

Principal Report  
May School Board Meeting  
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown  
Grades PreK-12



***All District***

The Class of 2024 Commencement will be held on Friday, May 24 at WEM High School. The 2024 Valedictorian is Josephine Volkmann, daughter of Todd and Amy Volkmann. The 2024 Salutatorian is Kylie LaFrance, daughter of Jared and Stacy LaFrance.

All WEM students completed their Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments for the district. Official scores will be released for publication from MDE later this summer.

Administration, with the help of secondary student council members, greeted staff on Tuesday (HS and Elementary) and Thursday (Morristown) for teacher appreciation week (May 6-10) with a beverage and treat cart. P.I.E. also provided coffee in each campus lounge on Friday and the Elysian American Legion Auxiliary provided pizza in each building's lounge on Wednesday of that week. A big thank you to our Partners in Education and the Auxiliary for their generosity and appreciation towards all WEM educators!

The last day for all WEM students K-11th grade and support staff will be Thursday, May 30. The final day for certified staff is June 1.

## ***PreK-6 Report***

On Tuesday May 7, the 5th-8th grade students put on amazing band and choir performances under the direction of Jared Larson and Matt Thomforde. Thank you to them for leading this fun night and sharing their love for music with us all!

On Thursday May 9th, K-4 students welcomed the community in for the third annual ice cream social and art show! This event was expanded this year to include High School student work and a walking mural tour of Waterville! Thank you to Kelly Stanton-Nutt, Nicole Volk and Patty Salmon at Make it Waterville for the addition of the HS Work and Mural Tour. Thank you to our elementary teachers who worked to display student work and to families for their attendance!

K-6 Summer School registrations continue to come in. We are looking forward to classes that will be held June 17-27 & July 8-18, 8:25-11:45, M-Thurs.

May 29, K-4 students will have an end of year Bucs Pride celebration with a bounce house and treats! Sixth grade students will be heading to Kamp Dells for their end of year celebration! Thank you to Kamp Dells for hosting! 5-8 Students will have end of year fun activities as well.

Students K-6th grade have been and will continue to participate in a variety of field trips and fun activities in the last days of the year! Some trips include the State Capital, Fort Snelling, Quarry Hill, Riverbend Nature Center, MN History Center, Kuball Dairy Farm and Farm America.

## ***7-12 Report***

Prom 2024, A Rustic Garden, was held on Saturday, May 4. The Grand March was held at WEM HS starting at 5:00 p.m. and was very well attended by parents, friends and the community. Prom goers traveled to The Mill in Waseca for dinner and a dance with the night capping off with the After Prom Party hosted by junior parents assisted by senior parents at the Morristown Community Center. Many positive comments, reviews and

overall one of the best attended proms in the last several years. Thank you to our junior class advisors, junior class and parents for helping to make this year's prom one to remember!

The music department hosted their annual spring concerts with modern music selections. The junior program was held on Tuesday, May 7 and the senior high Pop's Concert was held on Wednesday, May 15.

Seniors will complete their final full day of school on Thursday, May 23. Friday, May 24 will include the annual senior breakfast and commencement rehearsal.

The annual Night of Excellence will be held on Wednesday, May 22. We will be welcoming traditional and previous scholarships generously provided by many area groups and individuals. We also welcomed new scholarships!

May is Mental Health Awareness month. On Tuesday, May 7 a representative from Crisis Mobile Outreach with Horizon Homes was present at the high school to connect with students during lunch and promote healthy and supportive options for mental health awareness.

Student registration was completed early in the month for all students entering 7-12th grade for the 2024-2025 school year. Schedules will be built as soon as our master schedule is complete which will be in the next several weeks.

WEM was awarded a CTE Grant of \$5,000.00 through the South Central Service Cooperative. This grant was approved through a submission process and consideration from the Future Ready CTE Advisory Committee. We are excited to receive this grant and provide new and innovative equipment in our shop areas such as plasma machines and updated welding equipment.

On Wednesday, May 1 the high school PBIS Team planned the second annual carnival. The carnival included typical carnival games, face painting, tickets with prizes and a lot of fun.

WEM hosted the Data Summit for the first time in conjunction with our integration partnership with Faribault, TCU and Northfield. The full day seminar was held on Wednesday, May 8 at South Central-Faribault Campus with El Molinos catering. 20 students represented WEM and with a total of 80 students from partnering schools. Thank you to Mrs. Reuvers and Mrs. Brown for working on the event and leading efforts

for WEM to be the host. WEM will host again in the fall before passing the host role to TCU.