

Tomahawk Elementary School Board Report February 8, 2022

Upcoming events:

February 10th – Valentine’s Day celebrations in the afternoon

February 11-14 – Long weekend

Student Teacher

We currently have Kole Woodall, a student teacher from UWSP working in the building. Kole is a Tomahawk Grad and is splitting a placement with Mrs. VanStrydonk in 3rd grade and Mrs. Walters in 1st grade.

Elementary Methods Block UWSP

Makenzie Werner, a former Tomahawk Grad will be completing an Elementary Methods Block program working with Ms. Nycz after spring break.

New Reading program Update

April Schofield was here from CESA 9 January 27th&28th. She met with grade level teams 4K-3 to model instruction, answer questions related to the F&P resources and to determine needs for the next time that April is in the elementary school. This has been a valuable additional support we can offer our 4K-3 teachers as we transition to this reading resource. It was great hearing the discussion around reading instruction.

Counseling with Mrs. Peissig

Our 4K - Grade 2 students are learning “How to Calm Down”. They are learning to recognize uncomfortable feelings in their body and calm those feelings down. By stopping when they notice uncomfortable feelings, naming their feelings and using calm down strategies, children are learning to self regulate. Our Grade 3-5 students are learning how to “STEP” to solve problems. They + are learning why it is important to calm down first and then begin to go through the “Problem Solving Steps” to solve interpersonal problems.

Calming down and problem solving strategies are great skills for our students to learn.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

We are currently having parent/teacher conferences in the district. Teachers have scheduled conferences that are being held either virtually or face to face depending on the parent’s preference. I will have elementary parent/teacher conference attendance for you at our March Board Meeting.

Elementary Music Instruction

The music room is busy at the start of 2022. Fifth grade has been learning about world instrument families and the elements of music, third has been discussing music forms and reading simple melodies on the staff, first grade has been composing original quarter and eighth note rhythm notes patterns, and 4K and Kindergarten have been exploring more ways to keep the beat. Second and Fourth grades have decided on a program theme for the March programs. You may have heard our Featuring the Fine Arts programs for 2022 will be on March 16th and are titled "East African Tales." The students in second grade have been learning a little about the country of Tanzania which is home to Mount Kilimanjaro and the Serengeti National Park. Fourth grade has been looking at the country of Kenya, which is adjacent to Tanzania. Kenya has various climates and weather patterns, an ancient rainforest, desert plains, mountains, animal migration and ocean shores. The most common language spoken in both Tanzania and Kenya is Swahili. Students in art, music, PE, STEM and in their regular classrooms will be learning through connections to this year's program theme. There will be art, storytelling, singing, instruments and more to enjoy.

Our grade level music programs for 2nd and 4th grade will be March 16. The title is East African Tales.

4th grade is at 8:30 a.m. and 2nd grade is at 10 a.m.

Student Council

The Elementary Student Council recently held a Hat Day Fundraiser and Blood Drop Challenge. Students could donate \$1 to wear their favorite hat at school for the day or they could donate \$5 to wear their favorite hat and earn a Blood Drop to post on our school bulletin board. The Student Council donated the \$950 raised to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.