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Elementary School Board Report

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Monday, February 23, 2026

- **February: I Love to Read Month** - February is I Love to Read Month, a time to celebrate the joy, imagination, and learning that come from reading. Throughout the month, students will participate in fun activities that encourage a love of books, build literacy skills, and inspire lifelong readers. We held our kickoff assembly on Monday, February 2, in the elementary gym.
 - Here are some of the exciting activities planned for the month:
 - **Schoolwide Book Drawing:** Each week, 4-5 students per classroom are selected to choose a free book each week. All students will receive a free book sometime during the month.
 - **Reading Buddies:** Each class is paired up with another class to read together during the month.
 - **Mystery Readers:** Teachers invite special guest readers to visit their classrooms and share a story with students.
 - **Daily DEAR Time:** Teachers are setting aside daily reading time and all minutes count toward the schoolwide challenge.
 - **Read All Day – Feb. 20:** Special celebration day with comfy clothes and extended reading opportunities.
 - **Schoolwide Challenge – “Reading Our Way to Touchdowns!”** PK–5 classes earn 1 yard for every 5 minutes of classwide DEAR or read-aloud time. Weekly minutes are tracked and displayed on a football field visual.

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- **Staff Participation:** All staff are contributing by decorating football player cutouts and logging reading minutes.
- **Morning Announcements:** Mrs. Moravetz is sharing poetry; staff are invited to participate.
- **Dress-Up Days:** A themed calendar of dress up days for schoolwide engagement.
- **Minnesota Elementary Principal's Association Conference - I attended the conference from** February 4th - 6th collaborating with school leaders from across the state. This conference was a valuable professional learning and opportunities to bring back new ideas, strategies, and best practices that support student success and strengthen our school community.
- **Fourth Grade Community Connection** - On Thursday, February 5th, our fourth-grade students participated in a Community Connections event. The following community members visited with our fourth graders:
 - Scott Dahl, Dahl Motor
 - Jeff Douty, Wilson Manufacturing
 - Jodi Wacker and Emily Blaeser, Community Library
 - Kyle Hansen, DHS Ag. Inc
 - Dawn Hiedebrink , The Clothier
 - Brittany Olson, First Farmers and Merchants
 - Rachel Stotz, Hospital
 - Jamie Dubbelde, Double D Gravel
 - Lisa Sneller, More Than Lip Service
- **Kick Off to Wellness Week** - Friday, February 13th We will kick off Wellness Week on Friday, February 13, with activities that promote healthy bodies, minds, and emotions.

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- **Someone I Love Day** - Friday, February 13th our preschoolers participated in Someone I Love Day. This was a special time for our students to celebrate with the important people in their lives. They spent time doing a variety of activities together and finished off decorating sugar cookies together.
- **SoJo's** - Our Kindergarten classes went to SoJo's on Thursday, February 19th for a field trip and each student was able to make a personalized t-shirt.
- **Preschool Screening** - Wednesday, February 25th Preschool Screening will take place on Wednesday, February 25. This screening helps ensure our youngest learners receive the support they need for a successful start to school by identifying strengths and areas for growth early on.
- **Arrow Way Assembly** - Our Arrow Way Assembly will be on Friday, February 27th and will focus on the character trait of kindness. One student from every classroom will be recognized for consistently demonstrating kindness throughout the month.
- **TERRIFIC Kid Program** - We will celebrate our TERRIFIC Kids on Friday, February 27, recognizing students who consistently demonstrate positive behavior, effort, and character.
- **Update of attendance goal** - Goal: By the end of the 2025 - 2026 school year, students in Junior Kindergarten through 5th grade will achieve an attendance rate of 92% or higher. Our current attendance rate is 94.3%.
- This month, we proudly celebrated National School Counseling Week and School Resource Officer Day. I want to extend a BIG shoutout and heartfelt thank you to our elementary counselor, Anne McGee, and our district School Resource Officer, Officer Danks! We are truly grateful for the compassion and commitment you both bring to our elementary school community. Thank you for all you do!

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