



Elizabeth Ide Elementary School

April 2025 Board Report

Goal One – Learning

Mrs. Gemmell, our incredible STEM teacher, recently visited our kindergarten classes and inspired our students with an exciting activity that combined literature and engineering. After reading the story of Amelia Earhart, the students' curiosity was sparked, leading them to dive into a hands-on STEM project. They designed and tested their own paper airplanes, learning key concepts about forces, motion, and how engineering design changes can enhance their creations. The children thoroughly enjoyed experimenting with different designs and modifications, and their enthusiasm for the project was truly infectious. After testing their airplanes, they were given the opportunity to redesign them, improving their performance to make them fly farther—just like Amelia Earhart's airplane. We are thrilled to provide such enriching experiences that merge literature, engineering, and creativity, and the students are excited to continue exploring and applying real-world concepts of science and engineering.



Goal Two – Whole Student

Student involvement in school choir concerts is essential for their personal growth, providing a valuable opportunity to display their musical abilities and gain confidence through live performances. These experiences enrich students' understanding of the arts by exposing them to a variety of musical genres and cultural traditions, while also creating memorable moments and strengthening bonds with their classmates and the broader school community.

One shining example of this is the 2nd grade performance of the "Hoedown Showdown," which featured American folk songs and dance. Watching the students on stage, confidently expressing themselves through music and movement, is truly heartwarming. We are incredibly fortunate to have our music teacher, Faye Lindsey, whose dedication to nurturing both the personal and social growth of our students enhances their sense of belonging and school spirit. Her guidance helps ensure that these musical opportunities leave a lasting impact on our students' lives.



Goal Three –Environment

Class Composer has greatly improved the efficiency, effectiveness, and proactivity of creating balanced classrooms. By using this system, we have been able to streamline our efforts, ensuring that each class for the upcoming year is composed thoughtfully and strategically. Our recent School Improvement Day was utilized to advance our student placement process for the upcoming school year. On this day, our dedicated teachers collaborated to assess and finalize student placements using the Class Composer tool, which has proven to be an invaluable asset to our planning.

While this system has significantly streamlined the process and offered a more data-driven approach to class creation, it has not replaced the essential human touch that makes this process so meaningful. One of the final steps involves carefully reviewing each placement to ensure that every student is placed in an environment where they can excel, supported by a well-balanced group of peers that promotes both academic success and social growth.

Thank you for your unwavering support.