

Report to the School Board

November 14, 2022

By Elementary / Intermediate School Principal Dave Riebel

GOAL 1: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO PROVIDE THE BEST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

- PreSchool Screening

The second of two fall pre-school screening days took place on Tuesday, Nov. 1st. Our preschool staff welcomed a full day schedule of preschool students and parents as they participated in these screenings.

- Intermediate STEAM Day

The staff and students at the Intermediate School planned and participated in STEAM Day on the final day of the 1st quarter. Students rotated between the four classrooms working on projects in each. This quarter's projects were:

Science – Students engaged in science experiments examining hydrophilic and hydrophobic materials.

Technology – Coding – Students utilized basic computer commands to communicate with and manipulate computers.

Engineering and Art– Students created and designed Flextanglers – Engineering a sheet of paper to manipulate 24 isosceles triangles and color its patterns.

Math – Rocket Launch simulations – Students manipulated mathematical variables to compare and contrast rocket launches and flights.

- Veteran's Day program



The 5th and 6th graders practiced for and then led the assembled students and adults in the singing of the national anthem at the district Veteran's Day program on Nov. 11. In addition, Leo Hedlund, Greenlee Speltz and Kate Schloegel read their Veteran themed poetry for the audience. Thank you to Mr. Scheck for the organization of the event, Ms. Rupprecht for the introduction and practice for the anthem and to Ms. Sula for the poetry lessons with the target audience of Veteran's Day.

GOAL 2: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO HIRE, DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE STAFF.

- 6th Grade Staffing:

Students and staff offer a bittersweet congratulations to Mr. Justin Hanson, long time Lewiston-Altura classroom teacher. After years of classes, Mr. Hanson received his masters degree and finished his administrative licensure before the start of the school year. He recently applied, interviewed and was hired to be the new principal at Washington Kosciusko Elementary in Winona. While we will miss Mr. Hanson as a classroom teacher and his involvement in our staff and district, we wish him well on this next stage of his career.

Welcome Ms. Lombard! Ms. Sami Lombard joins our Intermediate School staff as the sixth grade classroom teacher teaming up with ms. Gasca Hernandez. Ms Lombard took over instruction and assessment after four days of shadowing in both 6th grade classrooms. Please welcome Ms. Lombard to the L-A family.

- Nov. 14 workshop day

The PK-6 certified staff started the workshop day with the annual "Deer Hunters" potluck breakfast as a fun and filling community building event. The morning professional development will focus on learning about and analyzing the various options available from or JMC system for assessment, grading and reporting. Some additional time will be spent on data analysis at the Tier 1 and Tier 2 levels. The afternoon is time for staff work in rooms.

- Staff Development

10-27-22: Ms. Todd, Ms. Falkowski, Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Buringa participated in a full day training entitled "Fostering Independent Executive Functioning Skills"

11/7-11/8: Mr. Montgomery and Ms. Scheck participated in the MnShape fall conference for school health and physical education teachers.

GOAL 3: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN A POSITIVE EMOTIONAL AND SAFE CLIMATE FOR LEARNERS AND STAFF.

- Lots of excitement on Oct. 31st –

Both students and staff enjoyed the high excitement levels that come with dressing up in costumes for the day. Themed classes and classroom activities highlight the day throughout each school. A traveling pencil salesman provided each student and staff with a pencil "guaranteed" to get math equations correct.



- Youth teams

Winter Season youth activities are here! Junior Hoops and Junior Wrestling programs have held registration evenings and begin their seasons. The evenings at the elementary building increase in activity!

- Lewiston-Altura Sharing Tree

In what has now become a tradition, the Lewiston-Altura communities come together in the Holiday season to offer assistance to families in need during the holidays. The sharing tree effort is a way to connect the families in need with those able to help. The Sharing Tree website, <https://sites.google.com/view/lasharingtree/home> will allow families in need to provide information for their children from Nov. 21-Dec. 5. Individuals, families or businesses wishing to donate can also use the link to provide information. The Sharing Tree volunteers will then match the donors with the needs.

GOAL 4: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE DISTRICT'S INFRASTRUCTURE.

Upcoming:

Parent- Teacher Conferences- Nov. 15 and 17.

Ten Days of Giving- Dec. 1-10

Senior Dinner- Dec. 1

Evening with Santa – Dec. 6