Principal Update

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- February Celebrates I LOVE to READ
  - Door decorating challenge
  - Book Worm Hunt
  - Stop, Drop, and Read
- Observations Continue,
  - I am seeing FANTASTIC lessons! Worthy of making examples of, there is so much EXCELLENT teaching going on, it makes my heart so happy!
    - Most recently observed great chunking, and processing strategies being used, shout out to Carol Procopio who's intentional and highly structured beginning of the hour procedures will be used as an exemplar during PLD this month
- Some Great Field Trips are being planned
  - 10th grade Field Trip to Minneapolis
    - The safety committee has discussed, and we plan on watching events pretty closely, and will make a determination if protests or other activities may pose safety risk to our students or staff, closer to the date of departure. I am also planning on chaperoning.
- Other Field trips coming up this spring:
  - HS Art Field Trip to MIA (with Sara Valtinson)
  - 8th grade Physical Science Field trip to Valley Fair to study the physics of the park
  - 9th grade Overnight Earth Science Field Trip with Mr. Rogers. Mr Rogers is planning a 2 day field trip to the Iron Range, North Shore and Duluth. This would include camping at Tettegouche State Park
    - In our year of studying Earth Science students have learned topics ranging from rocks to weather. As a culmination of this study we would like to do a 2 day field trip to the Iron Range, North Shore and Duluth. During those two days we would explore the history of mining, learn about the geology of the Iron Range, walk on the lava flows along Lake Superior, observe erosion and weathering at numerous sites, discuss the weather phenomena, observe constellations and other astronomical sights and explore the Duluth harbor. This memorable field trip will have one night of camping at Tettegouche State Park. I have extra sleeping bags, tents, air mattresses and camping gear. Learning science through experiencing it leaves indelible images that last a lifetime. The plan for this trip is to leave on a Friday May 15 at 8:30 a.m. and return Saturday May 16 around 8 p.m.
    - Dan is still working out some logistics, (chaperons, etc.) but this is similar to what he has orchestrated multiple times before at previous school, and it should be a great learning experience for our students!
    - See the itinerary here!

- SnowDays Kicked off this week with fun activities to celebrate our students, our activities and our learning community!

- PBIS Celebration happened last Friday, We took the students to Grand Rapids for some good ol' fashioned Bowling fun! These trips are to celebrate those students who did NOT get any majors during 1st quarter. Students had a lot of fun, all were respectful. I even got some bowling in!
- Our interview committee will be meeting to interview for the full-time Science position, this Thursday.
    - I am advocating that the board approve the purchase of the HS science curriculum, Open Sci Ed for 50K. Applicants usually ask about curriculum, and I'd like to say we are committed to purchasing new curriculum this summer.