

Report to the School Board

March 13, 2023

By Elementary / Intermediate School Principal Dave Riebel

GOAL 1: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO PROVIDE THE BEST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

- K-6 Conferences

Our lovely winter weather not only took a day away from school on February 23, but also caused a postponement of parent-teacher conferences for one week. Most of the staff and parents were able to utilize the same evening schedule, just one week later. We appreciate the strong attendance for conferences. Thanks to all for their flexibility and needed adjustments.



- Book Fair record success.

Even though the second evening of conferences were postponed by a week, the Elementary Book Fair retained a thriving pace of business. The fair generated a record \$3200 in book credits that will replenish the many paperback choices our students have in our PK-5 library. Thanks to all who supported our book fair.

- Early Childhood screening

Thank you to the early childhood staff who completed the last of the needed district screenings of our preschool students with their parents. These screening days are our best way to meet and inform parents as well as screen for possible areas of need.

- Math Wizards Final Competition



Congratulations to the 5th grade Math Wizards team (Carson Chartier, Leo Hedlund, Emily Burt, Georgia Daley & Emmet Simon) for placing 3rd of 17 teams at the regional meet in Spring Valley on Thursday, Feb. 16th. Congratulations to 5th grade individual place winners Carson(5th), Leo(11th), Emmet(13th) as well as sixth grader Bently Wirt (2nd) out of approximately 85 contestants.

- History Day

The long term efforts were put on display as the sixth grade students presented their History Day information to the panel of judges on Friday, March 3. This years theme is "Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas". The judges help select four groups to move on to the regional history day competition at Winona State. These groups meet with a History Day staff member to plan ways to enhance their information and presentations and then implement those adjustments before the regional event. Congratulations to the following groups:

- 1- Ian Garcia, Luis Morales, Mina Sozio, Kassandra Cavosos
- 2- Aria Lueck, Landon Zenk, Jose Trejo, Autumn Fabian, Alyssa Moger
- 3- Violet Passow, Annika Shurson
- 4- Zander Thelen, Rosalie Heinz



GOAL 2: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO HIRE, DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE STAFF.

- PK-6 Building Task Force –

The task force group of 13 staff members continues its monthly meetings working towards addressing the topics involved in transitioning from the grade 5-6 Intermediate School to a PK-5 Elementary School.

- MCA assessment planning and preparations

Preparations for students and staff are underway to set up for the annual MCA assessment season. State reading assessments will take place the week of April 17 with math assessments during the week of April 24. Grade level teachers are utilizing a new online site to access practice questions from previous assessments.

GOAL 3: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN A POSITIVE EMOTIONAL AND SAFE CLIMATE FOR LEARNERS AND STAFF.

- Fools Five Kick off:

Mr. Schmaltz, aka the Biggest Fool in Lewiston, led the kickoff assembly on Feb. 16 that begins our annual PK-6 assistance with the community Fools Five efforts to raise funds for cancer research. The elementary and intermediate students and staff will play a big role. The Intermediate students and staff also have an additional Coins vs Cancer effort that decorates the Intermediate hallway.



- Read Across America Week –

The annual celebration of Dr. Suess's birthday highlights Read Across America Week in our schools and across the nation. The Elementary and Intermediate Schools enjoyed themed dress up days, coloring contest, trivia of the day and guest readers during the week of 2/27-3/3.

- 100 Day celebrations – Week of March 6.

When you are learning about a calendar, and learning how to count to 100, and building up for the day, it makes for some fun activities in kindergarten and 1st grade! Great to see the number sense connections.

GOAL 4: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE DISTRICT'S INFRASTRUCTURE.

- Auction Prep:

Staff are beginning the process for marking items in their teaching areas that can be included in the district auction to be held in June. The overall goal is to sell the unneeded items from the Intermediate School, but the online auction format allows us to also include items from the elementary and high school in the auction. A great chance to cull and discard items that are no longer needed. Marking items with blue tape will be the sign for moving the item to the auction in June.

Upcoming events:

Elementary Carnival – March 17

Kindergarten Registration Night – March 28

Reading Night – March 30