



# Madrona Elementary School

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Dear Mr. Kantola and Esteemed Board Members:

It is my pleasure to share with you some of the things we are doing at my two schools. At Madrona we are in the process of having two of my teachers who are not SIOP trained become trained through the ESD. Because we are a magnet school for ESL students this is a critical skill set for all of our teachers. Once those two teachers finish their trainings we will all be either SIOP, CLAD or some other type of ESL endorsement trained.

Both schools participated in jog a thon fund raisers in October. Madrona raised about \$4,600 and Jerome Prairie raise about \$6,400. At Jerome Prairie each teacher will receive a portion of those funds for use in the classroom. Teachers purchased things like math manipulatives, spelling books and classroom magazines with their funds last year. It is likely we will also be purchasing either some new computers or another Activboard out of those funds. At Madrona our PTA plans on using some of the funds to help our library buy new books and another big chunk to replace some furniture or support some new technology like slates to work with our Activboards.

Our professional development has focused around our use of our new math curriculum and our new Renaissance learning online resources which supports reading. Both schools have joined forces for those trainings. We also have been sending the teachers from both schools who recently had Activboards installed in their rooms to gain the skills needed to use the board effectively with instruction. Tammy Griffis has been in charge of those trainings. I also took four teachers, two from each school to a state supported training through COSA in Ashland. They really enjoyed that training and felt they gained new insight. I also attended a session for principals on the new standards in math and language arts.

Our goal is to help our teachers gain the skills and understanding of these new standards so student learning is impacted in a positive way. I appreciate the opportunity to get more training so I can learn the standards and new curriculum, too. It will help me be more effective as the school instructional leader.

Lise Van Brunt

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lise Van Brunt".

Principal