

**School Board Report – October 2025**  
**WHA Elementary**

1. From October 6–8, Natalie Asell, Kristen Bockovich, Janelle Johnson, and I attended the Westminster Public Schools Conference in Denver, Colorado, which showcased their work with High Reliability Schools and competency-based education. Our biggest takeaway was confirmation that we are moving in the right direction. We learned more about competency-based education and realized that, while we're not fully there yet, many important pieces are already in place. Whether or not we reach that highest level, the next step—using clear standards to measure student progress—is definitely achievable and essential. The conference reinforced that clarity and consistency are at the heart of effective teaching and learning, which is guiding our next step: updating our proficiency scales. As our curriculum has grown, these scales need to reflect what we actually teach. By aligning them with our current materials, we can spot gaps, create consistency across grade levels, and make clear what success looks like for both students and teachers. We also plan to take small, intentional steps to help students track their own progress in their AVID binders, linking it with FastBridge data. Together, these efforts will make learning more visible, meaningful, and personal for every student.



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**Walker Fire Department Visits for Fire Prevention Week**

In honor of Fire Prevention Week, the Walker Fire Department visited our school to share important fire safety tips with our preschool through third grade students. Firefighters taught students what to do in case of a fire, how to stop, drop, and roll, and the importance of having a family escape plan. Students enjoyed seeing the fire truck up close and learning how firefighters keep our community safe. We are grateful to the Walker Fire Department for taking the time to educate our young learners and helping them stay safe!



3.

### Family Math Night Adds Up to Fun and Learning

Families came together for our annual Math Night, an evening filled with fun, food, and hands-on learning! After enjoying a delicious dinner, families explored a variety of engaging math games and activities designed to strengthen number sense and problem-solving skills. Teachers modeled games that families can easily play at home to make math practice exciting and meaningful. It was wonderful to see so many families learning and laughing together—proof that math really can be fun for everyone!



4.

### Honoring Indigenous Peoples Day

In recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day, our students had the opportunity to learn about Native culture and traditions through a special presentation in the auditorium. The Indian Education department shared the story of the Pow Wow, highlighting its significance, traditions, and role in bringing communities together.





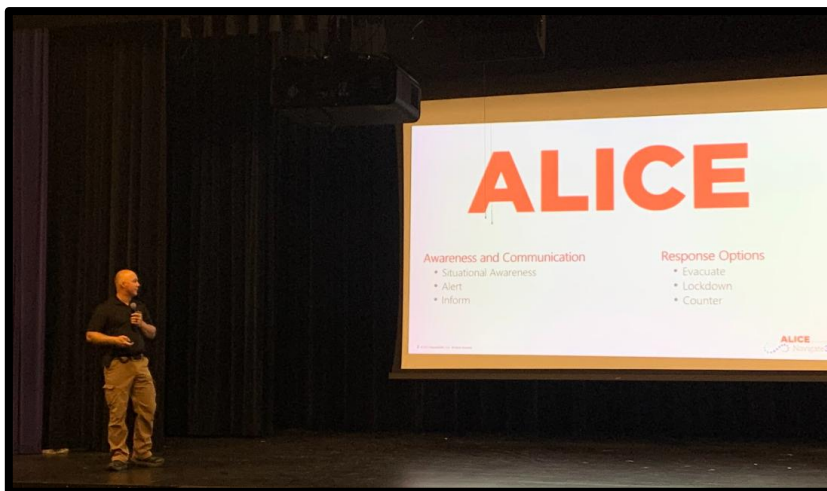
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### ECFE Pumpkin Patch Party Brings Fall Fun for Our Youngest Learners

Our Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) Pumpkin Patch Party was a big hit! Families with children ages birth to five enjoyed a fun-filled evening of fall-themed crafts, games, and activities. Everyone loved the pizza dinner, and the little ones looked absolutely adorable in their costumes. It was wonderful to see our youngest learners laughing, creating, and celebrating the season together. Thank you to our ECFE staff and families for making this annual event such a memorable night!



6. On October 15th, our teachers participated in ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) safety training led by the Cass County Sheriff's Department as part of our district in-service day. It was a two-part training, classroom instruction and hands-on scenarios, to provide staff with practical strategies to enhance preparedness and response in the event of a school emergency. Our paraprofessionals completed the same training on October 1st during the early dismissal day, ensuring that all staff members are equipped with consistent, proactive safety procedures.



**Tracking student enrollment:**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Current School Year (25-26) Student Count, Pk-5</b>	<b>24-25 School Year Student Count, Pk-5</b>
September	Did not calculate due to start of year	
October	275	306