

ISD 698 Floodwood School District

Principal Report



Mrs. Amanda Fjeld

April 28, 2025

World Class Education

- Met with the Union Executive Team to continue working on the Teacher Evaluation and Development Plan.
- Kindergarten Round-up and ECFE family event took place on April 3, 2025 and Kindergarten Teacher, Mrs. Bartsch said it was a successful evening and would like to do something similar to this event next year.
- Final rounds of official observations are almost complete for non-tenure teaching staff
- Interviews to fill in Mrs. Ellingson's math position took place on April 24th. We received 5 applications.
- Creating a survey to send out to students, staff, families and community members for feedback on my first year as principal to find areas of improvement.
- Completed a survey to get our requested dates for LETRs for next school year in the schedule. Have not heard of an official schedule yet
- Mr. Bartsch attended an Athletic Director Conference
- Mrs. Ruzynski attended a Google Administrator Conference. Click [here](#) for her report from this professional development

Safe and Nurturing Environment

- Attended a Handbook Workshop on April 22nd in Bemidji to help with the revisions of student and staff handbooks for the 25-26 school year.
- Mr. Clark completed a walk-through with Fire Chief Lassila. The list from this walk-through was short and I emailed teaching staff that needed to make small changes in their spaces.
- Participated in the National Tornado Drill on April 10th. All staff and students found the safe locations in the buildings and practiced what would need to be done in the event of a weather emergency.
- One fire drill is left for our required drills for the 2024-25 school year.
- Meeting with families to support the needs of students.
- Addressing student behaviors and needs throughout the day.
- Mr. Anderson has been attending to grounds issues that have needed attention: broken basketball backboard, brush/shrub clean-up, field prep for games, etc.
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Opportunities for Students

- Registered our next year 5th grade students for the StarBase Program. Here is a link to their website:
<https://www.starbasemn.org/duluth/>
- Spring sports are in full swing! Softball and baseball have a few games under their belts and golf practice is going well.
- The Senior High Band took a trip to Minneapolis and Pine River. There they experienced a performance at Orchestra Hall and worked with another smaller band.
- Teaching staff are planning spring field trips for our students of all grade levels.
- MCA testing is almost complete. Science MCAs will take place this week and we will finish up with any remaining students needing to finish math or reading MCAs.
- Finalizing the 25-26 master schedule

- Prom took place for the 9th-12th grade students at FST on April 26th.
- Mrs. Ruzynski has been working hard to create a space for students to find books of interest and relevance along with envisioning what the library could be for our students. Click [here](#) to read about her visions and process.

Fund a 21st Century Education

- Ms. Ellingson received a mini-grant from Floodwood's Clothing Etc. for her Personal Finance/Life Skills class.
- Mr. Skripsky used some ALI funding to purchase some curriculum to utilize with next year's junior high classes.
- Superintendent Hoeft submitted a Communities That Cares grant in hopes to secure funding to ensure the MnMTSS position can last for at least 5 years.
- Bid opening for the playground improvements on April 11th with Mrs. Walsh and Mr. Clark
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Community Engagement

- Youth in Action is taking an afternoon to assist FST with some community yard clean-up.
- 7th and 8th grade science classes are going to take a couple hours to volunteer in the campground with some stick pick-up before the campground opens on May 1st.
- Mike Zahuar is providing another opportunity for our 7th and 8th graders to experience equipment operations, kitchen skills, animal care and much more in May.
- St. Louis County brought in a presentation on Cannabis for our 9th-12th graders on April 8th
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Communications and Marketing

- Creating an end of year letter to send out to families and the community towards the end of May.
- Continuing the weekly FHS Rundown with staff and school board.

- Updating and posting upcoming events and celebrations on the district website, Facebook page, and school sign.
- Monthly additions to the Forum