

Principal Report
January School Board Meeting
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown
Grades PreK-12



All District

The end of Quarter 2/Semester 1 was Friday, January 19. Students were released early while staff took the afternoon for grading and wrapping up the grading/instructional time period.

Staff engaged in Professional Development on January 15. There were rich conversations and breakout sessions.

Mrs. Bastian and Dr. Wilson met once in December and again on January 11 with a small group of staff (a teacher representative and para from each building along with the student success coordinator) to discuss discipline across the district. The direction of this focus exercise is to continue working with staff based on district survey results from Spring 2023. More meetings will take place with the projection to solidify further training, support and consensus on discipline within the district from classroom management to student expectations and beyond.

PreK-6 Report

Fourth Grade students took a field trip to the Bell Museum, Minnesota's Official Natural History Museum and Planetarium in St. Paul on January 5th. Students spent the day exploring and learning!

The sixth grade Math Masters team has begun to train for the upcoming Math Master's Competition. The Fifth grade Math Masters team will begin training in the coming weeks!

Grade 5 students have begun DARE Classroom lessons. Lessons will continue through April and will culminate with DARE Graduation at a future date.

Fifth Grade students will be attending the third annual Eagle Bluff Field Trip February 7-9. Thanks to many in the community for your support in making this trip a reality! Students, teachers and chaperones are excited to attend!

Big thank you to teachers Andi O'neil and Britta Robran who organized and hosted our first Literacy Night on December 7. Title 1 students and their families were invited to participate in fun activities around literacy! The night was well attended and we are looking into doing more nights like this!

Planning and preparations for the upcoming state testing have begun for students in grades 3-6.

7-12 Report

Planning for standardized testing (MCAs and ACT) is underway. We will also be registering for 2023-2024 in February.

On January 30 we will host Cory Greenwood at the high school. Cory and his team came to us 2 years ago as a motivational speaker with anti-bullying messages. His message this visit is a 2.0 version with emphasis on decision making evaluations, growth and maturation, fostering healthy relationships in and out of school and focusing on what can be changed.

Mrs. Reuvers along with representatives from MN State University-Mankato hosted a FAFSA night on Monday, January 8. This event was geared towards our current senior class as they financially plan for post-secondary opportunities.