



SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: SOMERSET ELEMENTARY

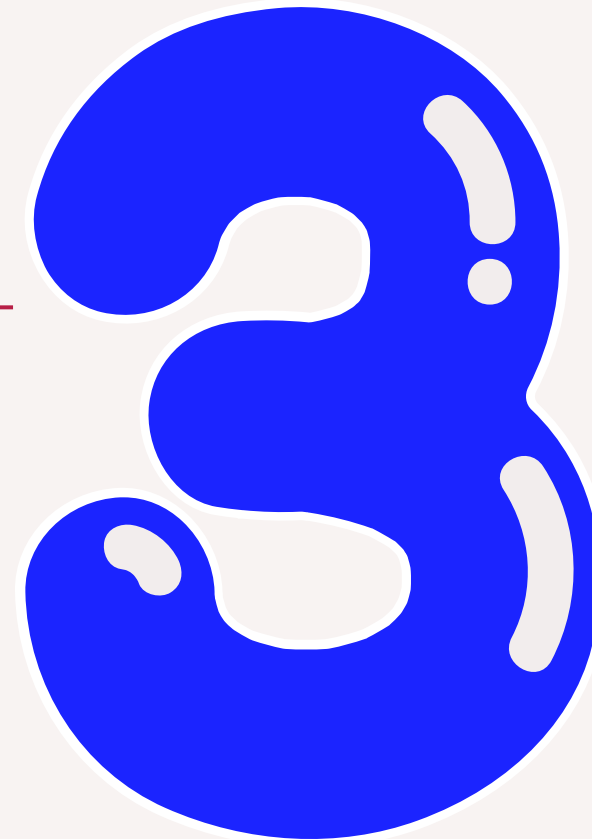
**Presented by: Libby Huettl
Principal, Somerset Elementary
November 4, 2024 School Board Meeting**

WHO WE ARE

**Highest Enrollment
From 392 to 418 Students**



**From 14 to 31
students in our
Shine Program**



YEARS



**8% growth in Reading
19% growth in Math**

**From 0 to 6
New-to-Country Students**

**19% to 25% of
students qualify for
Educational Benefits** 

SOMERSET STARS

EVERY MOMENT MATTERS



POINTS OF PRIDE



POINT OF PRIDE: WELLNESS COMMITTEE

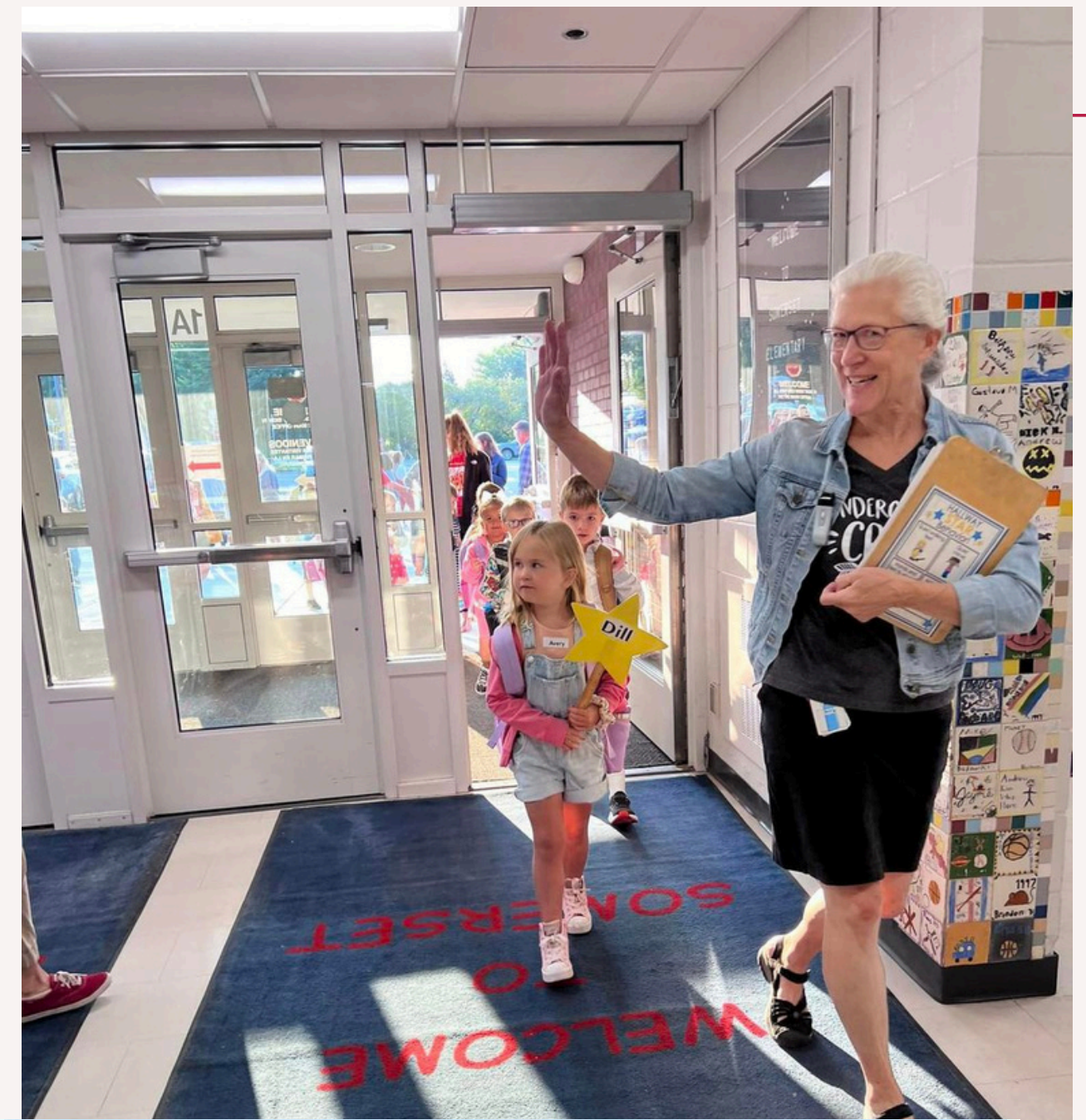


- Raising awareness for sugar content in food, hydration, sleep, and hand washing.
- Monthly meetings and videos for the morning announcements.
- Led by our school nurse, Nurse Emily.
- A way to spark interest in a career in health care for students.



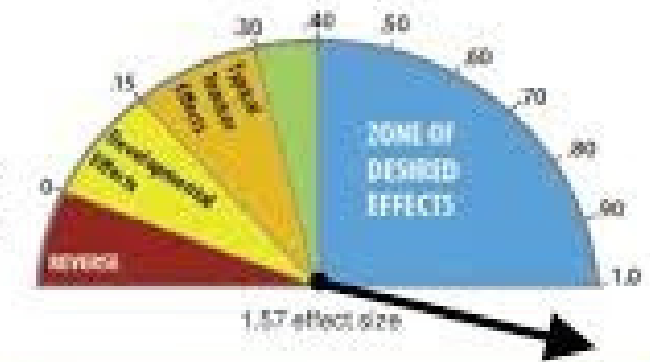
POINT OF PRIDE: CLIMATE AND CULTURE

- 94% favorable rating in staff survey
- Collective Efficacy “These are all of our students.”
- Feelings of trust, support and teamwork
- 100% optimistic that Somerset will improve in the future
- 100% report respectful relationships between staff and students

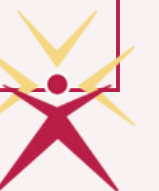


Research-Based Best Practice - Dr. John Hattie

Teachers shared belief that through collective action, they can positively influence student outcomes, including impacting those who are disengaged and/or disadvantaged.

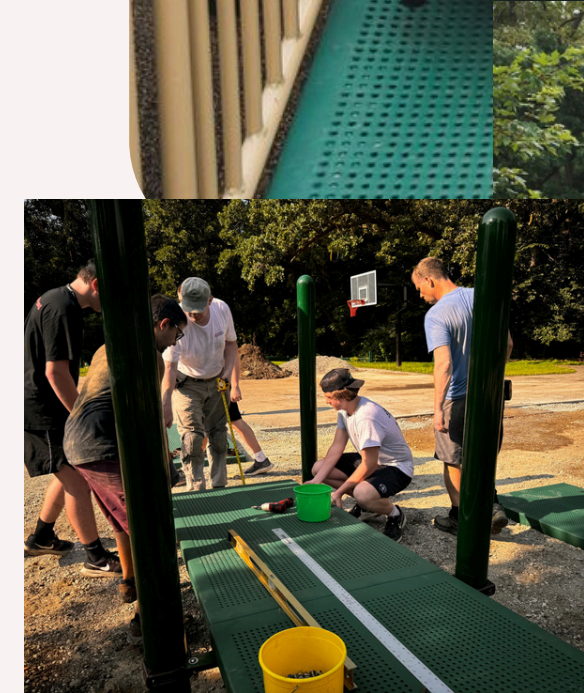


Collective Teacher Efficacy



POINT OF PRIDE: ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND

- **We believed it would happen!**
 - **Raised the funds and built the playground in 5 months!**
- **All of our friends can play together!**
 - **There are ramps around the playground, as well as a variety of sensory panels.**

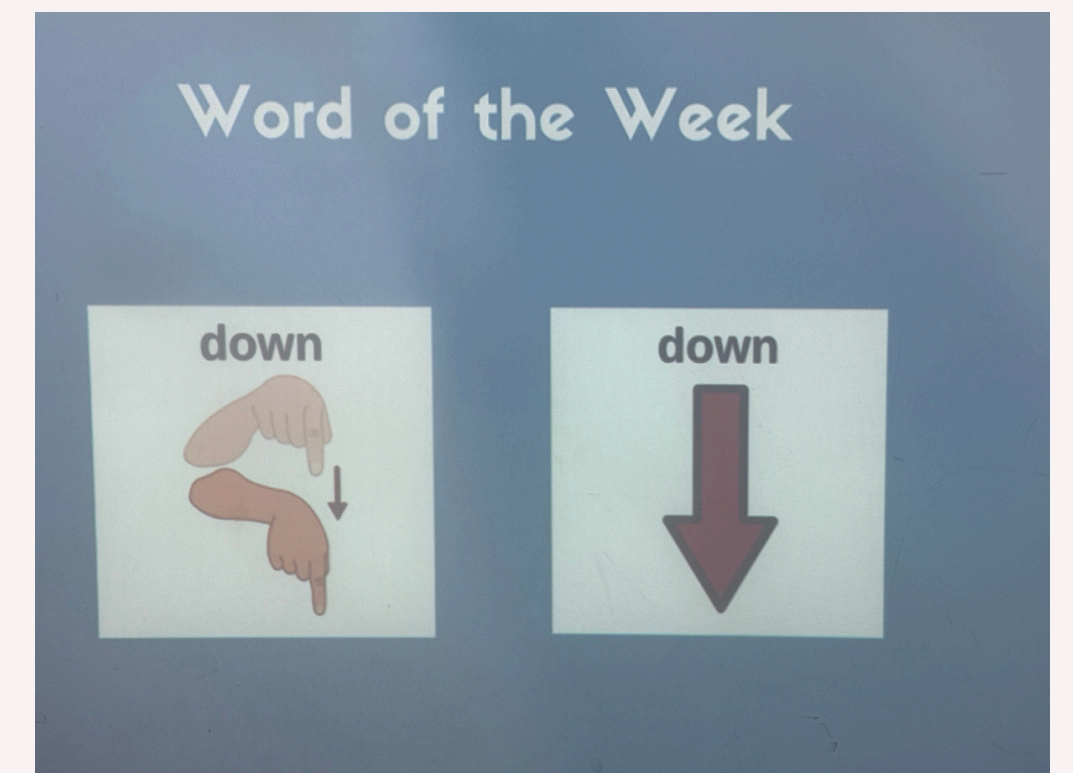


WHAT'S NEW



LOOKING AHEAD: WORD OF THE WEEK

- **Daily Words and Regulation program in all four Shine classrooms.**
- **Helps to build connection between our verbal and non-verbal students.**
- **Bringing in common language and American Sign Language.**
- **A focus on weekly emotions, for inclusive social and emotional learning.**



LOOKING AHEAD: FOCUS FRIDAY

- A special segment on announcements to highlight a variety of backgrounds and family customs.
- Learn about different holidays, people, and traditions from different cultures.
- Creating a way for a variety of families at Somerset to participate in a new way.



LOOKING AHEAD: HAPPY AND PROUD STUDENTS

- Gathering information on the student experience at Somerset
- Meeting with students one on one to ask:
 - How are you doing today?
 - What has been your biggest celebration?
 - What has been your biggest challenge?



A FINAL WORD FROM OUR SOMERSET STARS:



Libby Huettl



THANK YOU

