

# Report to the School Board

April 8, 2023

By Elementary School Principal Dave Riebel

## Strategic Priority 1: Student Success

- **Kindergarten Registration Night – March 26**

Excitement was a part of the afternoon and evening as 36 soon to be kindergarteners and their parents visited the Elementary School as part of Kindergarten Registration Night. Our Kindergarten Safari theme brought the students to all the places that our kindergarten classes utilize each day. Parents were able to drop off paperwork and complete any needed steps for fall enrollment. This group will be the class of 2037! Thank you to Ms. O’Duggan, Ms. Pilger and several other staff members for their assistance with the evening. Looking forward to 2024-2025



- **Spring Assessment season**

Preparations are under way for our annual spring assessment season. The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) for grades 3-5 begin the assessment season, followed by our spring benchmarking assessments for all students PK- 5. They will begin in mid-April and conclude at the first part of May.

## Strategic Priority 2: Effective Staffing

- **Read Act – Phase One training update**

We were recently notified by CORE learning company that our application for the Minnesota READ Act professional development requirement was approved with their company. Our “Phase One” staff (all PK-5 staff who teach reading) will be participating in nine modules of professional development throughout next year’s calendar. We are excited to complete this step of training together as a cohort together to continue to grow our reading instruction and assessment knowledge. The time that this training takes will dominate the time that our district has set up for staff development. Phase Two training for Grade 6-12 staff is to be completed by July 1, 2027.

## Strategic Priority 3: Finance

- **Elementary School Fund Raiser**



The Elementary School staff will hold a fundraising effort with a goal of raising \$10,000 to cover the costs of our 2023-2024 elementary school field trips. We are working with Worlds Finest Chocolate - \$1 chocolate sales to attempt to meet this goal. Our last elementary fundraiser took place in 2019 with this same company, so we hope to repeat that fundraising success!

## Strategic Priority 4: Facilities

- **Fire Marshall visit to the building**

Each year, our custodial staff review our procedures and processes with a mock Fire Marshall safety inspection in mind. This year, we will have an official Fire Marshall inspection in early April. Building walk throughs take place to look help ensure a safe and secure building. Results of the inspection will be forthcoming.

## Strategic Priority 5: Community Engagement

- **Fools Five Assembly**



Students, staff and proud parents assembled the morning of April 5 for the Fools Five Awards ceremony in the gym at the Elementary School. A challenge was put forth earlier by Mr. Schmaltz, our beloved Biggest Fool in Lewiston, to help raise awareness and \$3000 for the community effort to fund Cancer Research. Following the repeated path of students from the past, our students and families responded by far surpassing that goal. The combined efforts of PK-6 students brought in over \$13,000 in donations. With the goal being met, Mr. Schmaltz donned the chosen costume from a popular movie, Barbie. A generous matching donation brought the total contribution of our Elementary family to over \$26,000. What a great way to showcase our Cardinal CARES skills of Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility and Empathy! It was a terrific start to the Fools Five weekend of activities!

- **Career on Wheels coming May 7**

Career on Wheels is a presentation meant to make students aware of the variety of careers and link the school with the world of work. It allows students to meet positive career role models and gives an opportunity to learn about a variety of careers from our area.

