

December 17th, 2018 - Superintendent Report – Mr. Ehler

Vision: Empowering all for lifelong learning

Mission: Creating an educational community where lifelong learning is valued, excellence is expected, and all are prepared for the future.

School Board Members:

Thank you to:

Director Mierau and Director Pettit for their four years of service. I appreciate the input and direction they have provided during their years on the school board.

Director Kathie Ingram: I appreciate her willingness to step back into the role of being a school board member.

Welcome and Congratulations to Chris Grindland:

He will begin as a school board member at tonight's meeting and will serve out a two-year term. I look forward to having him as a board member.

Congratulations:

FFA Poultry Team:

Congratulations to the FFA poultry team consisting of Paige Dailey, Julia Maynard and Emma Heiden on qualifying to compete at the State FFA Convention.

Great work ladies!

Band Students 6-12 (Mr. Olson & Mr. George):

They did an AWESOME job last Monday (12.10) night!! I appreciated the selection of music and for them providing us with **Christmas Music** that brought forth lots of Christmas's past!

Elementary Students (Mr. Mahlke, Mr. Olson & Mr. George):

They did an AWESOME job last Thursday (12.13) night!! I appreciated the selection of music and for them providing us with **Christmas Music** that brought forth lots of “**Christmas Spirit**”!

Thanks to teachers and the HS Students (Silver Cord) for assisting.

Condolences and Sympathies:

Rod Anderson & Anderson/Bunke Families:

Rod (50) - MS Math Teacher and Softball Coach, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 25 after a courageous battle with cancer. He worked for Rushford – Peterson Schools for 22 years. We are very grateful for his years of service and for being an enthusiastic teacher and coach.

On behalf of our staff and school board members, I extended our deepest condolences to Rod’s immediate family (wife - Kim, daughter - Leandra, son - Dan and his extended families).

It was indeed our honor and privilege to host his visitation and funeral at our school on Friday, Nov. 30th.

Welcome to Moose Lake: Tour and Games– Saturday, Dec. 1st:

We welcomed Moose Lake’s G & B Basketball teams to our school. The teams and coaches met for a breakfast on Saturday morning. After their breakfast Mrs. Lawston and Mr. Bieberdorf provided them with a tour of our school.

My thanks to Supt. Indihar and his wife Deb for suggesting and following through with this special event for our schools. It was a great opportunity for them to see our new school and to congratulate and wish one another the very best with our new schools.

Thank you’s:

Blood Drive – Wednesday (11.28):

Our thanks to our students and Mr. Hinke for hosting this special event.

RASA Winter Concert – Sunday, Dec. 2nd:

All who attended were blessed with a great concert that featured local talent that instilled the **“Spirit of Christmas”** for all. I commend the following for sharing with us during the concert last night.

RLC Praise Team – Kristin Burdey

RP Valley Dancers – Michelle Erickson

R-P Graduate – Mariah Ciangiola

Winona Brass Band directed by Dave Gudmasted

Rachel & Dave Brown – Donation of Christmas Tree – Entrance Way:

Thank you to them for providing us with this beautiful tree for our **Christmas Season!** Decorations for the tree were provided by EC – 5th grade students.

Prac A WSU Students – Last Day was on Friday (12.7):

Alexa Akeman and Marina deZeeuw, have done an AWESOME job of working with our students. They have been working under the guidance of Mrs. Torkelson.

I appreciate their contributions and wish them the very best as they continue on with their college course work.

Student Teachers – Last day with us was on Friday, Dec. 14th:

They recently completed their student teaching experience with us. They were:

Rocky Xiong – Elem. PE – Mrs. T. Brown

Shelby Miller – 1st Grade – Mrs. Halverson – Lind

Mariah Schultz – MS/HS PE – Mrs. N. Schultz

Amanda Kvindall – HS SS – Mr. Mlsna

Tori Rodgers – Art – Mrs. Cunningham

We appreciated having them as a part of our R-P Family.

My thanks and appreciations to our teachers for hosting them and for providing them with a successful and rewarding teaching experience.

Food Drive: Home BB Games and Elementary Students and Staff:

I appreciate our students and staff for sponsoring a food drive this year. Thanks to their hard work they generated lots of food items for the SEMCAC Food Shelf.

A special note of thanks to the Sunshine Group for embracing this special project.

I am very appreciative of their efforts and for the generous response we received.

It's a great way for our students to understand that it is better to give than receive!

Thank you to our guest speaker Arn Kind who presented on Friday (12.7) 1:00 to 3:00 PM in the Auditorium (Students 6 -12):

We welcomed him to our school. He shared his presentation and passion of Minnesota's Involvement and Contributions in the Civil War.

A note of thanks to Mr. Honken for arranging this special event.

A special note of thanks to: Rushford Foods, P.I.E. (Partners in Education), Rushford Lions Club, Hoff Funeral Home and Rushford Public Library for their financial support.

F.Y.I. MDE – Commissioner Brenda Cassellius:

She recently announced that she will be stepping down as the Commissioner of Education. Governor Elect – Tim Walz will be making an announcement in the near future as to her replacement.

My thanks and appreciations to Commissioner Cassellius for being a “Champion of Education”!

Van Damaged – Run in with a Deer:

Our van #7 was involved in a deer accident last week. We are working with the insurance company to determine the best course of action with the van.

Meetings and Upcoming Events:

Monday, January 7th, 2019 @ 5:30 PM – Organizational Meeting

- Note: The Board will need to finalize the 2019 meeting dates at the Organizational Meeting.