From Babb Lead Teacher Jo Ann Powell; 3-6 teacher Suzanne Augare; & Principal Juneau-The month of April was as crazy as the weather but we stuck to our plans as that was a collective commitment that we made as a staff this school year to provide ourselves with data that can be used to make the adjustments that are needed to the plans that we developed for the school year. These plans were developed in the summer and then reviewed throughout the school year in DLT, SLT, and SBE meetings including working with the Attendance and Wellness committees and implementing the plans that they provided to us. Our monthly family read night was well attended and in addition to having perfect attendance for parent teacher conferences for our 26 students. The teachers not only went over Aimsweb reading and math data, they also showcased the students' BNAS projects, provided invites to the Kindness Day celebration, and were provided their student's attendance and behavior updates. Our goal is to commit to whole child education and we wanted our feedback loop to parents to reflect this commitment.

It was absolutely great news to hear from the BPS math consultant Mary Buck that the majority of our students are out of the intervention phase for math and into the enrichment phase!!! This is groundbreaking news as another of our focused commitments was to believe in and trust each that Tier 1 instruction is the best avenue to take for our students to help prepare them to be reading to learn by the end of 3rd grade and being proficient in algebra by the end of 8th grade. I am so proud of the entire staff and all the students, they put forth an amazing effort every single day and they are committed to being a TEAM which makes all the difference in education. They trust me and I trust them which allows us to always continually be moving forward and work through all of the road blocks and go over all of the speed bumps TOGETHER. Babb Elementary is like any other school when it comes to obstacles, needs, wants, and issues but it is how the staff responds to each other and how they allow me to support them in an HONEST and FAIR manner so that they can do the same with all students & families is what makes Babb Elementary a school that can overcome any and all challenges.

The students did their third and final writing assessment in April. On the 26th we had Mary Buck in both classrooms and the students have made the comment that they love the activities that she does with them. On the 28th we had the Babb Elementary Kindness Day. Parents and community members came out and joined the staff and students in the Kindness Day celebration. The students and parents made leaves with kindness quotes on them to hang on our kindness tree. They also colored a square to make a kindness quilt. At the end we had a kickball game. The 3-6 class had students against parents, and everyone had a great time.

I want to give a SHOUT OUT to our bus driver Shelly Flamand, her last day will be May 5th. Shelly is a lifelong resident of Babb and she puts her heart and soul into supporting all of the students and staff at Babb. She has accepted a permanent position for GNP which was very difficult for her to accept despite it being a professional goal because she is worried about who will get our students to school and home everyday. Shelly is an example of a staff member who always puts students first and we all wish her the best of luck in her new venture. Thank you Shelly!!

















