

September 2023 Board Report

TO: NBCUSD #16 Board of Education, Mrs. Jill Larson, Superintendent
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SIP, Curriculum & Instruction, Assessment & Staff Professional Development

- The Building Leadership Team met on September 12th and began analyzing data to begin working on our 23-24 SIP plan. The team will look at MAP data and set goals for the building in addition to strategies to help us achieve our goals.
- Students completed NWEA/MAP and F&P Testing to determine present levels. This data will be used to select students that need additional support in each grade level.
- All grade-level teachers, special education staff and intervention staff attended a second training with Julie Eckberg on September 15th. This professional development focused on guided reading. The teachers learned more about scheduling groups, guided reading planning and the importance of increasing independent reading time in the classroom.
- Cathleen Weber will be in the building on September 21st and 23rd to observe staff teaching math. She will meet with staff to discuss her observations from 12:30-1:00 on September 23rd.
- Cathleen Weber will go over math extended response with 3-8th grade from 1:00-2:00 pm on the 23rd of September.
- The PBIS and VIP teams met on September 12th. The team reviewed Salty Dough donations for the year and will have a poster hanging in the Elementary office to honor the donors. The team discussed future fundraising and the SEL curriculum that was launched at the beginning of the school year.
- The Pre-K Teachers prepared for the ECCRTS visit by reviewing previous feedback and the checklist during the September 15th School Improvement Day.
- The PE teachers attended an ISBE webinar on September 15th to learn more about their FitnessGram Assessment.

Hires & Resignations

- New Hires
 - Emily Tipsword-Paraprofessional
 - Kayleigh Albers-Permanent Substitute
 - Elizabeth Baumgardener-Long Term Art Sub September-December
 - Grace Crawford-Art Teacher Starting January 2024
- Resignations
 - Mrs. Andrea Rupnik-Art
 - Ms. Brooke Brummet

Pretzel Student & Staff Positives:

- Mrs. Birch put together a Spirit Week at NBE for Homecoming. The High School band and fall athletes also came over to help us show our Pretzel Pride on Friday, September 8th.
- Mrs. Pecoraro and Mrs. Ward celebrated our summer readers with an ice cream party. Congratulations to the following students.
- The high school mentors have started their weekly visits to come meet with their assigned mentees. This is an awesome opportunity for students to connect with an older student and have some time to play games and work on school work.
- Our PTO is planning our first Book Fair for September 22nd- September 29th.

- The second grade hosted a Grandparent's Day event on Friday, September 8th. Grandparents came to enjoy a special treat and spend time with their 2nd grader.
- Mrs. Luttrell and Ms. MacKenzie planned a Disability Awareness Day on September 8th. They worked with The Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living, also known as JACIL, to New Berlin to inform our students of various types and levels of disabilities. Students had the opportunity to navigate using adapted equipment (ex. Wheelchairs, visual eye seeing canes for the blind, sign language, etc.).
- Mrs. Marr also ensured all picture day information was sent home and that everything was organized for picture day on September 12th.
- Mrs. Kim Pearce and Amanda Fleshman helped the Teachers with MAP testing sessions and held F&P meetings to ensure we are all administering the test consistently.
- The new teachers are settling in and making an impact on our students and our school each day.
- The paraprofessionals in our building wear many hats and help in many different ways. We are thankful for them and the support they provide the students and staff.