Babb Elementary Board Report April 11, 2023

From Babb Lead Teacher Jo Ann Powell and 3-6 teacher Suzanne Augare-The month of March flew by so quickly but we were able to get a strong finish to the 3rd quarter. We had our monthly visit from GNP Rangers and this month we discussed hibernation and the animals that hibernate including the animals that coming out of hibernation affects including humans. Students learned about how the eco system makes the transition from winter to spring and how humans always viewed this time of the year as a renewal of their holistic lifestyle. The Pikuni referred to this time of the year as the beginning of another year similar to the celebration we have in January.

We had our St. Patrick's day celebration in the classrooms and we also celebrated student wellness in conjunction with our district staff wellness. We celebrated the beginning of the Pikuni new year by building and displaying timelines created by the students that are on display in the hallways. These timelines begin in the Dog Days up until present day. We are looking forward to building upon this project within our overall project based learning framework including turning these hand written and drawn timelines into interactive videos. We had our students discuss and understand their holistic wellness as we feel it is vitally important that by this time in the school year the students have built enough background knowledge on wellness overall that they can begin applying it to their own lives by learning that it is more than just physical wellness. Thanks again to our parent volunteers who role model this holistic wellness and provide students with more positive adults that they are building healthy relationships with.

Our big event was the basketball tournaments, just kidding, but we did try to have students enjoy their days off in March in a productive manner including the remote learning day. The students did awesome with their remote learning projects and they are looking forward to the next remote learning day to work on and then complete their projects. For most of the students it was their first time truly working independently on a project and not simply completing worksheets on their own.

We want to take a moment to provide a Shout Out to all of our wonderful volunteers- parents, guardians, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and community members. You all provide us with such a valuable supervision assistance resource and support for our students. Also, your participation is difficult to quantify, you can't see it in a data spreadsheet or in a powerpoint presentation but you can feel it when our students are experiencing success while developing that pride that supports the growth in their positive personal identity. This month's major events of family literacy night and also girls basketball. Our athletic events bring out the entire community and it is always fantastic when our students are celebrated in such a public arena as the basketball gym. We had PTO fundraising going on as well to support future student activities and I want to thank everyone for coming together to make these experiences so memorable for

our students. We don't keep score of the basketball games but if you ask anyone in Babb I think we "won" our last game and it was celebrated by all!!











