

# Report to the School Board

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## Strategic Priority 1: Student Success

- Happy Valentine's Day!



The members of our Elementary Student Council hosted the members of the High School National Honor Society. Together, they created some art made with love to bring to the residents of Lewiston Senior Living. Everyone created a "Love Bug" that can decorate the walls and also created a Valentine card. It's very cool to see and hear the interactions of the students. Collaboration for a cause!

- LA CARES

Our February LA CARES assembly celebrated several events from the previous month. The month began with Read Bowl, a Superbowl spinoff contest to see which classroom would read the most minutes. Congrats to Mr. Buringa's room. This was followed by Valentines week where we LOVE Kindness. The kindness Shout Outs contest was won by Ms. Kennedy's class. The third week focused on Responsibility for our library books with Ms. Falkowski's and Ms. Heftman's classes tying as champions. Our last week of February followed the fun viewing of the Winter Olympics. We gathered to acknowledge our students to highlight responsibility and held the first ever Kid Curling event. Ms. Reszka's class won Gold, Ms. Pilger's won Silver and Mr. Schmaltz's won Bronze. Fun for all!



- 5th graders visit the career fair!



With an eye to the future, our fifth graders joined high school students in visiting the 2026 Lewiston-Altura Career Fair. There were 14 local businesses represented for our students to interact with, learning about their business and how to learn more about it. Heard on the bus ride back to the elementary, "I thought that might be boring, but that was pretty cool!" A big THANK YOU to the area businesses for setting up to talk to our 5-12 grade level students. Your efforts are appreciated. Another big thank you goes to Mary Anne Boetke from Bluff Country Collaborative for facilitating this event!

## Strategic Priority 2: Effective Staffing

- Feb. 17 Professional Development Day:

The entire K-12 certified staff began the professional development day at the High School participating in a presentation from Luke Cumbee from Gruvy Education on how to use AI in schools. Comments that Luke was a polished presenter and that there was a lot to absorb were common. Staff are able to complete 4 modules on their own time to receive 10 hours of CEU credits in addition to the time on the PD day. The Gruvy education team sends continuous emails with tips and techniques for AI help in schools.

**Strategic Priority 3: Finance** Elementary reply for staff licensure included on board agenda.

## Strategic Priority 4: Facilities

- Renovation updates:

Elementary staff have been preparing for the upcoming construction by clearing storage shelving, and labeling various room items. Staff are able to utilize pdf versions of their updated rooms to compare current to future storage in order to determine trash/recycle, auction or storage.

- Facility and grounds meetings:

Meetings with Demco furniture representatives, ISG architects, Ingensa project manager and site superintendent have recently taken place for planning and preparation.

## Strategic Priority 5: Community Engagement

- VIP Dance – On Saturday, February 21

It was a special evening for over 40 young ladies and their very important guest as they came to the decorated elementary gym for the VIP Dance.

- March Math Mania-

The equations were flying at March Math Mania!! It was fun to see the young brains at work taking on the challenges and figuring out math problems. Each grade level had math mazes, puzzles and challenges to overcome in order to get a math prize from the prize table!

The math prize + a pizza supper = a great family night! Thank you to Ms Ostrander for the planning, organizing and implementation of it math night. Thank you also to the Play Group and many staff members who volunteered to help!

