

Elementary Principal's Report - January 2026

Community Involvement and Awareness

- Thanks to STANGS for their support during the 2025 school year! At the end of the year they organized a catered lunch to support our teachers during the day of the Holiday Music Concert and also celebrated with our students during the Winter celebration. We really are fortunate to have all of this support.

Curriculum & Program Development/Staff Collaboration

- We conducted our January School Improvement Day on January 9th. Mrs. Jamison helped facilitate various staff led sessions. Staff attended sessions on AI, BenQ boards, differentiation, support for EL students, and coteaching. We also met with our Building Leadership Team and connected special education teachers with teachers of specials and electives.
- We had several parents reach out about PreK screening and students turning 3 in the middle of the year. As a result, we held our first winter screening on January 6th. We had 10 families sign up and found 2 students who should be evaluated for special education support.
- FastBridge testing begins during the week of January 12th. We are excitedly waiting for this information to see how all of our hard work has been impacting student learning.

Students and Staff

- We kicked off our first of 3 IEP days on Thursday, January 8th. This is a great time to recognize all of our staff who support special education students, including teachers, related service providers through Tri-County Special Education Association, and our speech pathologist. These people do an outstanding job supporting our students and developing relationships with their parents to create a solid and cohesive team!
- Elementary participated in the Midday Madness on January 16th with the jr/sr high school students. 2nd -5th grade students attended a presentation by Ben Tracy on internet safety. K-5 students were able to attend the boys basketball game in the afternoon. Thanks to Mr. Kennedy for his efforts in planning the event. Additional thanks to Mr. Ludwig who helped organize multiple sections of the day!
- Ms. Boettcher launched the Hallway Heroes program to reinforce positive hallway expectations. This initiative is a weekly competition where classes earn "superhero gear" for their teachers by earning compliments for demonstrating quiet, straight lines and safe hallway behavior. We are announcing our first winner Tuesday 1/20.