

# Report to the School Board

March 11, 2023

By Elementary School Principal Dave Riebel

## Strategic Priority 1: Student Success

- K-5 Conferences:

Our February conference nights were well attended once again. Parents and students were able to schedule and meet with their homeroom teacher, as well as with our specialist staff on a drop in basis. We continue to enjoy 90-100% attendance rates across the grade levels.

- Book Fair

A big draw to our February conference nights is the annual Book Fair. Students and parents are able to purchase books for home and the school benefits by having a portion of the sales come back to our library in the form of new paperbacks.



- Read Across America Week

We always emphasize building our reading skills at Lewiston-Altura Elementary, and a way to add in some fun to the learning takes place each March with Read Across America Week. This year had themed days with a focus author and dress up theme. We thank the many guest readers from the high school and community. We enjoyed Drop Everything and Read time as well as “Reading Buddies” where an older grade classroom visits and reads with a younger grade.

Our theme days were:

Monday: “Land of Many Waters” theme, Mary Casanova, author of One-Dog Canoe, wear blue.

Tuesday: “Agriculture Proud” theme, Jill Kalz author of Farmers Cap, wear farm type clothes.

Wednesday: “Four Seasons” theme, Lauren Stringer author of Red Rubber Boot Day, wear the color of favorite season

Thursday: “Native American Culture” theme, Brenda Childs author of Bowwow Powwow, Wear Minnesota gear

Friday: “Lewiston-Altura Spirit” theme, Kate DiCamillo author of Because of Winn-dixie, wear L-A or red and white



## Strategic Priority 2: Effective Staffing

- Hiring following resignations:

Staffing was completed following our two paraprofessionals resignations. We welcome Paige Laravee and Evelyn Daood to our paraprofessional staff and elementary family.

## Strategic Priority 3: Finance

No report this month.

## Strategic Priority 4: Facilities

No report this month.

## Strategic Priority 5: Community Engagement

- Fools Five Kickoff

Mr. Schmaltz led our elementary in the annual Fools Five fundraising kickoff event on Friday, February 16.

- Book Sale fundraiser

Thank you to the group of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation students for all of their efforts in planning and executing a book sale on Feb. 17-18. Story time, balloon animals, face painting crafts and games were also available at the sale. A whopping \$1300 in sales and donations were collected to help fund Lewiston-Altura Field trips. Thank you to Holly Burt for the organization and guidance.

- Fund raising for field trips

Lewiston-Altura Elementary students and staff will be partaking in a “Worlds Best Chocolate” fund raising effort at the end of April. We are purposely waiting for the end of the Fools Five efforts before beginning another effort to raise funds. The goal of this fundraiser will be to generate enough funds to cover the costs of our school field trips.