

Report to the School Board

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Strategic Priority 1: Student Success



- Kindergarten Registration Night March 10: It was great to welcome the incoming kindergarteners and their parents to the Elementary School for Kindergarten Registration night. Can you believe that this group will graduate in the year 2039! The theme for the evening was Shoot for the Stars with families stopping at all the star points that a kindergarten student goes in their day. Families and students all started their afternoon meeting with our Kindergarten staff to hear what their day will be like next year. Families then got a look at the planned renovations of our building that includes renovated kindergarten rooms. Families a pizza meal in the cafeteria visited the gym, music room, Cardinal Club and the office. We all will look forward to the renovated building next year. So excited to have you all coming to Kindergarten!

- High School Musical – March 20 preview show: The intention is for our elementary students to be able to experience a performance and also look up to the various students from the high school in order to set the stage for future performers. Mission accomplished with the preview performance of A High School Musical presented to the entire elementary school. Thank you to the students and staff for the preparation in order for this experience to happen.
- LA CARES assembly



This months LA CARES assembly coincided with the Fools Five events. Our theme for the month was E = Empathy, which has the direct connection with Fools Five. We highlighted many connections for learning about and showing empathy with student representative running through the LA CARES tunnel. This event was capped by the excitement of paraprofessionals, teachers and office staff receiving their Pie in the Face as a result of the unbelievable amount of donations. The student/family amount from

elementary, high school and parochial collections totaled \$16,477! This set up for a plate of whipped cream for student and staff excitement.



Strategic Priority 2: Effective Staffing

- Workshop Day – March 20: All staff began the workshop day with a district meeting where administration outlined the current district budgeting and impact of enrollment history and current numbers. The elementary staff then moved into the second of a two part presentation by Kristy Walz entitled “Purpose, Hope, Strength, Resiliency and Trust”. Similar to the opening fall session, staff walked away with the intended boost along with ideas, strategies and to dos to keep the work place positive. The afternoon provided time for work on report cards and time for various meetings.
- Continued posting for Elementary Special Education position for 2026-2027 – This posting is listed as open until filled.
- Ongoing staff discussions for next year’s staffing. The elementary staff have worked to prepare for the 26-27 school year examining strategies for staffing, comparing and contrasting the student effect and staff challenges for models. Staff are ready to meet the needs of each of the options presented in “Grade level options 26-27” document.

Strategic Priority 3: Finance

- Budget process: Thank you to the certified staff members who completed their grade level or department budgets for the upcoming school year. Beginning with the staff determining the exact cost of materials for the next year creates an accurate budget heading into the new year.

Strategic Priority 4: Facilities

- Playground renovation: Members of the paraprofessional staff who supervise the playground every day assisted with review of playground equipment and apparatus to provide a layout for the renovation of the elementary playground.
- Pack and purge continues: Shelves are being cleared, boxes are being packed and recycling and trash containers are being filled readying for the need to be out of the building on May 21.

Strategic Priority 5: Community Engagement

- Fools Five Festivities – Kickoff and Prize Day assemblies

The tradition of having the elementary school families and staff start the festivities for the Fools Five community events remains a source of pride for all. It is wonderful to be able to teach and live the various character traits that naturally come along with the Fools Five. The kickoff assemble on February 20 laid out the challenge to get Mr. Schmaltz into a Spiderman costume along with the bonus of a pie in the face for staff if pledges come in. The April 10 prize day revealed another record year for collections. Gotta love our community!

