

Faulconer Chapman School

Board Report

January 2017

How are we doing?

SPED: K-4

READING and WRITING:

The SPED team have been teaching with the Barton Reading and Spelling System this year. In fact, the goal for our students is based on growth reading decodable and non-decodable (sight words). The last data recorded (just before the break) showed that as a group, they had gains of 17% in decodable words and 14% in Dolch Sight Words. One student had a growth from 29% accuracy to 43% accuracy in decodable words. That same student improved accuracy from 37% to 42% in sight word recognition. It is exciting to see this level over growth over approximately one month. I'm looking forward to seeing their growth lines on STAR Reading as the year progresses.

MATH:

We have just recently started using a new math program in the LRC, Connecting Math Concepts to align with the program being used upstairs. We are excited about how well the students will transfer upstairs, but our data is still young as of now.

Counseling

Ms. Swinkels has been teaching guidance lessons in grades k-3. The students are reviewing Kelso's Choices, which teaches children the difference between big problems and little problems, tell an adult immediately if there is a big problem, solve small problems themselves by using the 9 Kelso Choices. Next, the students are starting on the 2nd Step lessons. Students learn about empathy and compassion. In the near future, the kids are starting on problem solving skills.

In the spring, Ms. Swinkels will be running social skills groups. She is looking at helping students who are in crisis, suicide screenings, threat assessments, follow up on bullying reports, and I'm the Tier 2 leader for FCS. She plans to have meetings weekly for Tier 2, meeting with each team every other week where she works and discusses the needs of students who need a little extra help to be successful at school.

At this time, the school counselor is training a therapy dog. She has hired a professional trainer to help with this and training is going well. Padme, her therapy dog, came to school to meet students for the first time today. Students were excited to meet her and

Padme was excited too. Ms. Swinkels is working on training the puppy to not bark when things get exciting.

Boy's Basketball Wrap-Up

The 2016/17 boys basketball season was one to remember. The team started the season with one of the largest teams in recent years with 18 players on the 8th grade team and 18 more on the 7th grade team. With 36 players between the two teams it shows we have a bright future and a large pool of players to develop to participate in basketball at Sheridan High School. However, the size of the team did create quite a few challenges during the season too. With so many players it was difficult to find uniforms that would fit the range of players sizes this season, but we got a little creative and managed to get everyone a uniform.

Playing time was also something we were creative with this year. While the 7th grade team chose to keep all 18 players as one unit the 8th grade team chose to split the group into 3 different units and rotated which teams would play in each game. This allowed players to get longer stretches of meaningful playing time, which seemed to help with the flow of the game team chemistry. Both teams were competitive in every game and showed a lot of improvement throughout the season. The seventh grade ended up with a record of 5-4 and, even with the snow and cancelling three games, the 8th grade had more wins than last year with a record of 4-5. Girls basketball season is up next and with the first practice being January 3rd. Mr. Hart is coaching the 7th grade girls and Mr. Henderson and Mr. Brown are teaming up to coach the 8th grade girls.

Girl's Basketball Start-Up

Girls basketball season is about to get underway, and we currently have 25 girls signed up to play, 10 8th grade and 15 7th grade. This season Aaron Henderson will be joined by Jeremy Brown in coaching the 8th grade, and Tim Hart will be coaching the 7th grade. The 8th grade team is hoping to improve upon their three wins last season, although things are much more challenging at this level. The 7th grade team brings a lot of optimism to their season and are very much looking forward to donning the black, red, and silver to represent FCS.

There are several players who we are excited to have on the team, and this has the potential to be a major positive for them in our school. Our coaches are very much excited to have them on the team, and are looking forward to the challenge of developing character and sportsmanship among the girls. Their season will begin next week and will run through the end of February. Although the weather has already thrown us a curveball or two, we are hoping to get all of the games completed.

We will also be recruiting help for our two home track meets this season. Both will be in April, so please keep an ear out for the upcoming dates.

4th Grade

This year in 4th grade has been a challenging one, but successful. Our students have come a long way since the beginning the year, not only academically but behaviorally and socially. Many of our students struggled to control behaviors that directly and drastically impacted academics in the classroom. This has dramatically improved with many of those same students able to make it through the day with little to no “hiccups”. We are proud of the increase in our STAR reading and math scores. Our students are excited to be readers and enjoy our National Geographic curriculum. Our new math curriculum has been challenging for students but I have seen huge progress in the types of mathematical questions they are asking and how they are approaching problems. I am excited to continue to see this group of tenacious students continue to grow.

RTI

RTI at FCS is moving into the Winter Benchmark period. Over the next few weeks all FCS students will be completing a STAR Reading and Math assessments. We will then conduct our Winter 100% Meetings with each grade level team to examine our growth, analyze what worked and what needs refined, and set goals for the Spring.

The FCS Literacy Team has also begun work on our foundational skill routines. We will be working with Steve Underwood to develop routines for each foundational skill in Reading to use in conjunction with our Reach For Reading program. These routines will help us better align our teaching across classrooms and strengthen our early literacy instruction.

New Staff:

Karen Erbling

Welcome Karen to FCS. Thank you for the opportunity to join the FCS team! I really enjoyed my time in 4th grade with Mrs. Cleary this fall, getting to know the school and community. I am very excited to be the new 5th grade teacher, 5th grade has always been my dream position and it is going great so far! I received my Bachelors from Oregon State University with a degree in Liberal Studies with an option in Pre-Education, specializing in Behavior Science. I am looking forward to being able to apply my behavior science background out here in Sheridan. I am currently enrolled in the MAT program at George Fox University and will graduate in late April. I am looking forward to a fun and enriching rest of the year.

Dates to remember:

- 2016-17 Home Girls Basketball games!
Tues, Jan 17 @ 3:45pm vs Nestucca
Tues, Jan 24 @ 3:45pm vs Amity

Tues, Jan 31 @ 3:45pm vs Gaston

Tues, Feb 7 @ 3:45pm vs Willamina

Tues, Feb 14 @ 3:45pm vs Dayton

Tues, Feb 21 @ 3:45pm vs Perrydale

- Jan 19, Ready for Kinder! Parent Session 3 of 3. 6-8pm
- Jan 26, End of Semester 1
- Jan 27, Teacher Grading Day
- Jan 30, Beginning of Semester 2