

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



All District

Many staff members from across the district signed up to read at SAC for I Love to Read Month. Because of the high interest level additional spots were opened to read to our students in the SAC program. Being able to read and share some of our staff's favorite books with our youngest students is a joy!

Dr. Wilson and Mrs. Bastian completed 6 sessions of literacy education in February. Each session, three hours in length and all held virtually by MDE, began earlier this fall. Each session built on literacy topics, allowed for district planning and shared instructional components of best practice and strategies to effectively plan instructional leadership within literacy education.

PreK-6 Report

Feb. 7-9th fifth grade students went to Eagle Bluff for the annual field trip. Students, chaperones and teachers had a great time! A huge thank you to the chaperones that attended and to those in the community who helped support this trip by participating in the various fundraisers! An even bigger thanks to Mrs. Landru, Dr. Kurt and Mr. Svendsen for their leadership and organization to make this trip happen!

PreK-4th grade students have been celebrating I Love to Read Month throughout the month of February with a variety of reading activities. These include weekly building wide reading goals, reading with buddy classrooms, read aloud activities and special Friday reading activities. Thank you Mrs. O'neil for organizing our all school I Love to Read Month activities! School Age Care students celebrated with guest readers all month as mentioned! Thanks to Mrs. Holicky for organizing this fun activity!

Prek-6th grade teachers are excited to welcome parents for conferences March 14th & 19th

7-12 Report

Cory Greenwood, Minnesotan motivational speaker, came to WEM and presented to high school students on January 30. Cory's program, Your Story Matters 2.0, shared the key to decisions and how they impact your life, ways to minimize distractions and why it is important to own your actions. On tour with Cory is American Idol's Top 20 finalist, Hannah Nicolaisen. Hannah performed several songs for students and staff. WEM also hosted Cory in 2021, his message in his 2.0 program was well received.

On February 1 a group of 22 high school students gathered to discuss what a desired daily experience from a student's perspective looks like. The group was selected intentionally to hear voices from different pockets of interests. The group work was facilitated by Sheri Allen, consultant from TeamWorks. When asked how she felt it went, Sheri reported: "Your Kids were amazing, respectful and super polite." Sheri was excited to be with the group.

ACT registration is completed. 53 students from the junior class registered to take the test which will be administered in early April.

Congratulations to Our Snow Court Royalty. Royalty is selected by teachers and the student body based on our BUCS Pride pillars:

Senior King and Queen: Kymin Morsching and Nora Ell

Junior Prince and Princess: Gavin Brown and Halle Fessel

Sophomore Prince and Princess: Jacob Androli and Joceyln Brown

Freshmen Prince and Princess: Kavan Sheehy and Alix Velzke

National FFA week is held February 19-23 at WEM. The FFA hosted noon activities and winter Olympics where all high school students had opportunities to participate. We are proud of the education, outreach and positive messages the FFA shares!

Congratulations and Thank You to our FFA members and advisor, Mr. Cooley, for their hard work and planning for a fun week!

On February 12 the high school band and choir performed their winter concert. Music selections were in preparation for competition coming up in March. The concert was excellent, congratulations to Mr. Larson, Mr Thomforde and their musical groups!

Coming up on March 1st, freshmen students will attend the Career Navigator hosted at South Central Technical College.