

## **April 15, 2019 - Superintendent Report - Mr. Ehler**

**Vision:** Empowering all for lifelong learning

**Mission:** Creating an educational community where lifelong learning is valued, excellence is expected, and all are prepared for the future.

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### **Congratulations to:**

Cassidy Meldahl for being selected as one of Winona Daily News Above and Beyond Recipients! We are excited to have her as our representative and an ambassador.

Xander Auman for qualifying for State Speech. He participated in the State Competition on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Leah Himlie, Jacob James, Ricky Buchanan & Jasmine Schueler for qualifying for the State Knowledge Bowl Competition held on April 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>! Thank you to Mrs. Johnson for her leadership and for serving as our Knowledge Bowl Coach.

Paige Dailey. She was installed as the Regional FFA Sentinel at the region banquet on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>!

Choir and Band participants on a successful night (Tuesday 4.9) at the Small Group Competition. Superior Ratings across the board!

Well done to all of our participants!

A special note of thanks to Nancy & Burt Svendsen, Mr. George (HS Band), Mr. Mahlke (Choir), Mr. Olson (MS Band), Joyce Miller, Mrs. Bieberdorf and all our teachers and staff. It was a rewarding night for all those who participated, attended and assisted with the Small Group Competition.

### **FFA Updates - Mr. Lind - Advisor:**

They hosted the FFA banquet and election of officers for next year on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Lots of positive activities by our FFA. Congratulations to the award winners and a note of thanks to our businesses and family supporters who assist with the Scholarships and SAE Projects for our FFA Members.

### **Officers for 19 - 20:**

President - Hans Lind

Vice-President - John Luhmann

Treasurer - Tim Highum

Secretary - Julia Maynard

Assist. Sec. - Alyssa Nesler

Recorder - Paige Daley

Sentinel - Jens Lind

Parliamentarian - Hanna Highum

Historian - Emma Heiden

Assist. Officer - Brayton Gudmundson

## **FFA State Competition - April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>:**

Representing R-P will be Brayton Gudmundson, Hannah Highum, Hans Lind, John Luhmann, Tim Highum, Jens Lind, Nolan Mueller, Emma Heiden and Alyssa Nessler.

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**Congratulations to all of our students, teams and staff on their successes!!!**

**Goooooooo TROJANS!!!!**

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## **EC Program - Director - Mrs. Lawston:**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to them on receiving a "4 Star Rating".

I commend everyone for their hard work and for going above and beyond to make our EC Program a huge success.

I am appreciative and grateful for their dedication and commitment to their students, families and our school district.

Kudos on a JOB WELL DONE!!!!

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## **Early Childhood Program - Pathway II Award:**

We received confirmation on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, that our application for the Pathway II Funding was approved for the 19 - 20 school year. The total award is for \$75,000.00.

Congratulations and Thanks to Mrs. Lawston for completing the application and on receiving the notification of the awarding of the Pathway II Funds.

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## **THANK YOU's:**

### **Reading Month Activities:**

Reading Activities were held throughout the month of March. Thank you to all the staff for their assistance with the month-long activities. It was a rewarding month with lots of reading.

A special note of thanks to:

Beth Nelson, Michele Wick and Sarah Meyer for their leadership of Activities.

**Rushford Lions** for providing funding for reading prizes and incentive throughout the school year and reading month.

Mason's for providing and presenting six new bicycles as incentive prizes for our reading month.

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## **ADSIS Application for 19 - 20:**

A big **THANK YOU** to: Mrs. Marklowitz, Ms. Tinderholt, Mr. Rye, Mr. Dahl, Mrs. (R.) Brown, Mrs. Olstad-Shepard, Mr. Mattson and Mrs. Oian for all of their contributions in completing the application process. This is always a big undertaking and the ADSIS program is an integral part of our curriculum and is essential in assisting us in meeting the learning objectives and needs of our students.

I appreciate their hard work and getting the application completed and submitted on time.

We will have to wait until mid - June to receive confirmation on the approval of our application.

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## **Foundation for R-P Schools:**

Thanks to the leadership of Jack Culhane the Foundation will be presenting, for the second year in a row, five scholarships (\$500) to students seeking a Trade School Degree. We are indebted to our local businesses for recognizing the importance of providing a financial incentive to our students who are interested in pursuing a degree through a trade school and/or vocational program. The local businesses continue to support this effort again in this year.

I commend and applaud the Foundation for R-P Schools for embracing this initiative and recognizing the importance of students pursuing and a Vocational Degree.

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## **Welcome to Tori Rogers - MS SPED Para:**

Tori has accepted the MS SPED Para position for the remainder of the school year. Tori did her student teaching with Mrs. Cunningham last fall. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming Tori to the R-P School Family.

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## **Change in Para Position:**

Abby Engler has applied for and been granted the Para position held by Lisa Chellew. Lisa's last day with us was on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

We have an opening for an Elem. Para for the reminder of the school year.

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## **Tour by Austin Public Schools - EC Staff:**

This took place on Friday morning, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Lawston provided the tour to EC Staff from Austin.

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## **Senior Trip - March 30<sup>th</sup> - April 5<sup>th</sup>:**

They had an excellent trip to Florida. Lots of great weather for their weeklong activities. Thank you to our chaperones: Mrs. Michel, Mr. Honken, Mrs. Torkelson and Mr. Hinke.

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## **Vehicle Inspection:**

This was conducted on Tuesday (4.9). We had a great inspection with all of our vehicles passing the MN State Hwy Patrol inspection. My thanks to Laura, Rod and drivers for their help and assistance with the inspection. They did a great job of making sure that our paperwork and vehicles were in compliance and met the safety standards.

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## **Staffing Needs for 2019 - 20:**

We will be conducting interviews for an Elementary (1.0) and Middle School (.7) Special Education Positions. The interviews will be taking place on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Amber Meisch, a current Elementary SPED Teacher, applied for and was granted the opportunity to move to the HS SPED Program. She is replacing Cheri Vix.

We will also be interviewing for the AD Position on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

We have several things that may impact our staffing assignments for 2019 - 20 school year. We will provide you with more updates at the May 20<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

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## **Meetings and Upcoming Events:**

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** - Senior Awards 6:30 PM

**Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** - Monthly Board Meeting

**Sunday - May 26<sup>th</sup>** - Commencement @ 1:30 PM