

Report to the School Board

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By Elementary / Intermediate School Principal Dave Riebel

GOAL 1: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO PROVIDE THE BEST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

- Excited return on Jan. 3:

The students and staff at the Elementary and Intermediate Schools got back into school routines after the holiday break. Although Old Man Winter brought some coldness to start the year, we are glad to be able to continue with our face-to-face instruction. We continue to utilize our grade level quarantine plans for any students and families that are affected by quarantine needs. Thanks go out to staff for extending these efforts to students and families.

- Winter assessments this week.

The winter benchmark assessments are underway this week. These will again assist with the determination of supplemental instruction services for students of both buildings.

- Winter ECFE registration:

Session 3 of our district Early Childhood Family Education classes begin Jan. 18 and run through March 15. Registration is open for both a Tuesday morning class from 9:00-10:30 and a Tuesday evening class from 6:00-7:30pm. Contact Vicky Greden for more information or to register.

- Preschool screening:

The next preschool screening opportunities are approaching on the dates of Jan. 20 and Feb. 14. Registration is required and can be found on our school website under the Early Childhood link.



- Congratulations to Math Wizards!

Lewiston-Altura Intermediate students recently competed in a six team Math Wizards competition at Plainview-Elgin-Millville schools. Congratulations goes out to Alyssa Hanson and Alaina Barkeim for capturing 1st place in the Wizard Drill competition. Hailey Larson and Peyton Kessler tied for 8th place. In the Individual Round, Cole Chartier placed 7th, Alyssa 9th and Peyton 10th.



GOAL 2: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO HIRE, DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE STAFF.

- Welcome:

Our Elementary School students and staff welcome Marisol Martinez to our paraprofessional staff.

- Late start and Workshop Day

Our certified staff look to complete a grade level/department curriculum map through their work in the late start and January workshop day efforts. Classroom teachers will also use these maps to inform the next steps in our science adoption process.

Sarah Berndt, district Curriculum Coordinator, attended a Jan. 3rd inservice in Stewartville entitled "From Purpose to Practice – Building An Effective Assessment Plan" by Myron Dueck, a nationally known author. This topic directly relates to the efforts our district staff have begun and provided ideas and collegial contacts for our district efforts.

GOAL 3: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN A POSITIVE EMOTIONAL AND SAFE CLIMATE FOR LEARNERS AND STAFF.

- Safety Protocols

A continued thank you and encouragement goes out to students, parents and staff for their efforts with the need to continue our safety protocols. The routines of hand washing, sanitizing and masking continue at both buildings with additional diligence in rooms that have students who have tested positive. Navigating needed quarantines are a part of the needed school and home communications. A huge thank you to Michelle MacPherson, our district nurse, for the monitoring and tremendous amount of information she gives out to students and families who are looking for assistance.

GOAL 4: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE DISTRICT'S INFRASTRUCTURE.

Winter sports practices utilize the Elementary building gym and basement wrestling room most afternoons and evenings.