



Waterville-Elysian-Morristown

ISD #2143

Greetings School Board Members,

Here are a few updates from the Middle School:

- **Conservation Crew:** This year Mr. Androli started a 7th/8th grade extracurricular group that meets regularly during lunch throughout the year to work on conservation projects and outdoor learning experiences. This week, the crew went ice and spear fishing on Lake Tetonka. A huge thank you goes out to the Southern Lakes Angling and Spearing group and the countless parent volunteers who provided ice houses, bait, poles, and even a fish fry for our students out on the ice. Our community always shows up for one another and it was so cool to watch our students enjoy an afternoon on the ice with members of our community.
- **5th Grade D.A.R.E.:** We are extremely thankful for Rice County Sheriff Deputy Lisa Arens for leading our 5th graders through some D.A.R.E. lessons the next several weeks! The middle school years are such a crucial time in the lives of our students. Deputy Arens has been doing a wonderful job providing the students with lesson and experiences that pushes them to be the best version of themselves that they can be.
- **Counselor Visits:** Our amazing counselor Michelle Roethler routinely visits 5th and 6th grade classrooms to provide lessons on a wide range of topics. In the beginning of the year she will focus on organizational skills, then move into bullying, and continue on with other focuses as the year moves on. In the month of January, they have been talking about diversity. Classes discussed how a quilt is made up of many colorful and diverse pieces of material. Quilts not only create a warm and cozy blanket but a beautiful piece of art! Classrooms created unique and diverse paper quilts to display for the month!

Thank you,
Myles Knutson