



Napi's Vision Statement:

Napi Elementary School, a community of families, students, and staff will work to ensure the very best education for all our children through teaching, guidance, support, and structure.

Napi's Mission Statement:

Napi Elementary School is committed to providing high-quality instruction and support to promote the highest achievement of all students, both academically and behaviorally.

January Board Report

Principals: December was filled with good cheer and fun activities for both staff and students! We enjoyed the time that we spent together before going on our Winter Break!

Holiday Celebrations

Napi's holiday spirit ran all month long! To help set the 'Holiday' spirit, we hosted our yearly door decorating contest. Our Napi classroom winners received ice cream bars. All participants received a popsicle. Every classroom had a unique and festive theme!

Mrs. Hoyt--Elves in Santa's Workshop



Ms. Marceau--Whoville Sleigh



Mrs. CalfBossRibs--Santa's Workshop



Staff Door Winners

Mrs. Bragg



Mrs. Wells



Napi's Stockings

Students received their annual holiday stocking from the Napi Team on Tuesday, December 19th. A huge thank you to the Napi Specialists and TA Teams for preparing the stockings and distributing them. Students received several goodies and a 'Napi Rocks' t-shirt.



Holiday Recitals

Mr. Tail did not disappoint with this year's Whoville Holiday Recital! Students and staff worked together to create a 'Whoville & The Grinch' performance. We had a great turnout from the community and received many compliments on the students and their performances! A huge thank you to Delora BearChild, Amber

StillSmoking, and Laura MadMan for taking the lead in transforming the gym to a Holiday Wonderland for students, staff, and the community!





MSU-Northern

Approximately 20 Napi students were invited to attend both Girl's and Boy's Northern Lights Basketball games on December 7th. Coach Chris Mouat extended the invitation in honor of it being Dulce Skunkcap's last year as a Northern Lights intercollegiate athlete. We were honored to receive the invitation and thankful to not only provide our students with the opportunity to experience college life, but to support Miss Skunkcap in her accomplishments. A huge thank you to the staff that arrived at Napi at 6:00AM and returned at 6:00PM to chaperone students at this event: Mrs. Kim BirdRattler, Mrs. Bragg, and Ms. Sangray!



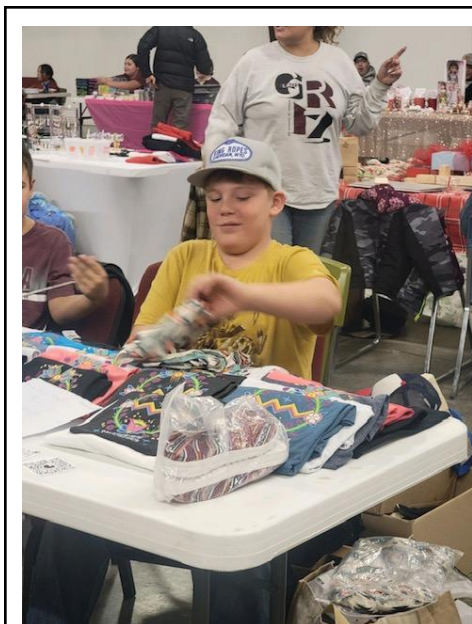
Mini Bank Members Attend Community Bazaar

Matt Harrington, Napi's Mini Bank Club Sponsor, invited our Mini Bank members to attend the Community Holiday Bazaar on December 10th. Mini Bank member and entrepreneur Presley Augare participated in this event. She makes crochet plushies, which she explained are stuffed toys. Her Gramma Betty taught her to make them. She was excited and sold more than five of her items! Presley said she would definitely participate in this event again. Her favorite part of the event was socializing with customers and hanging out with fellow Mini Bank members.

Tallulah Schauf is also a Mini Bank member and she sold her baked snacks and crochet keychains at the bazaar. She shared that her Grandma Nancy, who she refers to as Tutu, taught her to make them. She said she sold way more than five items and she would participate again. Her favorite part of the event was seeing how many people came to the event.

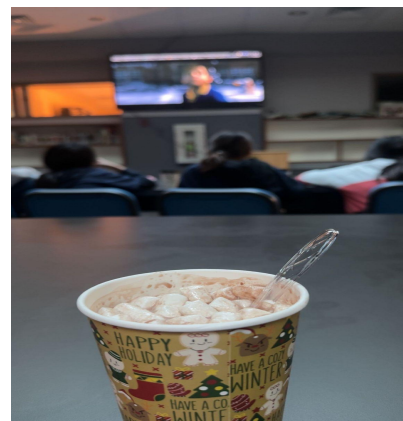
Thank you to Mr. Nevez for chaperoning this event and supporting students to grow their entrepreneurial resumes!





December's Family Night

Napi's Specialist Team hosted December's Family Night. The theme was the 'Polar Express.' Families received hot chocolate and popcorn while watching this holiday classic! All students received their own 'Golden Ticket' and other goodies.



WIDA Update

Wida testing started on December 4, 2023. We had a total of 149 students total to test for WIDA this school year. We are proud to announce that we only have 19 students left to test out of the 149. That is a number we can celebrate up to date. After the Christmas break we will continue to reach for our 100% completion up to February.

Classroom Projects

I am delighted to share that I created a project, "Warm beds and Happy Hearts", to give my students electric blankets at Christmas. As of this morning, my project was fully funded. Seventeen electric blankets should be arriving from Donors Choose within the next two weeks. --Submitted by Ms. Linke



I noticed that my body pillows in the reading corner were being used as cushions for their chairs. The students were racing to get them because I only had two. During reading time, I would tell them to get comfortable.

They would stretch out on the floor. I wanted all of them to enjoy reading time, but I couldn't afford a pillow for each of them. Christmas was around the corner so I asked DonorsChoose for help. ---Submitted by Mrs. Whitford



December's Staff of the Week

<p>CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION NAPI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STAFF OF THE WEEK</p> <p>MRS. CONNOLLY</p> <p>Mrs. Connolly is new to the Napi Team, but she has already had a positive impact on the students! She immediately became involved in the intervention program and started supporting students right away. She is calm in all instances and is very caring towards the students. In addition to her regular duties for the month of December, she has also focused a huge amount of energy on getting items ordered for the holiday festivities and takes on a huge role in preparing the school for the holiday program!</p>	<p>CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION NAPI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STAFF OF THE WEEK</p> <p>MRS. BEARCHILD</p> <p>Mrs. BearChild is the Beading Club Sponsor! She takes on any task assigned with a positive attitude! She is a great team player to have on your team! Mrs. BearChild also instructs a daily intervention class. In addition to her regular duties for the month of December, she has also focused a huge amount of energy on getting items ordered for the holiday festivities and takes on a huge role in preparing the school for the holiday program!</p>	<p>CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION NAPI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STAFF OF THE WEEK</p> <p>MS. STILLSMOKING</p> <p>Ms. StillSmoking is a team player and goes above and beyond when completing any task that she is assigned. She has instructed intervention classes for two years. She is kind and respectful to all students and staff at all times! She is always willing to take the lead on school events! She is greatly appreciated for the many hats that she wears. In addition to her regular duties for the month of December, she has also focused a huge amount of energy on getting items ordered for the holiday festivities and takes on a huge role in preparing the school for the holiday program!</p>
<p>CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION NAPI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STAFF OF THE WEEK</p> <p>MS. MADMAN</p> <p>Ms. MadMan does an outstanding job ensuring that R&Rs are collected every Friday. She ensures that the winning classrooms receive their popcorn and pencils consistently. In addition to her regular duties for the month of December, she has also focused a huge amount of energy on getting items ordered for the holiday festivities and takes on a huge role in preparing the school for the holiday program!</p>	<p>CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION NAPI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STAFF OF THE WEEK</p> <p>MRS. HOYT</p> <p>Mrs. Hoyt is new to the Napi team and is already a great asset. This month she created our 20 days of Christmas dress up themes for Napi staff and students. Mrs. Hoyt also is part of our SLT Team at Napi. She is the Browning High School Speech and Debate Coach. She gives all her effort and care into all students at Browning Public Schools.</p> <p>MRS. BIRD MS. RACINE</p>	

Attendance

Student Attendance: (December) 4th Grade: 77% 5th Grade: 78% Home Visits: 3	Staff Attendance: Certified: 84% Classified: 84%
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Instructional Coaches

December is almost over! A lot of eventful things have taken place during this month. At the beginning of the month our reading consultant Debbie Hunsaker came to visit. During her visit she met with the intervention PDSA teachers and reviewed a few things, including a review of student progress checks as well as establishing next steps for goal setting. We also were able to conduct a few ELA walkthroughs in both 4th and 5th grade classrooms. We are happy to report that our consultant is pleased with the maintenance of our ELA block and that we have implemented the recommendations made by our literacy audit. We discussed our coaching cycles and how that was progressing with each coach. Both of the instructional coaches have been working hard to help complete the WIDA testing.

Every year, the instructional coaches take charge of doing some fun activities with the staff before the Christmas break, so we continued our tradition by having Secret Santa and a Christmas food contest. Secret Santas were revealed during our final PD session and a great time was had by all.

We currently have two active coaching cycles and will complete follow ups with other staff members in need of support in the new year. Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year to all!

Staff Food contest winner was Edith Wagner and her homemade reindeer pellets!



Counseling Center

Greetings from the Napi Counseling Center! The center strives to provide a school counseling program that is aligned to the American School Counselors Association (ASCA) and is designed to improve student outcomes. **“The ASCA National Model: A Framework for School Counseling Programs”** outlines the components of a school counseling program that are integral to the school’s academic mission and was created to have a significant positive impact on student achievement, attendance and discipline. The center uses a 3 tiered approach to delivering services.

Tier I (all students) - All students in grade 4 participate in the Character Education Class as part of the specials rotation. The Character Education Classes utilize the Second Step Curriculum and students are currently learning how our brains and bodies react to strong emotions and things we can do to calm down before reacting. The lessons support our Kindness Campaign and are a foundational part of our MTSS in creating a positive school environment for all of our students at Napi Elementary.

Tier II and III (some students based on need) - Supportive Services are provided to students based on need. These services include; Dessa Small Groups, Individual Check and Connect, Tamarack Grief Groups, Clothing Closet, Youth Dynamics Case Management and Weekend Food Program for students who have been identified. Dessa Small Groups are conducted on Tuesday and Thursdays and students have participated in lessons on using their positive voice and inclusion during the month of December. There are currently 10 students being served by individual check and connects on Monday and Wednesday. The fall Tamarack Grief Groups, for students who have experienced loss and are grieving just wrapped up with 10 students completing the activity. Our emergency clothing closet is stocked with winter coats, gloves, hats, school clothing and undergarments and personal hygiene supplies. Students stop in and grab what they need at the end of the school day and we work very hard to find items that we are either out of or don’t stock. It is the goal of the Counseling Center to be an on-stop location to support our students and to remove barriers to student academic success.

During the month of December, the Counseling Center also served as a hub for the Toys for Tots program and all Napi students received 2 gifts provided by our local veterans.

Spookinaapi Project

During the month of December Spokinaapi Specials worked on Christmas ornaments while having discussions about making healthy-decisions and self-regulation. The students seem to enjoy working on something as we collectively discuss ways to self-regulate when emotions may feel intense. The month went by so fast that I wanted to do something fun with them before they left for their winter break.

Here is some of the work that students worked on.



Spokinaapi also assists in helping with Dessa Groups that focus on social emotional learning. I try to do fun activities with the students that they can work on as I do a lesson from the Aperture Education System. Some of the lessons are too long for the time frame of groups so I take key components from the lessons and focus on those subjects. Spokinaapi also creates a space for lunch groups during both grades, that allows students to spend their recess in the Spokinaapi office playing board games, kinetic sand, coloring, and playing with the doll house.

For the Month of December it was my turn to facilitate the Student Council meetings with students. Students gather to form their opinions related to things that are going well in the school and things that they feel need improvement. This group of students had great ideas and examples of positive things going well at Napi. Their focus was primarily on commending the staff here at Napi for making learning fun and providing activities. They also commented how the staff focus on the positive behaviors of students and provide attention to that behavior and they feel it will encourage all students to seek positive seeking behaviors. Here is a picture of the December Student Council with their gifts from the student advisory committee meeting at the Administration.



