Principal Report April School Board Meeting Waterville-Elysian-Morristown Grades PreK-12



All District

District state testing (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments) will largely wrap up by the end of the month. Students in Grades 3-8 and 10 will test in reading, students in grades 3-8 and 11 will test in math and students in Grades 5, 8 and 11 will test in science.

On April 1 teachers had a professional development day. The day was spent in staff meetings in each building along with preparation for submitting Quarter 3 grades and parent teacher conferences that were hosted on April 2 at the secondary level.

Quarter 4 began on April 2 for all students. The quarter will end on May 30 for all K-11th grade students. Seniors will graduate on May 24 with their final full day of classes on May 23.

A group of 7 staff made up of one administrator and 6 teachers will be traveling to the metro to observe Catalyst training. The training will provide insight on best practices on cultural relevance, behavior management and supportive interactions within the school setting for all grade levels. The group will be able to observe practices live and in classrooms/areas of a school. The trip took place on April 19.

PreK-6 Report

The 5th grade Math Masters team has worked hard and is prepared for the upcoming competition that will be held April 26. Students have worked hard and are ready to represent WEM! Special thanks to Mrs. Sammon and Mr. Svendsen who have done a great job preparing these students for this big event.

Fifth Grade students continue to prepare for their DARE graduation which will take place April 25th. Big thank you to their teachers and Deputy Arens for their support as students work through the program.

Kindergarten round up took place April 4 We were so excited to meet our new Buccaneers and their families!

We are looking forward to a variety of field trips, picnics and all school activities that will be taking place during the month of May throughout the district.

We are looking forward to hosting our third annual ice cream social and art show on May 9, 2024 .Mrs. Stanton-Nutt and Mrs. Volk are adding on to the annual event with more fun art activities including a High School Ceramic Art Exhibit at Make it Waterville and a self guided walk tour of the upcoming mural work in downtown Watreville.

7-12 Report

51 juniors took the ACT. The ACT was given at WEM HS on Wednesday, April 3. The entire group and proctors did an outstanding job and we are very proud of the efforts given by the junior class. A big thank you to our proctors Tricia Slayton, Lisa Becker and ACT coordinator Bridgette Reuvers.

On April 10 Youth Frontiers provided a Courage Retreat for the 7th graders. Student volunteers assisting at Morristown included Montana Johnson, Kaitlin Stopski, Adrian Un, Kayla Bronk, Kaedyn Judd, Loryn Caldwell, Jocelyn Brown, Maddie Heuss, Jaelyn Wilmes Auston Holicky, Abby Crosby and Tatum Richards.

Congratulations to Mrs. Kelly Stanton-Nutt and the high school students who entered pieces in the Section 2A Visual Arts Competition. Highlights include two qualifiers for the state tournament (Ella Duenes and Angelina Dornquast):

Excellent Level Certificate Recipients:

Katilynn Stopski, Ella Duenes (2), Christina Moriarty, Ava Hughes, Travis Flohaug, Mya Tracy

Superior Level Sections Medal Recipients:

Angelina Dornquast (2) (Perfect score), Ella Duenes (Perfect score), Mya Tracy (Perfect score), Simon Lohry, Ava Hughes

Spotlight Level Pin Recipients:

Ella Duenes and Angelina Dornquast qualified to participate in the State Visual Arts Festival at the Perpich Center on May 11.

Freshmen will participate in a Respect Retreat also provided by Youth Frontiers on April 23 at WEM High School.

The senior class will enjoy a day at Mall of America and Nickelodeon Universe on Tuesday, April 23.

Final preparations are being made for Prom 2024 which will be held on May 4. The theme is A Rustic Garden. The Grand March will begin at 5:00 followed by a dance and dinner at The Mill in Waseca.