

Report to the School Board

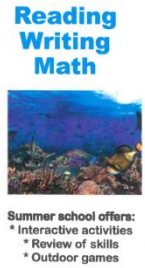
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By Elementary / Intermediate School Principal Dave Riebel

Strategic Priority 1: Student Success

- Summer School:

Each summer, our staff invites students who qualify to reading, writing and math enrichment classes for three weeks in the summer. These courses are designed to address age appropriate skills and work to avoid the dreaded “summer slide” of skills. This year’s Title 1 summer school classes and activities were built around the theme of “Under the Sea”. Thank you to Ms. Ostrander for her coordination of the program and to Ms. Heftman, Ms. Starks, Ms. Scheck, Ms. Sula, and super sub Ms. Falkowski for teaching these summer programs. Also thanks to Mr. Weninger for his coordination and teaching of our Extended School Year special education courses.



- Summer Library

In addition to the activities at the Crossing Center, our Elementary library was busy on Wednesday afternoons as well. It was great to see families stop by for activities and to check out books. Thanks to Ms. Manley and Ms. Leibfried for their assistance.

Strategic Priority 2: Effective Staffing

Staffing Updates: The closure of the Intermediate School has staff beginning the new year in some new roles. The following table highlights the classroom teachers all housed at the Elementary School:

Preschool	Kindergarten	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
Courtney Fricke	Marcia O’Duggan	Ginny Reszka	Kate Falkowski	Maddie Gasca Hernandez	Mike Buringa	Dylan Gowlland
Vicky Greden	Suzanne Pilger	Jane Weaver	Deb Heftman	Scott Schmaltz	Liza Kennedy	Britney Sula
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We also welcome some new faces to our elementary family. In the above chart, Courtney Fricke joins our preschool staff. Ms. Theresa Starks will join our special education staff. Ms. Natalie Mehling will join our ADSIS reading and math intervention staff and will also assist with our STEAM programming. Mr. Hamilton will join us at the Elementary School to continue his band instruction.

Strategic Priority 3: Finance

- ADSIS funding

Our district received notice that the funding of our Alternative Delivery of Specialized Instructional Services (ADSIS) programs have been approved for the coming school year. Our elementary staff will continue to combine this funding with our Title, Compensatory and General Ed. funding to deliver tiered reading and math interventions for K-5 students.

Strategic Priority 4: Facilities



- Elementary Playground

After many years of packed chips, the elementary playground is refreshed. Crews removed old, trampled residue and replaced the chips for the playground equipment fall area.

- Parking lot resealed

Similar to the High School, the Elementary School parking lots, walking path and hard surface playground has been resealed and painted leaving that like new look.



- Move to the Elementary is complete

It was a once in a lifetime task. The closing of the Intermediate School was bittersweet and required lots of help from many hands to accomplish the closure and move. Thank you Intermediate staff for their yearlong planning and packing. Thank you to the custodial staff for lots of disassembly and moving. Thank you to Mr. Weninger and Menk brothers for their heavy lifting required in the move. After several trips during the spring and early summer, the lockers are installed, and classrooms are moved in at the Elementary. We are ready for 23-24!



Strategic Priority 5: Community Engagement

- Fourth annual Meet and Greet Conferences

Similar to previous years, Elementary School families will utilize the first two days of school to participate in a scheduled Family and Teacher conference. Families will be able to meet teachers, drop of school supplies, fill out paperwork, set up accounts and build on the excitement of the new school year. These days are scheduled for Sept. 5-6th with the first day of in-person school for PK-5 on Sept. 7th.