

Principal's Report
April School Board Meeting
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown
PreK-12th Grade



PreK-6 Grade

We continue to support distance learning in PreK-6. Teachers are connecting with students daily! They have worked hard to stay aware of individual student situations to allow for flexibility in expectations. We continue to work with families to problem solve technology needs, support learning and meet student needs.

We are currently working on plans for Kindergarten Round Up, including a contingency plan should an in person round not be possible this spring. We are also working to plan an alternate date for preschool screening. We will solidify a date as soon as governor Walz announces the plan for schools moving forward.

We are planning for summer school as well. Tentative plans include summer school to begin Monday July 6 and end on Thursday July 30.

7-12 Grade

We made it halfway through quarter 4 as of last Wednesday. During this time I facilitated conversations around grading options for 9-12. Staff continue to be flexible and show great resilience to the demands of distance learning, technology hiccups and the meeting the needs of students.

The senior advisory team and I met last week to talk through ideas for graduation. Administration has been connected weekly on ideas. No definitive plans have been set due to the unknowns from our political leaders and CDC, however the priority to host graduation on May 15 in some creative capacity remains high.

Margo Kulseth and I have connected on several occasions over the last month to increase social media campaigns for seniors and the greater school community. Action on social media include senior spotlights, staff graduation photos and continued volunteering from staff to read bedtime stories.

The deadline for senior scholarships has passed. Mrs. Wold is organizing this. Mr. Boran, Mrs. Wold and I have discussed alternative options for Night of Excellence. Once we have more directives from our political leaders we will make definitive plans.

The ACT has been moved to June 2. We will host at the Morristown Community Center. We will continue to follow CDC guidelines. A letter was recently sent home to juniors and their parents about the ACT held on June 2.

Mrs. Bastian and I met with staff who may be affected in the changes for 2020-2021. We are looking forward to hearing more from the board on a financial direction. From that point we will get started on creating schedules and assigning staff to specific courses.

It is that time of year that KEYC reaches out to area schools to honor the Best in the Class in conjunction with sponsorship from Bethany Lutheran College. Representing WEM for the Class of 2020: Kelsey Kuball, Akalie Molitor and Grant McBroom. Students are nominated based on their educational experience, overall achievements and display of life-long learning.