



NEW BERLIN ELEMENTARY

Let's go Pretzels!

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TO: NBCUSD #16 Board of Education, Mrs. Jill Larson, Superintendent
From: Matthew Jokisch, Elementary Principal

Pretzel Positives

Student Shout Outs

- Internet Safety Presenter (students were really listening)
- Valentine's Day Parties (best behavior)
- NB Spelling Bee and County Spelling Bee
- Students reaching for Book of Success and Whole Brain Incentives

Staff Shout Outs

- Weather Drill / Fire Drill / Crisis Go
- ILT, PBIS, BLT diligent and effective
- 100th Day efforts
- New Teacher Orientation participation notable

School Improvement

Climate and Culture

- PTO Skate Night
- Pretzel Positive Posters
- Pre-K Parent Night (Valentine's Day)
- Direct Conversations vs. Gossip

Pretzel Learning for Staff

- Whole Brain learning pods extending to Student Engagement Averages
- ILT - Vertical alignment of standards
- IXL - new formatting and products

Administrative PD

- Illinois Principal's Breakout Session
- School Masters
- RTO Regional Summit
- Pre-K Grant Training