

Report to the School Board

April 11, 2022

By Elementary / Intermediate School Principal Dave Riebel

GOAL 1: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO PROVIDE THE BEST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

- Kindergarten Registration Night

Kindergarten teachers Ms. O'Duggan and Ms. Pilger were a central part of the Kindergarten Registration night on March 29 at the Elementary School. Families were sent an invitation and registered for Safari times. Each family visited seven stops on their safari that highlighted the places that kindergarten students will interact with next year. A great way for our Kindergarteners to be to build the excitement for next year. The evening also helps firm up the decision process for families determining kindergarten readiness decisions.



- Preschool Registration Open House

Lewiston-Altura Early Childhood opened its 2022-2023 registration on April 1st. Staff also held an Open House evening on April 7 for new families to visit the classrooms and Cardinal Club areas. Contact Vicky Greden or visit www.lewalt.k12.mn.us/page/3545 for downloadable forms.

- Spring Assessment Season begins

The week of April 11 begins our spring assessment season with the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments for grades 3-6. Reading assessments will take place April 12-14, math assessments April 20-22 and fifth grade science on April 26-27.

GOAL 2: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO HIRE, DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE STAFF.

- Science Curriculum Team

Kindergarten – sixth grade level classroom teachers have spent Professional Learning Community time during our two hour late start reviewing and unpacking the new state science standards. The groups then reviewed the curricular products of four companies, narrowing those down to two products to review in depth. Those efforts have resulted in an upcoming recommendation to the district Systems Accountability Committee meeting this spring. A remaining step for staff is to identify the particular science kits that are needed to order per grade level.

- Workshop Day inservice – no foolin’.

Amy Young, an English Language Learner support staff specialist from the Minnesota Department of Education spoke to the PK-6 certified staff on our April 1st inservice morning. Her message centered around background information about the EL population in Minnesota. Ms. Young highlighted the Talk, Read, Talk, Write strategy in lesson planning that can be utilized for all students and has shown to be particularly effective for EL students. The second half of our morning had staff teams discussing implementation ideas for the strategies learned in the morning inservice.

GOAL 3: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN A POSITIVE EMOTIONAL AND SAFE CLIMATE FOR LEARNERS AND STAFF.

- Fools Five Assembly – March 31st

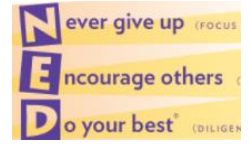


It was truly a big event. Not only was it our first whole school assembly for the year, it was getting back together with our community involvement in the Fools Five Road Race events. Our PK-6 students and families were challenged by Mr. Schmaltz, the biggest fool in Lewiston, to generate \$2,000 in pledges in order for him to don a Charlie Brown costume for the weekend events. Not only did the students surpass the \$2K amount, they blew it away. The PK-6 students generated \$15,029.96 in pledged funds. With funds from matching silent donors adding \$8,575 to the student's amount, it brings this year's total to \$23,604.96! There

were questions about how successful the PK-6 efforts would be after the pandemic related breaks. Those questions were answered with a new high amount. Great efforts by all!

- The NED Show

The NED Show program also took place on the morning of March 31st for Elementary School students. The NED character's name is an acronym for Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best. The program is build around a positive, growth mindset for students. When planning for the event in December, we signed up for the virtual program so classes watched the presentation on their Smartboards within their classrooms.



- Potato Characters Contest



K-4 Elementary students put their imaginations to work and decorated a potato to represent a character from a favorite book. The 8th annual Potato Character Contest put these fancy spuds on display. Lots of fun to make! Lots of fun to view!

GOAL 4: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE DISTRICT'S INFRASTRUCTURE.
No report this month.