"Expect Great Things"

# Unity Elementary April 2022

## **Elementary Principal's Report**

## National Library Week and the B-A-N-J-O!

Children's performing artist and published author, Jim Gill, put on a fabulous show to kick off the start of National Library Week on April 4th! He got the PK through grade 4



kiddos, wiggling and giggling and having a great time. Even the teachers sang and danced a bit. Thank you to the Balsam Lake Library and Friends of the Library for partnering with us to bring this special event for the kids - it was spectacular.

### 3rd Grade Concert

Ms. Karlie Hansen and the whole specials team have done a fantastic job orchestrating the special concert events for our kids this year. The last 'Big' concert for the 3rd grade was their



Thankful Concert in 1st grade!! The kids did so well, and were a joy to watch and listen to. Thank you to the whole grade and team, and the parents for supporting them!

### "FORWARD!"

It's more than our state motto....it's our state test! That's right, it's state testing time again - 3rd and 4th graders are working hard in our computer labs on a variety of subjects. 3rd grade tests on math and reading. 4th grade test on math, reading, science, and social studies. Each test takes from 2-4 sessions. Typically, we do one session a day to break it up and keep the days enjoyable. The test is important for our school - we use the results to help assess our instruction, curriculum, and the various supports we bring to students each and every day. Many students enjoy these days - one of the



funniest reasons I've heard was "because it means I don't have to take my regular tests in class"!

#### Don't Forget!

PK Field Trip to Crayola - Friday, April 8th - Students and one Chaperone per child invited Kindergarten Circus - Thursday April 14th(10am) - Families of Students invited! (Gym 2) Grade 2 Poetry Slam Event - Friday, April 22nd (2PM) Families of Students invited! Grade 2 Science Museum Field Trip - Tuesday, May 3rd - 1 Chaperone per child invited!

#### A Note On Remaining Events

We are making an effort to host one special event at least per grade in the last few months of school. Simply due to many missed events due to staffing, transportation, or absences. It will be a special time! Besides the above events - still to come:

Grade 1 - Science Day Grade K - Fawnderosa Trip Grade 4 - Scenic boat tour and science talks Trip Grade 3 - Wilderness Walk Trip

We are also still planning on: *PK Ice Cream Social K Graduation PK Moms and Muffins K Grandparents Day Safety Night Ag on the Lawn Metric Meet And.....SHHH.....The End of Year Carnival! For the kids.*