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Elementary School Board Report

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Monday, May 18, 2026

- **Teacher Appreciation Week** – A heartfelt thank you to our incredible educators for the dedication, passion, and care they show every single day. Our teachers continuously go above and beyond to support, encourage, and inspire students academically, socially, and emotionally. Their commitment to creating meaningful learning experiences and building positive relationships truly makes a difference in the lives of our students and families. We are grateful for all they do to make our schools a wonderful place to learn and grow.
- **Physical Education Week** – We celebrate the important role physical education plays in supporting student wellness, teamwork, healthy habits, and lifelong fitness. Thank you to our PE staff, Trevor and Cole, for creating engaging and active opportunities that encourage students to stay healthy, build confidence, practice sportsmanship, and have fun while learning valuable life skills through movement and physical activity.
- **School Nurse Day** – We extend our sincere appreciation to our school nurse, Josie, for her care, compassion, and support they provide to students and staff each day. From meeting health needs and promoting student wellness to offering comfort and reassurance, our nurses play an essential role in helping students feel safe, healthy, and ready to learn.
- **Book Fair** – The elementary school successfully hosted its third book fair of the school year on Wednesday, May 6th with a special “Buy One, Get One Free” event. The book fair generated tremendous excitement and participation among students and families. It was wonderful to see so

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many students enthusiastic about reading and selecting new books to enjoy at home. Thank you to our book fair committee, Nathan Fransman, Marcy Schmitke, Abbey Taubert, and Samantha Terry, who helped make the event a success and continue to foster a love of literacy within our school community.

- **Art Show** – On Wednesday, May 6th Mrs. Lane and our elementary students created an outstanding desert-themed art show that showcased student creativity, imagination, and artistic talent. The use of blacklight effects brought the artwork to life and created an engaging experience for students, families, and staff. The event highlighted the hard work and creativity of our students while celebrating the importance of the arts in education.
- **Math/Literacy Night** – On Wednesday, May 6th, the elementary school hosted a highly successful Math and Literacy Night in the elementary gym from 5:00–7:00 PM. Families participated in a variety of fun, hands-on learning activities designed to promote math and literacy skills in an engaging way. A huge thank you goes to Emily Speer, Marcy Schmitke, Sharon Wolff, Kris Reinhard, and Ryan Wielenberg for their tremendous work organizing meaningful activities and coordinating the event. We distributed 212 swag bags to elementary students filled with educational and interactive materials including an eraser, marker board, Expo marker, journal, colored pencils, dice, finger flashlight, word search book, and dice game book in a drawstring bag. Students also enjoyed opportunities to win numerous math and literacy prizes throughout the evening. The event was a wonderful example of school-family partnership and student engagement.
- **Author Visit** – Acclaimed author David LaRochelle visited our elementary school on Wednesday, May 13th and provided engaging presentations for students across all grade levels. Students were grouped by age level to allow for developmentally appropriate interactions and discussions. The visit inspired creativity, reading, and writing while giving students the opportunity to hear directly from a published author about the writing process and storytelling.

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- **5th Grade Concert** – Our 5th grade students will showcase their musical talents during their spring concert on Tuesday, May 26th at 6:30 PM. We look forward to celebrating the hard work, dedication, and musical growth of our students and thank our music staff for preparing students for this special performance.
- **Preschool Graduations** – During the final two weeks of school, each of our three preschool classes will celebrate the end of the year with preschool graduation ceremonies. These celebrations provide an opportunity to recognize student growth, learning, and accomplishments throughout the year while celebrating this important milestone with families and staff.
- **Field Day** – Students are looking forward to upcoming Field Day activities that promote teamwork, physical activity, school spirit, and fun as we celebrate the end of the school year together. Field Day schedules are as follows:
 - Friday, May 8th – 5th Grade
 - Thursday, May 21st – 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Grades
 - Friday, May 22nd – JK, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade
- **Field Trips** – Spring field trip season is in full swing, providing students with valuable learning experiences and opportunities to connect classroom learning to real-world experiences. These trips help extend learning beyond the classroom while building excitement, curiosity, and lasting memories for students.
- **Arrow Way Assembly** – Our final Arrow Way Assembly of the school year will take place on Friday, May 29th and will focus on the character trait of empathy. Students will be recognized and celebrated for demonstrating kindness, compassion, understanding, and positive contributions to our school community throughout the month.

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- **Last Day of School** – The final day of school will be Friday, May 29th with a 1:00 PM dismissal. We are proud of all the accomplishments, growth, and successes our students and staff have achieved throughout the school year and wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.
- **Attendance Goal Update** – Our current attendance rate is 94%.

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