



December Board Report

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TO: NBCUSD #16 Board of Education, Jill Larson, Superintendent

From: Brandon Radford , Jr. High Principal

School/Building Improvement:

- MTSS Team will be starting check-in & check-outs with students starting after Christmas break
 - Checking in on students struggling with
 - Attendance
 - Academics
 - Social/Emotional
 - Behavior
 - Multiple Categories

Curriculum and Instruction

- 6th & 7th Grade PE (With Bre Oswald) hosted a Guest Speaker from Sangamon County Health Department
 - Talked about Social Media, Health, Body Image with our students
- 7th Grade Leadership Class (with Kirsten Gebhardt) taking their items that they purchased to Inner City Mission to donate this week
- Intervention students (with Emily Yates) have been doing AIMSWeb benchmarking this last week
 - Allows us to see how they are doing and what they have been improving in
- 8th Grade Careers was able to tour the Construction site during class and learn about different careers that something like that could present
- 8th grade ELA (with Lu Bauman) had a coffee shop themed day Friday - December 8.
 - Students initiated it talking about how nice it would be to go to a coffee shop to work on their essay.
 - They had a Cozy by the Fire day
 - Students got cocoa & cookies while writing their essay by a faux fire on the projector
 - They also reflected on their accomplishments to date:
 - 9 Vocab Lessons
 - 3 Novels & Assessments (with quizzes in between)
 - 10 Short Stories
 - 10 Selection Quizzes
 - 1 Unit Test
 - 8 Essays
 - 17 IXL Skills



Assessment

- We decided to push our Winter MAP testing back until December 15 & 18
 - We wanted to give all students an opportunity to show what they have learned and didn't want to rush them into testing coming out of Thanksgiving break.
 - Students are going to be given Smart Water, Smart Snack, and Motivational Speech before starting their MAP testing.

Pretzel Positives

- We hosted our 2nd Pretzel with a Professional
 - Captain Hayes & NB Alumni - Deputy Rita Nickell with the Sangamon County Sheriff's Department uses PRIDE on a daily basis to communicate with the deputies in the department and people who live within the community.
- Students have enjoyed dressing up for theme days (Ugly Sweater Day, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, Christmas Fancy, The Nutcracker, and Frosty the Snowman)

Recommendations:

- None at this time.