



ACSA School Board Report November 12, 2024

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Enrollment / Attendance Update

- We had a 95% student attendance rate for October. This is a 2% drop from our attendance rate for last October.
- There were no changes to our enrollment in October.

Classes and Activities

- October has been a relatively smooth month with few interruptions to the calendar. We are operating on a new schedule this year, and it has improved the overall flow of the day. We eliminated one period so that we could increase the amount of time allotted to outdoor recess and math and elective classes. Our last half hour of the day includes the following: Monday - Culturally Responsive Embedded Social and Emotional Learning (CRESEL) activities, Tuesday/Thursday - study hall, and Fridays - Shoutouts and Locker Clean Out.
- Students in Mrs. Ventress' writing classes wrote non-fiction short stories and were encouraged to tell about personal experiences with subsistence activities such as berry picking, hunting, and fishing. Almost 40 students choose to enter a contest in which their stories could be shared at a community event "Celebrating Culture, Indigenous People's Day" at the Rec Center. Dallas Ahmasuk, Piper Lewis, and Denali Walrath were selected to read their stories on stage while the remaining typed and illustrated pieces were displayed for people to enjoy.
- We were invited to attend a special assembly at Beltz to commemorate Indigenous People's Day, and students enjoyed listening to a variety of speakers share their thoughts on their respective families, upbringing, traditions, and values.
- Students in Ms. Kastyn's reading classes each finished their first literature study. The three books selected each had an tie to the "In Motion" theme for

this year, and the titles are as follows: The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, Hidden Figures, and The Wild Robot. ACSA arranged a private showing one morning at Gold Coast Cinema of The Wild Robot, so all students were able to enjoy the movie as a field trip and then use the experience to meet a literacy standard of comparing a book version to a movie version of a novel.

- In science class, students are learning about metric units by doing a lot of hands on measurements of weight with solids and liquids, and they are making models of atoms and molecules. In Social Studies, classes have studied the structure of the United States government and how elections work. Again, these units relate to our “In Motion” theme and how movements create changes in the way we understand things about our world.
- For Halloween, a group of students worked together to plan a party that included a drawing contest, cookie decorating, and a costume contest. The student body really enjoyed the special activities, and now the group has formed this year’s House Council. We’ve been unsuccessful at recruiting a parent or staff member to help lead the group, but the House Council will continue to plan team building events and spirit weeks.
- Our family engagement goal this year is to make positive, authentic contact with all of our families at least once for each student each quarter. We met our goal for the 1st Quarter, and it is delightful to hear the feedback from parents and guardians when they’ve been contacted unexpectedly about authentic positive reflections on their child’s efforts or behaviors at school.

