

CRES Board Report: December, 2018

18-19 Goals

1. Teachers will implement increased differentiation strategies in their classrooms no later than the second semester of the 2018- 2019 school year.
2. Pre-Kindergarten students will increase their median literacy skills scores of 620 for “widely held expectations” in the spring of 2018 to a median score of 650 for the “widely held expectations” in the spring of 2019 on the GOLD assessment. (Minimum score is 529, Maximum score is 720. Goal is $(720 - 620)/3 =$ close the gap in three years.)
3. Students in grades kindergarten, 1st and 2nd will increase from 59.67% in the low risk/college-ready category on the spring of 2018 to 75% in the low risk/college-ready category in the spring of 2019 on the FAST reading assessment. Maximum score is 720. Goal is $(720 - 620)/3 =$ close the gap in three years.)
4. CRES 3rd through 6th grade students will, as a whole, score at or above the state proficiency mark on the 2019 Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment in reading.

- The 3rd grade STEAM Expo will take place at the CRES Performance Area on Wednesday, December 18th at 8:30 am. The theme this year is “Moving Pictures”. The students have done a great job, once again, with their Music, Art, Tech & Innovation, and Physical Education projects. All are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there.
- Our second “Be Part of the Solution” meeting was held on Thursday, December 13th at CRES. The topic on the table continues to be bullying in the community. This is a great opportunity for me to bring parents and other community members together to discuss this, and ultimately other important topics. Since the meeting takes place after the writing of this report, look for more information regarding the discussion we had in the January board report.
- Five teams from CRES competed in the First Lego League Robotics competition at Hermantown on Saturday, December 8th. For the first time ever, our teams brought home some hardware. CRES teams won the Core Values award, the Team Spirit Award, and the Judges Award. Also, we had one team, The Toasters, move on to the sectional competition in St. Paul in January. They were one of eight teams to move on from our region. Spencer Piha, Spencer Hollenhorst, Caleb Hautala, Jonathan Maroney, and Evan Rydberg made up this awesome team. This is the first CRES team to ever move on to this level.
- Kyle Bendson, Allison Larsen, and I were fortunate enough to attend the TIES Technology Conference in Minneapolis on December 10th and 11th. Once again, we came back with some great ideas to implement at CRES.
- We had our first “Coffee with Colleagues” get-together on Friday, December 14th. The idea is to sit down together, reflect on the great things we remember for our lives as students and as educators, and use those experiences to make CRES an even better place for kids and adults. This takes place from 7:15-7:45, so staff members are giving up their own time to attend this. This shows a great dedication by our staff.

Sincerely submitted:
Kurt Becker