

Report to the School Board

October 21, 2024

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Strategic Priority 1: Student Success



- LA CARES assembly

The first of our monthly elementary school assemblies took place on September 30 to end the day and month. Members of each class were recognized for the L = Learning achievement that they displayed in their classrooms and building. Thank you to the members of the third grade class for highlighting their skills and providing the excitement. October has A = Acceptance for the theme for learning.

- Cardinal Pride on display for Homecoming

After a fun week full of dress up days, we were all blessed with a beautiful fall day for a homecoming parade! The festive week concluded with lots of cardinal colors on display at the annual parade.

- New Elementary School song:



Thanks to the creativity and talent of Mr. John Harper, we enjoyed a first at the elementary school. The first official performance of the Cardinal Strong Song was performed on a Friday spirit day as part of our morning announcements. Each class has been learning both the traditional Lewiston-Altura “fight song” and now the Cardinal Strong song in their music classes. All will soon have them both engrained into memory. Thank you Mr. Harper and Blake, Harrison, Harper and Helena for your excited rendition!

- Fire prevention and safety training:

A big shout out and thank you goes out to the volunteer members of the Lewiston Fire Department. After battling an overnight call, they brought the fire trucks and “smoke house” to the elementary school to teach about fire safety and participate in a house evacuation drill to allow students to experience and engrain memories.



Strategic Priority 2: Effective Staffing

- Fall crafting fun:

A couple dozen staff members took part in an after school “Fall Creative Night” event in the staff lounge. Participants were able to create fall decoration items for the home and to wear while enjoying fall snacks. Thank you to Marcia O’Duggan, Tina Sand, Kay Ziegler, Jana Ruhoff and others for their ideas and preparations.

- Oct. 16 Professional Development day

The elementary school staff began the PD day with Katy Smith, former teacher of the year and Winona resident, enjoying her motivational talk entitled Hope Farming. She provided smiles, laughs and reminded us all of the joys of teaching and why we are in this profession. Most of the certified staff then continued with module 4 of 9 in our Read Act training.

Strategic Priority 3: Finance

No report this month.

Strategic Priority 4: Facilities

- Thank you Echo Ridge Pioneers



On the evening of Oct. 6, members of the Echo Ridge Pioneers 4H club gathered at the Elementary School to complete a Community Pride project as a club. Over 90 bags of mulch were spread across the landscaping at the entrance to the school and at the marquee sign. Thank you to Nancy West for her writing of a grant and to David Baer for picking up and transporting the mulch. The entrance to our building looks awesome!



Strategic Priority 5: Community Engagement

Thank you to various members of our staff and community for their efforts in the preparations for the upcoming Levy for Learning and Bond for Buildings vote.