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Elementary School Board Report

Jennifer Moravetz, Elementary Principal

Monday, September 22, 2025

As we kick off another school year, my heart is full with the incredible start we've had. The energy in our halls is contagious and it's a joy to see our students eager to learn, reconnect with friends, and form meaningful relationships with their teachers.

There is so much to celebrate at our elementary school! Our elementary staff have gone above and beyond to create classrooms that are not only welcoming but also opportunities for growth, discovery, and curiosity. I am incredibly proud of the remarkable team we have. Their passion, teamwork, and care make a lasting difference in the lives of our students every single day.

Together, we are building something truly special. A learning environment where every student and staff feels safe, loved, valued, supported and has a sense of belonging.

School Pictures

 StrawBridge Photography was here on Thursday, September 4th to take student pictures. Retakes will be at the beginning of October.

On Patriot Day Event

 On Patriot Day, our school had the honor of welcoming two members of the American Legion, Bob Douty and Myron Koets. They shared with our students the history and purpose of the

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American Legion, the meaning behind the American flag, what the colors represent, and important lessons about flag etiquette.

- Following their presentation, Mr. Douty and Mr. Koets raised the flag on our new elementary flagpole while the entire elementary school gathered together to proudly recite the Pledge of Allegiance. It was a powerful and unifying moment for our students and staff.
- We are truly thankful to the American Legion for helping our students learn and experience the importance of respect, honor, and patriotism. This will now become an annual tradition at our school, reminding us each year of the values our flag represents and the sacrifices made to protect them.

Bus Safety Training

 On Tuesday and Wednesday, September 16th and 17th, Ludolph Bussing provided important bus safety training for all students in PreK-5th grade.

Back to School Bash

o On Wednesday, September 24th, from 4:00–7:00 PM at Vest View Park the Elementary Booster CLub will be putting on a fun community event for our elementary students. Everyone is welcome!

GrandPerson Day

- o GrandPerson Day is coming up on Friday, September 30th! This special event is dedicated to our 5th-grade students and the special person they choose to invite. Students are welcome to invite a grandparent or another important adult to join them for an hour of fun and engaging activities at school. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate connections, make memories, and share in the excitement of learning together!
- As part of our School Improvement Plan, the elementary school will prioritize two key areas of focus: one academic goal and one non-academic goal.

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- o Academic Goal: 85% of students in grades K-5 will demonstrate measurable growth in their NWEA reading scores from the fall of 2024 to the spring of 2025.
- Non-Academic Goal: By the end of the 2025 2026 school year, students in Junior Kindergarten through 5th grade will achieve an attendance rate of 92% or higher.

Thank You to Our School Board

 On behalf of our entire school community, we extend heartfelt gratitude to our School Board. Your leadership, vision, and commitment provide our students with the best opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive. Your decisions and countless hours of dedication strengthen our schools and shape the future for our children. We are grateful for your guidance, advocacy, and unwavering support of students, staff, and families.

Current Enrollment for 2025 - 2026 School Year

| Preschool 3/4 year old | 43 | Preschool 4/5 year old | 43 | JK | 31 | |
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| Kindergarten | 66 | 1st Grade | 82 | 2nd Grade | 90 | |
| 3rd Grade | 74 | 4th Grade | 84 | 5th Grade | 82 | |
| Colony | 14 | | | Total Enrollment: 609 | | |

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