



# Waterville-Elysian-Morristown

## ISD #2143

Greetings School Board Members,

Here are a few updates from the Middle School:

- **Conservation Crew:** Our 7th and 8th grade Conservation Crew is back this year and already doing great work to help our community through environmental projects and hands on learning experiences. This impressive group of 72 students has officially adopted a two-mile stretch of highway between Waterville and Morristown, and they took their first trip out this month to work together cleaning up the ditch areas. Keep an eye out for their "Adopt-a-Highway" sign the next time you're driving by! Throughout the year, the crew is also looking forward to touring the fish hatchery, going ice fishing, and building birdhouses. We are proud of Mr. Androli and his hardworking crew!
- **One Site Conversations:** We've begun our initial discussions about what 5th–8th grade will look like next year as we prepare to bring all grade levels together on one site. Teachers and administration have been meeting to brainstorm ideas, explore instructional models, and consider what will best support student learning. We value this collaborative process and appreciate the thoughtful insight each team member brings. Our goal is to ensure that every voice is heard as we work toward a smooth, positive, and beneficial transition for all students.
- **Food Drive:** Our Middle School Student Council is leading a school wide food drive, and students are stepping up in a big way! To participate, students can bring in a canned food item or donate one dollar to earn the privilege of wearing a hat for the day. The enthusiasm has been incredible. Students have already raised over \$220 in just two days, along with many donated food items. Way to go, students! Your generosity is making a real difference!

Thank you,  
Myles Knutson



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Here are a few updates from the Elementary School:

- **Parents Invited for a PBIS Assembly:** We were so excited to welcome parents and families into the building this year for our Halloween Parade and PBIS assembly! It was wonderful to have them join in the fun and experience firsthand the energy and positivity our PBIS assemblies bring. As families were leaving, I loved hearing all the great things they had to say about the experience. Anytime we can bring families into our school to see the amazing things happening each day, it's a win in my book. We look forward to inviting them to even more events throughout the year!
- **BUCS Pride Rewards:** Staff members give out BUCS Pride tokens for a wide variety of positive behaviors, and students have been working hard to earn them! Individual tokens can be collected for personal prizes, while classroom tokens are awarded when the entire class demonstrates outstanding behavior together. It has been so fun to see classrooms filling their token jars this year, with several already earning their first awards. Way to go, students! Keep showing that BUCS Pride!
- **Buddy Classrooms:** Grade levels have paired up this year to form buddy classrooms, similar to traditional "reading buddies," but with even more opportunities to connect. These buddy groups will celebrate together, work on projects, read, and support one another throughout the year. It has been wonderful to see students meeting with their buddy classrooms and building relationships across grade levels. The joy and teamwork they show during these times is truly fun to watch!

Thank you,  
Myles Knutson