

Report to the School Board

January 8, 2024

By Elementary School Principal Dave Riebel

Strategic Priority 1: Student Success

- Welcome Back! A busy return to school on January 2nd.

The students and staff got back into routines of school after the holiday break. The continued moderate weather allowed students to continue with outdoor activities, just not of the snowy variety.

- Winter Assessments

The winter benchmark assessments are under way in January for reading and math fluency checks for all students K-5. Staff will also assess students in grades 2-6 who have qualified for ADSIS instruction with the computerized NWEA comprehension assessments instruction as a way to monitor progress and growth from the supplemental instruction.

- Early Childhood additional class

Our elementary Early Childhood program is opening an additional preschool class for children age 3-5 years old on T/Th afternoons beginning on January 16. Contact Ms. Greden for more information and to enroll.

Strategic Priority 2: Effective Staffing

- Congratulations go out to Jean Kelly, whose last day before retirement was December 22. Thank you for your many years of service in our district. Congratulations on your retirement and best wishes Jean!
- We welcome Desire Mendoza to the daytime custodial position, making a move from her evening shift to daytime custodial staff for the elementary.

Strategic Priority 3: Finance

No report this month.

Strategic Priority 4: Facilities

No report this month.

Strategic Priority 5: Community Engagement

- Preschool Screening

The early childhood staff held the fourth district early childhood screening day on December 14 at the Elementary School. Early Childhood Screening is a quick and simple check of how children are doing between the ages of 3 to 4 years. It identifies, at an early stage, possible learning or health concerns so that children and parents can get needed help prior to starting school. It is required for all enrolled preschoolers and for entrance in Minnesota's public schools. We have one remaining screening date planned for February.

- Holiday fun:



The last week of school before the holiday break had many highlights for students and staff. Many classrooms worked on artwork and gifts for parents/grandparents. Classes had scheduled events during the week and the last day. The annual 2nd grade gingerbread house decorations filled the cafeteria with parents and students showing their creativity.

