

Medford School Board Meeting April 2022 Medford Elementary – Mr. Carlson

Celebrations/Shout Outs/Notes:

MCA reading testing began on Monday April 11th, and our MCA math tests will start on April 18th. The 5th grade Science MCA will begin on April 25th.

Thank you to Cindy Schmidt for organizing the MCA testing schedule and to everyone who organized the breakfast, as well as supervised and supported students/staff on testing days.

Site Team Update:

We have finalized our decision for a new math curriculum starting next year. We have purchased the "Bridges" math curriculum. We sent a team of teachers to NRHEG to watch a math lesson at different grade levels and took some time to discuss the lesson as well as ask any questions our staff had regarding the curriculum. This was a supportive trip for our staff and allowed us to make a more informed decision on the purchase of our new math curriculum.

Bridges in Mathematics is a comprehensive PK–5 curriculum that equips teachers to fully address state/common core standards in a rigorous, engaging, and accessible manner. Students gain a deep understanding of concepts, proficiency with key skills, and the ability to solve complex problems. The curriculum is composed of three distinct but integrated components: Problems & Investigations, Work Places and Number Corner.

If you are interested in watching a short video describing the Bridges curriculum, please click <u>here.</u>

End of year Activities:

Grades 3-6 will be having an end of year picnic at Manthy Park this year with a visit from Kona Ice!

Grades K-2 will remain on site and have various activities planned for their students to end the school year.

Staffing Update:

We held interviews for the elementary social worker position last week. Our hope was to hire someone by April 14th.



Elementary Summer School Update:

We are excited to announce that we will again be hosting a summer school program for students in grades K-6. Teachers have begun referring students and letters/referral forms were sent home last week to families. Our purpose of the program is to help avoid academic regression that typically occurs over the summer as well as help support students in getting caught up with grade level standards. Lessons will focus on specific targeted grade level standards in reading and math. Students will be taking a pre-assessment/post-assessment to help us measure growth throughout the program. Our goal is to have enough students to create three different cohorts. K-1/2-3/ & 4-6. (Subject to change due to level of interest)

The program will be offered Monday-Thursday for four weeks in July, stating on July 6th from 8:00-11:00am.