

Principal's Report  
July 2024 School Board Meeting  
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown  
K-4 + 9-12th Grade



### Waterville Campus Information

Planning and scheduling for Workshop Week 2024-2025 is occurring. We have speakers coming as well as routine employee education sessions mixed with time for teacher collaboration and work time schedule. The full schedule for workshop week will be sent out to staff early August.

I have met with nearly all of our new teachers throughout the summer as they prepare to join the WEM staff in August. I'm proud of the excitement and energy as well as the forward thinking our new staff will bring to the district.

Student success coordinator, Mrs. Kelci Halvorson, is moved in to the Waterville campus and is gearing up for the upcoming year. We met as a team last week to connect with the elementary PBIS team and the planning for the upcoming year is underway with fun events and data collection.

We've hosted Le Sueur County 4Hers linked to WEM to work with our SAC students. The opportunity to link arms and bring activities from the county and farm level to our students is outstanding. A big thank you to Jen Holicky for scheduling.

We have a number of students who are Le Sueur County Ambassadors and participants in area county fair competitions. Best wishes to all our students competing and participating in contests. WEM traditionally has an outstanding reputation for livestock and projects, our students lead the way and come out of our county fairs highly decorated. While not associated with the district sponsored events it is definitely a reflection and connection to the robust FFA program, ag-based community and connections our students have in the area that give back in many facets.

Work on the mural continues. We have pockets of student volunteers coming in throughout the last few weeks to assist with our artist in residence.

#### **K-4**

Summer school wrapped up its second session on Thursday, July 18. Despite having to cut the first session short in June due to the flooding we had high retention levels coming into the second session. Thank you to our summer school staff for making summer school a fun atmosphere for kids to continue learning and growing. Our summer school staff includes Melissa Dwyer, Susan Michael, Susan Krienke, Patty Whitehurst, Britta RobranWollin and a special thank you to Deneen Schulz and team for helping with breakfast and Tauston Lamont and team for transportation services.

I have been diving in and getting acquainted at a deeper level with elementary summer needs and preparing for a smooth transition in the fall.

Return to school events such as the annual back to school letter and entrance conferences will go out to families early August.

#### **9-12**

Within our collaboration and partnership with Waseca Area Alternative Center to assist students to fall behind in credit attainment we are excited to bridge the offering for credit recovery to allow more accessibility to students. In the upcoming year we will be offering credit recovery after school in-house vs. having to have our students travel to Waseca. We are excited to launch this to our students who need it and the barriers and financial burden will make credit recovery possible on a higher level.

Planning is underway for Homecoming 2024. Administration plans to increase communication, expectations and partner with local entities to assist in communication and expectations. Our desire to have a school spirit filled day with an experience the entire community can take part in and be proud of is the ultimate goal for this year.