

Tomahawk Elementary School Board Report Dec. 14, 2021

Upcoming events:

December 21 – Fire Drill 2 p.m.

December 23-Jan. 2 – Christmas Break

New Reading program Update

We continue to work on our new reading program implementation in the 4K-3 classrooms with the assistance of Katie Rein and April Schofield from CESA 9. April has joined this work as she has a strong knowledge base and experience teaching elementary reading within the Fountas and Pinell program. April visited the elementary Dec. 6 & 10th. The classroom teachers in 4K-3 observed her teaching a reading mini lesson and then April was available to debrief with each grade level to discuss the mini lesson, answer questions and plan for the continued support for the remainder of the year based on the needs they recognize for themselves.

Counseling with Mrs. Peissig

Our 3rd - 5th grade students will be working on learning more about themselves and work preferences, using Xello. Xello is an online program we will be using to help our students in grades 3- 5 prepare for academic, career, and future success. Through Xello, students will record and reflect on their classes, interests and skills. We will explore various careers that match our interests and skills. You can learn more about Xello and the student experience by visiting www.xello.world. As students learn more about themselves, they will be more prepared to make decisions about their future in the world of work.

Update from the Elementary Library – Mrs. Norman

We have a new way to log reading minutes. The app Beanstack has been used with public libraries for a while, but it has now recently been released to schools. Mrs. Norman creates challenges for students and they can choose to participate in these challenges. Students can just simply log minutes and books read and earn badges. This tool is used to generate excitement for reading and encourage students to read.

SeeSaw Update

I recently viewed our SeeSaw usage analytics in Tomahawk Elementary School. We are in our 2nd year utilizing SeeSaw as our common learning/communication tool at the elementary level. I was pleased to see that since November 7 to present we have posted 29,650 times and we have had 38,597 visits by

family members to our SeeSaw account. SeeSaw continues to be very important at the elementary level for both student learning and family engagement.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our teachers had a great turnout for parent/teacher conferences. The majority of conferences were held by phone or zoom meeting however we did have a small percentage of parents that chose to meet with our teachers in person. We had a 96% turnout for conferences. I am very happy with the communication our staff has with our students' families.