

In-Person Program Principal's Report

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Academic Highlights & Student Achievement

This spring, our in-person PreK–8 campus continues to build on strong academic momentum across all content areas and grade levels.



Tier 2 Interventions

Progress monitoring showing continuous improvement



Math Fluency

Continuing improvement; nearly finished with year's content



ELA Comprehension

Fish Tank curriculum showing strong results

Mathematics: In our second year of implementation, teachers are adapting and adjusting with confidence. Scaffolded learning progressions are proving effective, as shown by standards alignment, pacing guides, and curriculum maps.

Environmental Education: Students are raising trout, utilizing the school forest with STEM activities and snowshoeing, and collaborating with community partners on composting and presentations. EE activities have been integrated into morning meetings, making environmental literacy a daily practice.

STEM: Students are learning about tensile strength by building spaghetti noodle bridges and testing them with increasing weight — hands-on, inquiry-based learning at its best.



Instructional Highlights: Building Well-Rounded Learners

Beyond academics, our campus is committed to developing well-rounded individuals through enrichment, leadership, and community engagement.

Elementary

- **Dr. Seuss Week:** Whole-school reading celebrations and themed dress-up days
- **Life-Sized Veggies:** Primary students learning the importance of nutrition through interactive activities

- **Cultural Celebrations:** Corned beef and cabbage day with green cake and green juice — making learning festive and fun

Middle School

- **Student Council:** Active student government organizing activities and demonstrating leadership
- **Archery Team:** Rallying as a team, scored well at regionals, and heading to State
- **Debate Team:** Middle school debate program developing critical thinking and public speaking skills
- **Mayor for the Day:** Student writing and presentation project connecting civics to real-world leadership
- **Ad Contest:** Collaboration with the Brainerd Dispatch on advertising design
- **Drone Racing:** PE and STEM combo bringing technology into physical education

Campus-Wide

- **Penny War:** Friendly fundraising competition raising funds for the local food pantry
- **Social-Emotional Learning:** “Be Good People” curriculum embedded across all grade levels



Policy & Well-Being

- **In-Person Mental Health Therapist:** Through our partnership with ReGroup, interviews have been conducted for a dedicated on-campus therapist to support both students and staff
- **Social Worker Impact:** Our in-person social worker is actively engaged with students, providing consistent support and fielding student questions throughout the school day



Looking Ahead: Spring & Summer

Spring Clubs & Activities

- **New Spring Clubs:** Cooking, Chess, and Gaming clubs launching soon, with Cheer in development
- **Clay Target Club:** New offering for middle school students
- **Field Trips:** Currently being organized for spring

Summer Planning

- **Intent to Return:** Staff intent-to-return process underway for SY 2026–27
- **Professional Development:** Summer PD planning in progress to equip staff for the year ahead
- **KIDS Care:** Building momentum for summer programming and fun!



A CCS Moment

Sometimes the most powerful evidence of a school’s impact shows up in the smallest moments:

A boy — who has made amazing academic gains this year — came into the office and asked for a bandaid after cutting his finger. Mrs. Duffy got him fixed up, and as he left she said, “Have a great day!”

*He answered back: “**You have a better one, Mrs. Duffy!**”*

This is what a well-rounded education looks like — academic growth, kindness, and connection. Priceless and precious.