



# W.J. ZAHNOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## W.J. Zahnow Elementary Board Report December 2024

November was a month about connecting with families! It started on November 21st when we had our annual free Family Fun Night, put on by our Family and Committee Engagement Committee. This year's theme was Charlotte's Web. There were farm animals, face painting, food, crafts, games, a Reader's Theater, a visit from the company Tye Dyed Iguana, and more. A special thanks to FFA, High School Art Students, and Honor Society Members for their help in making this a success as well.

This year, our PE teacher, Coach Haare, wanted to start a "Turkey Trot" or a short-running event at Zahnow. It was a hit! The "Turkey Trot" was all about celebrating the season with energy, excitement, and a little friendly competition. Students trotted, jogged, or dashed their way around the course while their friends and staff cheered them on! There were lots of smiles and laughter being shared! A big thank you to Holland Construction for help setting up the course.

On December 7th, Zahnow had our "Saturday with Santa" event. The event was successful again due to the preparations of Monica Bandy and Jennifer Evans and all of our hardworking staff. A lot of work goes into getting it set up in one day, but we get it done! We hope all the students and families enjoyed the event and helped get them in the Christmas Spirit! Thank you to all of the families for coming and participating.

Students and Staff joined in on themed days to celebrate the holidays before the break. There are days when we are simply wearing green or pajama days, then dressing like elves and Grinch days! We also had visits from the Grinch, Elf on the Shelf (Mr. Andy Meyer), and more!

Congratulations to the students who were chosen for our monthly Pawsome Award. Last month in November, students were selected for displaying "Peace." For December, we are looking for students who are working extra hard at being "Caring."

Congratulations to Marty Doyle, who was selected for December's Staff Member of the Month. Mrs. Doyle goes the extra mile to make sure our classrooms and school are clean, whether that's in the morning or through accidents during the day. She's always ready to help, and we appreciate the extra work she does. Congratulations Mrs. Doyle, and thank you for all that you do!

### Looking Ahead

December 17th - Kindergarten Christmas Programs

December 20th - Last day before Christmas Break

December 23rd - January 5th - Winter Break

January 10th - 2nd Quarter Report Cards Go Home

January 14th - Reading Winter Benchmarking

January 15th & 16th - Math Winter Benchmarking