

Principal's Report  
March School Board Meeting  
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown  
PreK-12th Grade



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Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences were held virtually on Thursday, March 11 and Monday, March 15. It worked out well as teachers and parents were familiar with the format of a virtual conference from the fall. Despite the e-learning day on March 15 the unwelcomed snow did not disrupt conferences due to being virtual. A sincere thank you to P.I.E. and those that assisted in donating walking tacos to feed staff.

The new elementary entrance (4) was opened officially for students on March 16. Students love the new look. With that, the bus loading and unloading zone has moved to the north side of the campus adjacent to this new entry. Students have quickly adjusted to the new routine!

K-4 students Participated in an all school Buc's Pride Activity on March 17. Each class used clues to solve a puzzle and locate their pot of gold! Fun was had by all!

At this time Grades 3-6 are considering options for MCA Testing dates. We are working to make testing available on site for our distance learners. We will contact those affected when dates are solidified.

Mrs. Jones and Mr. McDonough hosted ACT/MCA prep classes for juniors before school as an early bird class. The prep class for math has been offered in previous years by Mrs. Jones, but science is new for WEM. Prep classes offered are able to be funded by our Achievement and Integration Grant.

MCAs are scheduled at the high school for April 21-22. Sophomores will be assessed in reading whereas juniors will be assessed in both math and science.

Prom is coming up on May 1 and held at Chankaska Creek and Winery. The location was reserved in 2020, but due to the pandemic was cancelled. Sign-up for the 2021 prom will begin next week. Junior class advisors (Mr. Walker, Mrs. Olson, Mr. Clever and Mrs. White) have been working with members of the junior class to plan and host. As guidance has eased our local public health is using language such as “follow industry guidance” for group events therefore we are confident that the health and safety of those going will be held up to a high standard.

The 2021 senior class trip has been scheduled. Seniors will attend a day trip on May 5 to Grand Slam in Burnsville.

Graduation plans are currently underway along with Night of Excellence. This spring will look more normal for our seniors which is exciting!  
As we head into the final quarter of the year (Q4 will begin on March 29) staff look to request professional development during the summer. Suggestions for professional development as well as focused areas for secondary will be mental health and science.

Bus update: We have implemented radio checks between buses and our offices, working to identify issues and resolve them. We are working with bus drivers to implement procedures for reporting bus conduct issues using our new bus conduct report forms. Bus Rules have been updated and posted on all buses. We have requested seating charts continue to be enforced.