

Principal's Report
May School Board Meeting
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown
Grades K-12



All District

MCA Testing is concluded in all three campuses. Thank you to the staff and our awesome WEM students for working hard over the last 3 weeks as we interrupted regular instruction for the administration of the MCAs.

Quiet a number of field trips are and have taken place throughout the last few weeks of the year. Some include trips to the zoo, Quarry Hill, MN State Capitol, Twins Game, Mystery Cave and more.

PreK-6 Report

Kindergarten Round up was held May 5th. 48 new kindergarten students and their parents attended a session of fun activities and information. We are so excited to see them again next fall.

May 10th 5th & 6th grade students shared their musical talents with their families! It was a great night of musical fun with the band and choir students! Thank you Mr. Larson and Mrs. Kreinbring for leading this fun night!

May 12th K-4th grade students had their first annual ice cream social and art show! We had a huge turn out and are excited to make this fun activity a yearly tradition! Thanks to the teachers that volunteered their time to scoop!

M-W Preschool students participated in Preschool graduation on May 18. Congratulations to those students and their teachers on a successful year.

Summer School registration is nearly complete. 50+ students are registered to Join us for two weeks in June and two weeks in July!

Many field trips returned this year!

1st Grade went to the MN Zoo

2nd Grade went to Went to the River Bend Nature Center

3rd Grade went to the MN Zoo & Farm America

4th Grade went to Quarry Hill Nature Center

5th Grade went to Quarry Hill Nature Center

6th Grade went to the State Capital & Twins Stadium Tour

Each Grade celebrates the end of the year in a variety of ways with picnics and other fun activities.

May 25th students first through 4th will participate in Specialists day with a variety of activities led by our special area teachers. Thanks to the specialists for organizing a fun day!

May 27th Fifth and Sixth grade will participate in the last day of school activity fun!

7-12 Report

Congratulations to our best of class nominations, seniors Alex Heuss and Kiri Kerekes. Please view the clip sent as a preview of the best of class:

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The FFA held their annual banquet on Wednesday, May 4. Congratulations to a year of many celebrations for the FFA and WEM's advisor, Mr. Cooley. The group will miss the seniors and their leadership but the skills and attributes learned from their FFA tenure will last a lifetime and serve them well.

The junior high student council led by advisor, Pam Heinz, held their spring dance on Wednesday, May 11. The event included music, dancing, games and food.

Four WEM seniors (Kiri Kerekes, Grace Peterson, Alex Heuss and Paige Atherton) participated in TCU's Tri-Fest with performances on April 28-29. The performance was well done and WEM was represented extremely well.

The annual FFA Banquet was held the first week in May. The FFA named their new officers. Newly appointed officers are President Daeyln Judd, Vice President Emma Woratschka, Secretary Josie Volkmann, Treasurer Hannah Bruns, Reporter Desirae Domonoske and Sentinel Ethan Muellerleile. At the State Convention in late April senior Emma Kuball was named MN State FFA President for the upcoming year. This is a huge honor for WEM's FFA program, advisor Mr. Cooley and a testament to Emma's fortitude and engagement in FFA. For the year the WEM FFA had 51 students in grades 9-12.

On Friday, May 13 the FFA presented throughout the day for junior high students in Morristown. Education and engagement activities were offered including live animals, dairy and pork exercises as well as a virtual demo of welding. This is a tradition for the FFA and the kids had a blast working together and learning more about agriculture and all FFA offers.

On May 18 a mixed group of 20 sophomores and juniors attended the YEA Data Summit at St. John's Lutheran Church in Northfield. Within our Achievement and Integration Grant, WEM partners with TCU, Northfield and Faribault to get together and allow for student voice. This year's meeting looked at district data pertaining to attendance and credit achievement while identifying the gaps between white vs. SOC and economically disadvantaged vs. non-economically disadvantaged students. Our student group did a fantastic job representing WEM. The group brought forth excellent ideas. Their voices sparked discussion topics for meaningful change on how we as leaders and planners of WEM education can do things better to meet the needs of high school students.

On May 18 WEM HS hosted the annual Night of Excellence. A sincere thank you to all of our area donors and scholarships awarded to the Class of 2022. In total there were just over \$32,000.00 awarded to seniors from local scholarships, not including the tuition based merit scholarships and grants from individual entities where students will be continuing their education at. A special thank you to the Elysian Lions Club for their generous donation for dessert and refreshments. In addition, thank you to Cool Wave of Waterville for supplying the dessert and Nancy Culhane, food service director for working with the Night of Excellence team to provide all the additional refreshments

and tableware. Traditionally, our local greenhouse, Greenwalds, has provided the floral decorations for the event (along with graduation commencement). They did this year as well and the stage looked very sharp as a result.

Commencement will be held on Friday, May 27. The day will begin with the senior breakfast and rehearsal before seniors depart for the day. Commencement will begin at 7:00 and feature our valedictorian Alex Heuss and salutatorian Kiri Kerekes. Our keynote speaker for the Class of 2022 will be Mrs. Abby Butzer. Thank you and notes of appreciation to our senior class advisors; Mr. Walker, Mrs. Olson, Mr. Taynton and Mrs. White as well as Mr. Boran and Mr. Whitehurst for their support and accommodations for commencement and to Margo Kulsth, Dan Lemcke and Jay Schneider who help promote and give press in ink, the yearbook and on social media.

Wednesday, May 25 all are welcome to attend the final band and choir concert. The event is fun filled with dancing and moving parts. The students along with Mrs. Kreinbring and Mr. Larson have been working exceptionally hard each day to prepare for the concert. We hope you can attend and support our music programs!

Congratulations to our 2022 Salutatorian Kiri Kerekes and Valedictorian Alexandra Heuss. Kiri will finish her time at WEM with a 3.919 Cumulative GPA and will have obtained 26 credits. Kiri is the daughter of James and Katherine Kerekes. Alex will finish with a perfect 4.0 cumulative grade point average and obtained 27 credits. Alex is the daughter of Shawn and Brenda Heuss. Both girls have taken numerous PSEO classes and are involved in many extra curricular activities.