



Evergreen Elementary School

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Board Report for Evergreen Elementary School – Trimester #2 08/09

The second trimester of this school year has been going quite well for us at Evergreen Elementary School. We have been working hard on our state wide testing effort, increasing attendance and supporting our PBS program over the past few months. Overall, our school climate has been outstanding and our staff and students seem to appreciate the direction in which the school is headed.

Following the first round of OAKS testing we were able to test 100% of our 3rd and 4th grade students and 96% of our 5th grade in the areas of reading and math. Our initial meet/exceeds rates are down from last year when compared to round one of testing. We are putting a lot of effort into getting the students, who have not met the standard, ready to be successful in round 2. Recent technology issues have caused some set back to our testing schedule, but we are back on track for completing round 2 of OAKS testing.

We were showing an improvement of our attendance rate prior to winter break this year. Since returning in January our attendance has declined and dropped below the rate that we achieved last year at this time. The number of students and parents reporting illness that spans 2 or more days has increased dramatically over January and February. We have been using an attendance incentive program in an effort to improve our attendance rate. Students who come to school on time and every day during the week are put into a drawing that takes place on Friday. We select 10 – 12 students from the list and they come to the office for a reward. We are currently collecting data on this incentive program to determine if it has been effective or not.

PBS at Evergreen continues to develop and prosper. So far this year we have had 34 major referrals and 76 minor referrals. The number of minor referrals has not dropped significantly from last year, but we have seen an encouraging decrease in our major referrals. At last year's mid-way point we had nearly twice the number of major referrals documented than we have

this year. Students seem to be much more aware of our expectations here at Evergreen and those expectations are consistent across the grade levels and among staff members.

I commend the Evergreen staff for their hard work and positive approach to educating the children of the Illinois Valley. Even with the bleak financial outlook and troubled times ahead, my staff has maintained a focus on our priority. The Evergreen staff is here to do whatever is possible to add value to our students.

NEW STAFF:

- ✓ Tom Parker -Split shift custodian with Illinois Valley High School

Respectfully Submitted,

David Valenzuela

