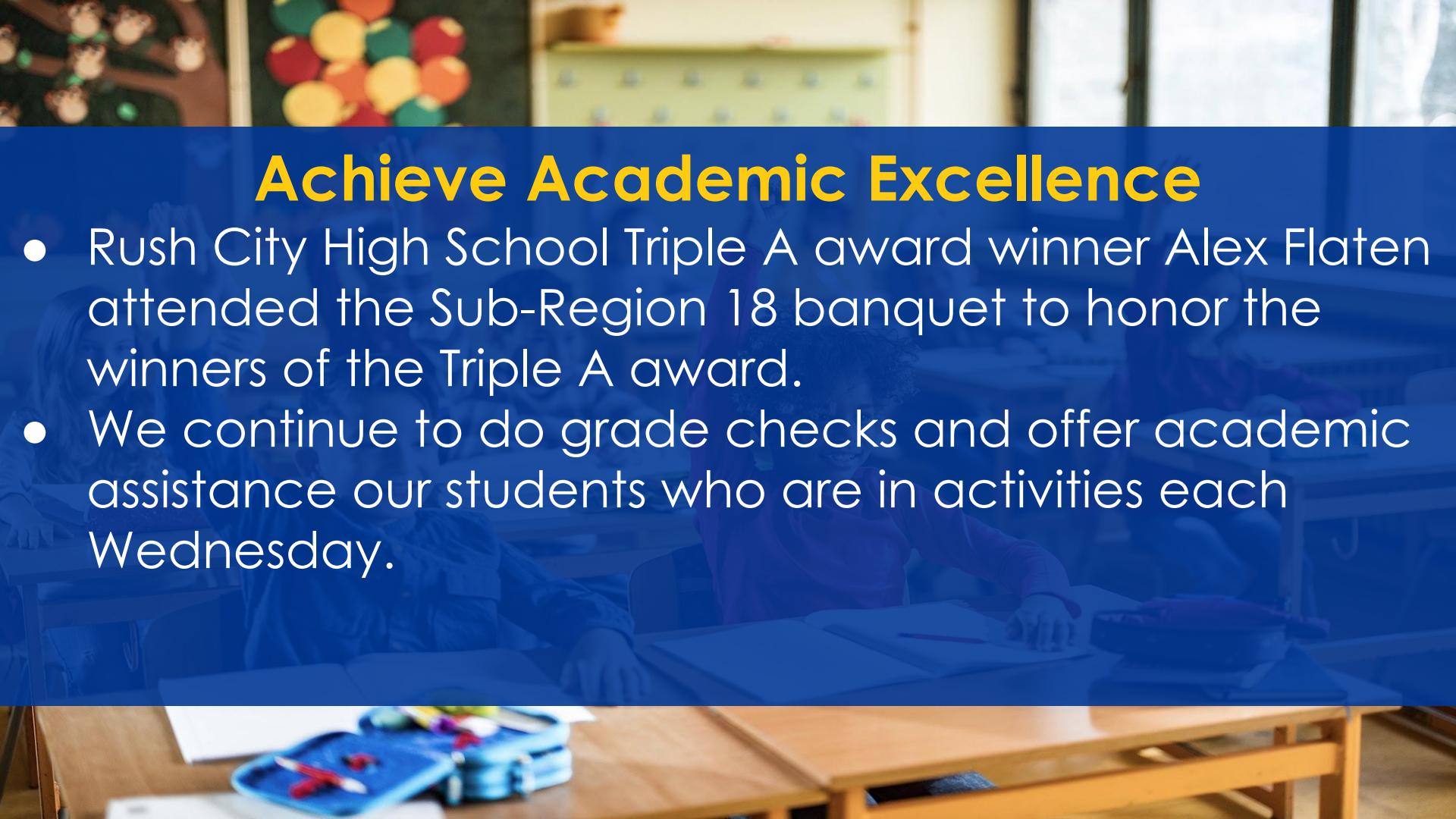
- Working with RCEF to host a fantastic fundraising event 'Rush Rally' February 6!
- High School Tigers travel to Senior Center to bring holiday cheer and sing carols to residents.
- Tiger Den brings holiday cheer to multiple families.

Finance and Management

- Added another substitute teacher to the team!
- Second round of teacher observations begins
- Administration navigating '26-27 budget process
- Continued improvement plans to RCHS physical plant

Rush City Activities





Achieve Academic Excellence

- Rush City High School Triple A award winner Alex Flaten attended the Sub-Region 18 banquet to honor the winners of the Triple A award.
- We continue to do grade checks and offer academic assistance our students who are in activities each Wednesday.

Foster A Positive And Safe Environment

- The weightlifting area has been expanded.
- The new athletic storage cages are finished and much of the equipment and supplies are moved into the new space.



Strengthen Community Relationships

- The Leos are planning a fundraiser for a local family in need.
- There is a busy stretch of home events in January. Please check the school calendar and come and watch our students.
- High school is hosting a RCYSC youth wrestling tournament January 17
- We will host the inaugural Great River Conference junior high honor band and choir event Feb. 7th



Finance and Management

- We are organizing and planning the inaugural GRC junior high honor band and choir event.
- Prom planning continues with the junior class student government members
- Process to build a new press box at Andy Saloka field has started back up. This project will be made possible by a donation from the John and Ev Erickson Trust.

Comments?

Questions?

Suggestions?

