

Principal Report 2022-2023  
February School Board Meeting  
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown  
Grades K-12



### ***All District***

In celebration and to honor all U.S. Presidents, district students and employees did not have school on Monday, February 20. The week also included a few weather impacts to traditional, in-person learning.

### ***PreK-6 Report***

Earlier this month fifth grade students went to Eagle Bluff for the annual field trip. Students, chaperones and teachers had a great time! A huge thank you to the 26 chaperones that attended and to many throughout the community who helped support this trip by participating in the various fundraisers! An even bigger thanks to Mrs. Landru, Mrs. Wetzel and Mr. Svendsen for their leadership and organization to make this trip happen!

PreK-4th grade students celebrated I Love to Read Month with a variety of reading activities concluding with an all school Read & Feed Friday, Feb. 24. School Age Care students celebrated with guest readers all month! Thanks to Mrs. Holicky for organizing this fun activity!

Prek-6th grade teachers are excited to welcome parents for conferences March 9th & 16th.

Prek-6th grade students are participating in FFA/Snow Week dress up days alongside the High School.

## **7-12 Report**

The high school band and choir performed for a winter concert on February 6. Performances were stellar! In addition to the concert the Fine Arts Boosters hosted a bake sale which again was a huge success. A BIG BUCS thank you to the WEM Fine Arts Boosters and all those parents/students who provided sweet treats for the event.

Juniors and seniors participated in a Reality Day Event. The event took place at the high school in the morning of February 8. Local volunteers from a variety of businesses took part in helping to create the event. The reality event was similar to The Game of Life where students were given an occupation and an average salary expected with their occupation to live on while creating a budget and paying typical bills. At some points of the event a student may have received a speeding ticket or an unexpected vet bill for their pet. To complete the event students needed to have a balanced budget and bills paid before exiting. A big thank you to our community for supporting this event as well as Mrs. Reuvers (high school counselor) and Kelsey Rose (South Central Service Cooperative) for helping to organize the event.

WEM is continuing their partnership with To Zero Deaths, a program Le Sueur County has developed. Last year we hosted a rotation of simulations including driving impaired and seatbelt/airbag deploying. This year, on April 17 we will host a speaker, Mr. Maas, to speak on the importance of safe driving. The date was selected in lieu of prom shortly thereafter.

All freshmen students attended the career navigator on February 17. The event was held at South Central College-Mankato. The primary purpose of the event is to expose students to career fields, educational needs within those fields and develop an introduction to post-secondary options.

Snow Week Coronation was held on February 21. Candidates included freshmen Kaitlyn LaFrance and Auston Holicky, Clare Landrum and Spencer Nordstrom & Jocelyn Brown and Brenden Snesrud. Sophomore candidates Anna Nielsen and Ivan Pratt, Ashlyn Pelant and Brody Holicky & Loryn Caldwell and Nathan Boese. Juniors Kylie LaFrance and Dylan Holicky, Izabela Slechta and Tim McGraw & Katrina Brekke and Luke Michael. Senior candidates Emma Woratschka and Ethan Greenwald, Daelyn Judd and David Lamp & Alexa Gleasen and Eddie Crosby. Our 2022-2023 royalty are king and queen: Ethan Greenwald and Emma Woratschka, junior prince and princess: Luke Michael and Izabela Slechta, sophomore prince and princess: Anna Nielsen and Ivan Pratt and freshmen prince and princess: Auston Holicky and Kaitlyn LaFrance.

National FFA Week was February 20-24, but due to inclement weather student activities were postponed for the week of February 27-March 3. The WEM FFA will host dress-up days, lunch activities and the finale of the week: Students vs. Teachers with gym activities.

High school art teacher, Ms. Katie Brown has worked with students to enter art pieces in the Minnesota Senate Art Display. Artwork from students across the state are submitted and selected by senators. Once submitted the art pieces are put on display for the rest of 2023. The following student submissions were selected: Addison Condon (9th grade) to represent District 22, Madison Foster (10th grade) to represent District 44, Clayton Jans (11th grade) to represent District 20, Caleb Caron (11th grade) to represent District 23.

Joe Miske made a visit to WEM on February 16. Joe is the regional AVID representative for our area in Minnesota. Joe's visit was to discuss future goals of the WEM AVID program and touch base on various pilot programs AVID is exploring not just in Minnesota but across the country. WEM's AVID program has been in place for many years with part of the program's goals assisting and promoting post-secondary options, exposure to college and career readiness as well as academic guidance.