



December Board Report
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The months of November and December zoom by because of the change over to the second quarter, the change from Fall to winter Sports, and the number of days we miss school because of the holidays. We were able to visit many classrooms for drop in observations and we see that our teaching staff has most of our kids engaged and involved most of the time. Our climate on our campus is and has been relatively quiet except for the morning a SPED student sent in his own note with a bomb threat on it. We followed the correct protocol and made the threatened area secure until it could be thoroughly searched by Josephine County Sherriff. At the supposed time of the threat, we had a school wide fire drill to evacuate the building for several minutes even though we knew by confession that no explosive device had been placed. In this manner, we were able to protect all students and staff without a complete disruption to and loss of an instructional day. We were well supported by the district office personnel.

On the positive note the following things were accomplished in the last few weeks:

We have made a smooth as possible transition with Bruce Reece as our new assistant principal/athletic director. He is active and our staff has taken to his leadership quickly. His level of expertise allows us to move into our winter sports programs with full assurance that we have followed all of the eligibility rules. Karen Cole, our athletic secretary, has provided banner service to me and to Bruce as we made this change.

Our office manager took upon herself the organization of a staff Christmas Party that included a potluck meal and a special night of activities for the children of staff members. We had about 60 adults and kids at the party.

The Christmas Bazaar on the 6th of December is the best and most well attended of all of the local craft fairs. Our kids get a huge benefit from the sale of space to vendors and from the work that they and their parents put forth to make a memorable event. The fair has been going on for more than 30 years.

Our student directed play "Suite Surrender" was exceptionally well presented over two weekends in November. It was a very funny comedy that played in front of four receptive audiences. It was the best production I have seen at our school since I came here. Our fall music concert featured our newest arts class, Guitar, and we had about 35 students onstage playing. They have come a long way since September. Additionally, our beginning choir, Free Design, and our band each performed three numbers. The parent audience filled the commons.

Respectfully submitted, Dennis Misner, Principal