

**Richard Johnson Elementary School Board Report
October, 2024
Shannon Hudson, Principal**

It's been a calm and quiet couple of weeks! Lots of great learning is happening as we get back into the swing and rhythm of school.

Grade Level	Attendance Rate
-1	80.03%
0	90.02%
1	88.38%
2	92.2%
3	86.98%
4	91.1%
5	86.58%

Attendance

Our attendance is starting to drop a touch. We sent out attendance letters this week and will be working with individual families to help support student attendance. Mr. Henry has also working on additional communication to all families. We continue to push for 90% each week. If we achieve this as a school, students get Fun Friday.

End of Semester

Report cards and testing results are being sent out this week.

FEAST!

The annual feast will take place the next two Fridays: PreK-2nd January 24th & 3rd-5th on January 31st! Everyone is working hard to prepare for this event.

PreK

We continue to meet with Head Start. This week's meeting, teachers will be working to create a similar scope and sequence between the two programs. We hope that this will help create continued continuity and support student learning.

Curriculum-Contiued from Last Report

There are a few things to report about the curriculum.

- Music would like to look at adopting other standards and not using Alaska's. I am going to bring this up at our next New Visions Arts meeting to see if other districts are finding it difficult to connect learning to the AK music standards.
- Social Studies-The state has been revamping the SS standards. Chaya Pike and Owen Fulton have been a part of this effort. After these are fully adopted, we should look at our materials to ensure we can meet the new standards.
- **Social Emotional Learning**- There is a team that is forming at the secondary to review our current SEL program Growing Leaders. I have sent surveys to the students and staff, but I would also like input from families and the Board. I think this is something that we should discuss in a work session so that as we navigate the possibility of adopting a new program, we have clear, collective guidance of what all stakeholders would like to see from a Social Emotional Learning program.

Arts-New Vision

Our NV group continues to meet monthly to discuss how we are all promoting arts across the state. We are waiting on our full funding, but some of the programs we are looking to support are the HS theater class, our new ES music program, ES dance groups and continue to provide supplies and resources for visual arts.

