

Report to the School Board

March 14, 2022

By Elementary / Intermediate School Principal Dave Riebel

GOAL 1: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO PROVIDE THE BEST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

Safe Learning Plan updates – The students and staff at the Elementary and Intermediate Schools welcomed the recent adjustments to the district Safe Learning Plan. The shift to recommended but not required masking took place on Feb. 22 inside the buildings and on buses by Feb 28. Students and staff are maintaining most entrance and exit routines but are able to shift from social distancing protocols within the classroom spaces.

Early Childhood Screening days completed – Our preschool staff assisted with the final scheduled screening day on Feb. 14. Any remaining screenings will be conducted on an appointment basis.

Book Fair book credit

A fun part of the spring conferences returned this year with great success. The book fair was available at the elementary media center during the two conference nights. While students and parents can pick up copies of their favorite books, our schools benefit from an incentive program. We receive book credits for every book sold and our schools accumulated \$2800 in credit. These books will replenish the paperback supply in our elementary and intermediate school libraries.

History Day

Sixth grade students at the Intermediate School have been working their way through the History Day process throughout February and March. The 2022 theme is “Debate and Diplomacy: Successes, Failures, Consequences”. Students will present their projects locally in mid March with chosen projects moving on to a virtual regional contest and possible state contest in late March.

GOAL 2: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO HIRE, DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE STAFF.

MTSS training day – Elementary staff members attended at training put on by HVED that highlighted processes for Multi Tiered Systems of Support for behaviors. Similar to systems in place for reading and math supports, a tiered approach to proactive and reactive behavior needs of students were highlighted.

GOAL 3: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN A POSITIVE EMOTIONAL AND SAFE CLIMATE FOR LEARNERS AND STAFF.



100 Day celebrations - The daily calendar routines build up the excitement of the 100th day of the school year, especially in kindergarten and 1st grades. The 100 theme branches out to all subject areas for students and staff to enjoy.



Staff Wellness – Continued appreciation for our district wellness team for the continued efforts in promoting and bringing energy to activities for staff participation. Recent events include a gift exchange in December, walking challenge in January, Love Yourself/Healthy Checklist challenge in February and Mindset Mondays in March. Thank you for your efforts and energy!

Read Across America Week – The annual celebration of Dr. Suess’s birthday highlights Read Across America Week in our schools and across the nation. The Elementary and Intermediate Schools enjoyed themed dress up days, morning trivia, a bookmark contest and guest readers during the week of 2/28-3/4.

Fools Five - The community traditions for the Fools Five are back, and so is the Biggest Fool challenge. Mr. Schmaltz has again challenged the students of our elementary and intermediate to help raise funds for the community’s Fools Five Cancer Research weekend. The Elementary student council chose a Charlie Brown costume for Mr. Schmaltz to wear if they are successful in raising over \$2,000 in funds. A March 31st assembly will highlight the total amount of fundraising and prizes for top donating individuals.



Coins for Cancer – Continuing an event started by former Intermediate School office staff Jana Ruhoff, Ms. Hassert and the Intermediate School students are raising fund for Fools Five donations with a Coins for Cancer drive. Each donation of coins adds to the weight collection, working for an overall goal. Each student puts a traditional Fools Five footprint on the wall or ceiling. We are watching these “steps” work their way up and down our hallway.



Student Systems of Supports

National School Counselors week was Feb. 7-11. Thank you to Ms. Todd for her weekly assistance in helping the development of our students. The Todd Time classes, as well as the small group and individual meetings that she provides are a beneficial tool to assist in the social and emotional skills of our students.

National School Social Worker week was March 6-12. Thank you to Ms. Ruppert for her direct assistance to students. Ms. Ruppert’s ability to meet with students on a schedule and in times of need have been a beneficial addition to our schools.

GOAL 4: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE DISTRICT’S INFRASTRUCTURE.

- The elementary classroom partition wall that was on back order is being installed over the spring break days.

Upcoming Events:

March 21 - Late Start – Professional Learning Community work

March 25 – Student Council Theme days – Elem: Dynamic Duo Day, Int: Twin Day

March 29 – Kindergarten Registration evening

March 31 – Fools Five Assembly

March 31 – NED Show presentation (Never give up. Encourage others, Do your best)