

Principal's Report
January 2025 School Board Meeting
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown
K-4 + 9-12th Grade



Waterville Campus Information

Quarter 2/Semester 1 wrapped up on Friday, January 19 with a half day with students. Staff engaged in an afternoon of Catalyst training.

MLK Day was a no student contact day, however staff did have the day for working in their rooms getting prepared for Quarter 3/Semester 2.

We started the second half of the year off with a two-hour weather delay (freezing temperatures) on Tuesday, January 21.

In our professional learning communities teachers are working collaboratively on instructional practices and classroom management techniques. The Catalyst training is providing an opportunity for further dialogue in PLC meetings as well as practice in the classroom. For the second half of the year staff are placing emphasis on test preparation strategies as we head towards MCA and ACT testing dates later this spring.

WEM is the host to several student teachers in their final block of student teaching and observational blocks. At the high school we are host to 2 student teachers who are wrapping up their college program at Minnesota State University-Mankato. Jennifer Widman is a student teacher under math teacher Cory Immerman and Thomas Fu is completing his student teaching experience under band teacher Jared Larson.

K-4

Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on February 24, 2025. Information has been sent home with our PreK 4 families and communication has been made to area daycare providers. Information will be posted on social media in the next week. The theme for Round-up is Sliding into Kindergarten (Penguins).

Planning is underway for I Love to Read Month (February) including a district literacy event with MN Author, Megan Maynor. The event will also be on February 24 with information to follow on our social media and distributed to families in the next week.

Members of the Waterville Lions Club presented dictionaries to every third grader. This is a continued tradition of the local club and our students were extremely happy to be recipients of their gift.

9-12

Congratulations to Cory Immerman for being selected as the South Central Service Cooperative Spotlight Teacher of the Quarter. Mr. Immerman was nominated for his relationship building with students, ease of teaching math, enrolling in additional high level masters level math courses so that he would be qualified to offer college in the schools math courses at WEM (College Algebra and Statistics) and taking on Work Based Learning for our student offerings. Mr. Immerman is in his second year at WEM and also serves as assistant football coach.

Congratulations to five high school art students who will have their art pieces displayed at the Gopher Conference Fine Arts Festival on February 1, 2025:

- Painting: Randi Selbrade, senior
- Ink: Halle Fessel, senior
- Ink: Grace Norton, junior
- Pencil: Kandran Geyer, senior
- Pencil: Madison Foster, senior

Earlier in the month Mr. Cooley took his natural wildlife class ice fishing. Students spent the day on Lake Francis. The group had some help from several families that allowed the use of their ice houses and pop-up fishing tents. Students were successful catching fish. Mr. Cooley fried up the fish the next day for the class. It is a traditional outing (ice pending) where fun is had by all.

Mr. Scharf's PE classes experienced Hoot Lanes and a unit of bowling in January to wrap up the semester. Thank you to Hoot Lanes, Waterville for working with our PE groups.

All graduation materials (diplomas, cords, etc.) have been ordered for the class of 2025!