



Menahga Principal's Board Report

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CELEBRATIONS:

February has been a busy month with all kinds of special activities in the Elementary. We had a blast celebrating 100 Days of School, Valentines Day, and are still working our way through a busy "I Love to Read" month.



We hosted our first "Open House" style conferences. This was a great time to allow staff the ability to work on much needed OL-LA (Online Language and Literacy Academy) READ Act training to align with mandated teacher training requirements. The high school staff spent time collaborating with curriculum areas and met with Sourcewell to look at ways to connect our courses with the STEM opportunities from Sourcewell.



Thank you to all parents and guardians for joining us during the Showcase Conferences. The cold weather kept many away, but we still had a wonderful turnout! Many thanks to our teachers for the art and academic displays and for the great student centered conversations!

Jump Rope for Heart for Heart was a huge success! Our current second and third graders created a new school record, raising \$12,284.17 this school year. In addition, over the course of the last 25 years, the students have raised over \$172,000. We truly have an awesome community!



- ***Thankful for our new Science Teacher/Student Teacher and the opportunities she brings to our programs!***
- ***Congratulations to our SOMN Unified Basketball team on another successful season and qualifying for the State Tournament on Feb. 11th***
- ***Our Adaptive Music Class had a wonderful performance at the MMEA Conference in the Cities on Feb. 14th. This is an amazing honor for our students, our program, Mrs. Hodge and Mr. Hahn.***
- ***Hope and the Career Pathways Team hosted an amazing 2025 Career Expo, Feb. 14 from 10:30-3:00. We had over 30 businesses and organizations joining us!***
- ***Discussions around 25-26 Course offerings and opportunities are continuing.***
- ***No Phone Fridays in February! This has been a wonderful success.***
- ***Continue to work with the HS PBIS team to revisit and review building wide expectations and to focus on positive supports for all students (Trivia and or No Tardy Tuesdays or Thursdays, Hats)***
- ***E-learning on Feb. 27th in support of our UNC Wrestlers heading down to the State Tournament***

UPDATES:

- ***Important Dates:***

April 2nd- Paraprofessional Appreciation Day

April 4th- School Librarian Appreciation Day

April 7th-11th- Assistant Principal Week

April 8th- 4th Grade field trip to Deep Portage

April 9th- E-Learning Day (Hosting Choir Sections)

Menahga Principal Goals for 2024-2025

1. Support Staff

- a. As school leaders we will provide clear communication on the happenings of our buildings while maintaining open lines of communication to support staff and their work with students.***

- i. *Staff Newsletters are coming, monthly*
 - ii. *Staff meetings are happening, monthly*
 - iii. *Committee meetings are happening, monthly*
 - iv. *ALICE training was conducted, district-wide, on January 20th and Mr. Hedstrom continues to further develop those plans based on feedback to our region from local law enforcement agencies.*

- b. *Specific, valuable feedback will be provided to staff in an effort to continue ongoing growth for our teachers as instructional leaders.*
 - i. *Second round of observations for probationary staff are concluding. High School is just behind the Elementary schedule.*
 - ii. *Tenured teachers are finishing the observation cycle.*
 - iii. *Walk throughs are happening.*
 - iv. *Literacy coaching in cooperation with the READ Act is underway. This training must be completed by the end of April.*

2. Facilitate Strong Student Achievement

- a. *We will collaborate with all staff to provide purpose and professional development around assessments and using data to drive instruction.*
 - i. *OL-LA had its second live training session with MDE for elementary and high school special education teachers. Participants are well into learning modules, and a few have completed their coursework completely.*
 - ii. *Paraprofessional training requirements were met and January training took place and on January 20th around visuals, sensory rooms, CATALYST and CPI (Crisis Prevention Institute).*
 - iii. *Sourcewell led STEM discussions and offerings to support curriculum and standards development*
 - iv. *Local Literacy Leads, Andria Bristow and Lisa Parrish continue to attend Sourcewell monthly for additional planning around Minnesota's Literacy changes.*
 - v. *Sourcewell provided training and support with AI and the impact it has on teachers, differentiation and student support.*

Menahga School District Enrollment

Grade Level	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	March	April	May	
PreK	18	18	18	18	17				
VPK	30	30	30	30	30				
K	65	65	66	67	68				
1	69	70	70	70	70				
2	74	72	71	71	71				
3	82	83	83	81	83				
4	68	68	68	68	67				
5	73	73	73	74	75				
6	72	73	73	74	72				
7	81	79	78	79	80				
8	78	77	77	77	77				
9	90	89	89	88	88				
10	71	68	69	69	69				
11	78	74	74	72	73				
12	69	65	66	66	66				
Total	1018	1004	1005	1004	1006				

Respectfully Submitted,

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