

# *Report to the School Board*

February 14, 2022

By Elementary / Intermediate School Principal Dave Riebel

## **GOAL 1: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO PROVIDE THE BEST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.**

- K-6 Conferences

The annual February Parent-Teacher conferences were held on Thursday, Feb. 10 and this evening, Feb. 14. Parents were able to utilize the PTCFast scheduling website to set up their face to face conference with their child's homeroom teacher. Specialist teachers are also available on these evenings for parents to check in with and connect.

- Book Fair



A popular part of our traditional February conference nights returned to the Elementary School. The Book Fair with a theme of Reading Paradise is set up in our media center while conferences are held. It is always great to view and enhance the love of reading and the book fair is a great promotion. Our school also benefits from free books via a rewards program based on the Book Fair purchases.

- Continued Success for Math Wizards

The Intermediate Math Wizards teams continue with the regional competitions at Dover Eyota and Chatfield. Congratulations to all who competed. The sixth grade team, consisting of Hailey Larson, Alyssa Hansen, Peyton Kessler, Cole Chartier and Alaina Barkeim captured 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of 14 teams at the Chatfield event. Congratulations to all competitors!



## **GOAL 2: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO HIRE, DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE STAFF.**

- Science curricular review

Classroom teachers in grades K-6 who teach science have been working their way through a review process. Curricular samples from four curriculum companies were sent to our school for review. Grade level staff have utilized a set of criteria to examine each curriculum to narrow down the field. After a quantitative and qualitative review, the top two curriculum will be compared and contrasted specifically with our Minnesota standards to determine our recommendation for the Systems Accountability Committee.

- Late Start for support staff:

Paraprofessional staff attended one of two staff development trainings. District nurse Michelle MacPherson led one training for staff who are asked to complete Third Party Billing processes at their buildings. Other district paraprofessionals completed a self-analysis using the Myers Briggs Personality inventory. The results of the inventory were used to reflect on how they can use this knowledge within their classroom assignments, working with both students and staff.

## **GOAL 3: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN A POSITIVE EMOTIONAL AND SAFE CLIMATE FOR LEARNERS AND STAFF.**

- Paraprofessional Appreciation Week

Governor Walz declared Jan. 24-28 paraprofessionals week in Minnesota. The L-A Elementary and Intermediate students and staff utilized a daily schedule of events and recognition to extend the thanks to this section of our staff. Cards from the classroom, lunch from teaching staff and official certificates were some of the highlights.

- Valentine creations



The Lewiston-Altura High School National Honor Society members recently visited to work with our Elementary Student Council members to create cards and decorations for local senior living residents. Our Cardinal CARES were on display as they interacted and created these decorations so that they could brighten the February days of local senior citizens.



- Minnesota Student Survey

Students at the 5<sup>th</sup> grade level had the opportunity to complete the Minnesota Student Survey online during the week of Feb. 7-11. This is an online survey offered every three years to provide trend data about the health, safety and academic success from the student's standpoint. Results will be provided for the district, county and state level comparison.

- Talent revealed

Fifth grade student Walter Wenzel highlighted his singing talent at a recent varsity basketball game by singing the national anthem to the full gymnasium crowd. Impressive performance Walter!

## **GOAL 4: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE DISTRICT'S INFRASTRUCTURE.**

Thank you to Mr. Banicki for the purchase and installation of a new water bottle filling station at the Intermediate School.