



## May Board Report

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

From: Brandon Radford , Jr. High Principal

### School/Building Improvement:

- Hosted our last Pretzels with a Professional w. Core Construction on Wednesday - May 8, 2024
  - Students loved having the opportunity to ask so many questions to Ron, Chad, and Nicole - the students loved having them! (Shout out to Aimee Gray for coordinating our Pretzels with a Professional this year)
- We were able to celebrate our Teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week (Shout out to Shelly Bandelow) for helping ensure our teachers felt appreciated during their week.
- Staff & Students are getting excited for 8th Grade Promotion - Monday, May 20, 2024

### Curriculum and Instruction

- 8th Grade ELA - Outsiders Day on Tuesday - May 14 - Gave Students & Staff a fun way to dress up and end the year
- 7th Grade Leadership Class just wrapped up their Q4 Projects
  - Group 1 - held 4 bake sales, raising money to purchase flowers for the residents of Cedarhurst. They delivered the flowers, as well as cards they made, to all of the residents. With the remaining funds, they coordinated with the Cedarhurst Event Planner, and purchased 13 puzzles.
  - Group 2 - organized a canned food drive for the Loami Food Pantry. They also went door to door asking for donations. They were able to donate 431 non perishable and personal care items.
  - Group 3 - teamed up with PAWS in Jacksonville. They collected and donated cleaning supplies, food, and toys for the animals. They also spent 2 days at PAWS cleaning, playing with, and walking the animals.

### Assessment

- We just finished up Spring NWEA Map Testing for the year and seen some nice Growth in Math and ELA

### Pretzel Positives

- Got to accompany 5 - 8th Grade Students to the ACE Awards in Springfield - Apr 25, 2024



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- Got to accompany an 8th grade student to the IPA Student Breakfast (was a great representative of NBJH) - May 8, 2024
- Congrats to our Jr. High Track team at the State Track Meet (Had several students reach the final podium)
- Thank you to the 5th Grade Teachers (Berola, Brown, Maxson, Fry) for helping bring the 5th grade students over for three different step-up days. (Shout out to Seth Hill and Heather Pidcock) for helping with transportation and coordinating lunch. Thank you to 6th Grade Teachers (Burke, Dillon, Wainman, Knepler, Delaney, Magrath, Pecoraro, and Kruckeberg) for opening their classrooms to our future students.
  - We were able to bring over each class one day at a time for them to tour the school, go through core class, an elective class, and a lunch period.
  - Will welcome them back with Pretzel Success Day in August
- Had 14 - 8th Graders apply to be Student Leaders next year in helping with our incoming 8th Grade
  - They will help with Pretzel Success Day
  - Opening Day
  - Checking in with 6th Graders throughout the year to help ensure their success

### **Recommendations:**

- None at this time.