

Falconer Chapman School

Board Report

September 2014

How are we doing?

Enrollment: K-5 = 443 6-8 = 188 Total: 631 (end of last year 625)

Kindergarten: 67

First Grade: 78

Second Grade: 81

Third Grade: 71

Fourth Grade: 72

Fifth Grade: 74

Sixth Grade: 61

Seventh Grade: 65

Eighth Grade : 62

Student Highlights:

Great start to the school year with many new changes that will positively impact all students. In the upper hall we have changed to a total middle school model in which all students in grades 6-8 have different teachers in subject areas throughout the day. Our new science teacher, Syndi Ziehl has brought lego robotics to our school as an elective class and students seem to be excited about it. A high school robotics student has asked to be a part of that class as a mentor for students which is an exciting addition.

Middle school volleyball and football are underway and the player turnout is great with over 30 7th & 8th grade volleyball players and football players. Volleyball played their first games this week against Willamina with the 7th grade being victorious and the 8th graders putting up a good fight but lost.

Grades K-5 students are working on developing a teamwork atmosphere in the classrooms and learning the established PBIS common area expectations. During the first week of school FCS put on a PBIS bootcamp that all students went through to learn the expectations in each area of the school. This activity was a great success because of the students, teachers and the team of instructional assistants who taught at each of the stations.

DIBELS testing in both reading and math are underway school-wide. The student results will help to determine the placement of students in intervention/acceleration groups which will hopefully begin next week.

Last Thursday our students were asked to honor those who lost their lives on 9/11 thirteen years ago by a school-wide moment of silence. The student response was amazing!

First middle school dance for the year was Friday, September 12th.

What's New:

We have some new staff at FCS this year. In MS Science we welcomed Sydni Ziehl. In K-8 PE/Health we welcomed Michael Lowry. Nolan Taylor is our new 5th grade teacher and Michael Goetz is the new 4th grade teacher. Our new behavior specialist is Jeannie McDermott. Tyson Pratt has joined the staff as our ESOL teacher and LeeAnn Baecker is our new speech teacher. We also have a new SPED secretary Laurie Dowless and a new instructional assistant Marianne Thomson. We are excited with all the new faces in the building and see good things for the future at FCS.

Dates to remember:

Sept. 23rd MS Volleyball and Football will play Amity at home

Sept. 24th FCS Ice Cream Social Event

Oct. 2nd MS Volleyball and Football will play Gaston at home

Oct. 14th MS Volleyball and Football will play Nestucca at home