



## Menahga Principal's Board Report

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### CELEBRATIONS:

*February ended with a big celebration of "I Love to Read Month" with all of the elementary students gathering in the gym for a Read-a-thon. Students read for 45 minutes while they stopped periodically for book give away drawings and classmates created green screen book reviews. Our elementary SWAT team made popcorn, and it was a great time!*



*March has started, kicking off field trips and the knowledge that spring is quickly approaching. Here are a few moments from a kindergarten field trip to the Vault Gym in Perham.*



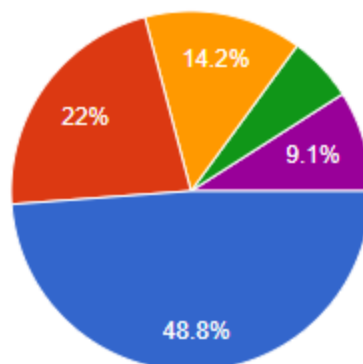
- Discussions around 25-26 Course offerings and opportunities are being completed.
- No Phone Fridays in February! This was a good success.
- Congratulations to our Warrior Wrestlers, Girls and Boys Basketball Teams
- Continue to work with the HS PBIS team to revisit and review building wide expectations and to focus on positive supports for all students (Trivia and or No Tardy Tuesdays or Thursdays, Hats)
- Thank You to Menahga Chief of Police Amy Lane for her dedication in supporting our students and building relationships during our 7-12th lunches!
- A special thank you to Interquest K9...Sara and Courtney (Buddha and Hogan) for your time to keep our building and grounds safe and secure.



### Menahga 7-11 4 Day Week Survey Results

Would you like a 4 day school week?

254 responses



- Very much
- Yes
- No preference
- No
- Strongly opposed



## UPDATES:

- Important Dates:

March 12th -6th grade to PACC  
March 21st -Down Syndrome Day-Rock your socks  
March 24th - Staff Development  
March 27th -Interest Fair-5th grade  
March 27th -Ag in the Classroom-4th grade-Frazee  
April 2nd - Paraprofessional Appreciation Day  
April 4th - School Librarian Appreciation Week  
April 7-11th - Assistant Principal Week  
April 8th -4 th Grade to Deep Portage  
April 8th -Polar Plunge  
April 9th - E-learning (hosting Choir sections)  
April 11th -Goodies with Grownups for kindergarten  
April 18th - Staff Development  
April 21st - No School



## **24-25 Menahga MCA/MTAS Schedule**

**Elementary MCA/MTAS Schedule (3-6)**

	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Make-ups
Reading: 4/1-4/2	9:00 - 11:00	9:45 - 11:45	12:15 - 2:15	12:30 - 2:00	Week of 4/7
Math: 4/15, 4/17	9:00 - 11:00	9:45 - 11:45	12:15 - 2:15	12:30 - 2:00	Week of 4/21

**High School MCA/MTAS Schedule (7-11)**

	7th	8th	10th	11th	Make-ups
Reading: 4/1 - 4/2	8:30 - 10:00		1:20 - 3:00		Week of 4/7
Math: 4/15, 4/17	8:30 - 10:00		1:20 - 3:00		Week of 4/21

**District Science MCA/Alt MCA**

	5th	8th	HS	Make-ups
Science: 4/30 - 5/1	12:15 - 2:15	8:30 - 10:00	1:20 - 3:00	May 2, 5 & 6

### **Menahga Principal Goals for 2024-2025**

#### **1. Support Staff**

- a. *As school leaders we will provide clear communication on the happenings of our buildings while maintaining open lines of communication to support staff and their work with students.*
  - i. *Staff Newsletters are coming, monthly*
  - ii. *Staff meetings are happening, monthly*
  - iii. *Committee meetings are happening, monthly*
  - iv. *ALICE*
- b. *Specific, valuable feedback will be provided to staff in an effort to continue ongoing growth for our teachers as instructional leaders.*
  - i. *Third round of observations for probationary staff are beginning. High School is just behind the Elementary schedule.*
  - ii. *Tenured teachers have completed the observation cycle.*
  - iii. *Walk throughs are happening.*
  - iv. *Literacy coaching in cooperation with the READ Act is underway. This training must be completed by the end of April. Several staff have completed the online portion of training, with live sessions concluding on our April professional development day.*

#### **2. Facilitate Strong Student Achievement**

- a. *We will collaborate with all staff to provide purpose and professional development around assessments and using data to drive instruction.*

- i. *Paraprofessional training requirements were met and January training took place and on January 20th around visuals, sensory rooms, CATALYST and CPI (Crisis Prevention Institute).*
- ii. *Sourcewell led STEM discussions and offerings to support curriculum and standards development*
- iii. *Local Literacy Leads, Andria Bristow and Lisa Parrish continue to attend Sourcewell monthly for additional planning around Minnesota's Literacy changes.*
- iv. *Sourcewell provided training and support with AI and the impact it has on teachers, differentiation and student support.*
- v. *Several teams have taken part in attending conferences, and will bring back new information to their department and the district (Music, Social Workers, Special Education, Social Studies).*
- vi. *MCA Training for staff and preparation for the assessment is taking place and being communicated throughout the district.*

## **Menahga School District Enrollment**

<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Sept.</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	
<b>PreK</b>	18	18	18	18	17	16	16			
<b>VPK</b>	30	30	30	30	30	30	30			
<b>K</b>	65	65	66	67	68	67	66			
<b>1</b>	69	70	70	70	70	70	70			
<b>2</b>	74	72	71	71	71	70	70			
<b>3</b>	82	83	83	81	83	83	83			
<b>4</b>	68	68	68	68	67	66	66			
<b>5</b>	73	73	73	74	75	75	75			
<b>6</b>	72	73	73	74	72	72	72			
<b>7</b>	81	79	78	79	80	80	80			
<b>8</b>	78	77	77	77	77	76	76			
<b>9</b>	90	89	89	88	88	89	90			
<b>10</b>	71	68	69	69	69	69	70			
<b>11</b>	78	74	74	72	73	71	71			
<b>12</b>	69	65	66	66	66	64	64			
<b>Total</b>	1018	1004	1005	1004	1006	998	999			

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Michelle Koch, Lisa Parrish and John Hedstrom*