



Waterville-Elysian-Morristown

ISD #2143

Greetings School Board Members,

Here are a few updates from the Middle School:

- **Engaging Lessons to End the Year:** Our teachers planned fun and engaging learning activities to keep students excited and involved right through the final week. One highlight was a hands-on simulation of "No taxation without representation"—an activity our fifth graders could really relate to and one I personally enjoyed doing for years as a fifth-grade teacher. It was so rewarding to see it in action again! Students also enjoyed active time outdoors, including Physical Education at the park, and had a blast launching Alka-Seltzer rockets as part of a fun science experiment. Hats off to our teachers for engaging our students in meaningful, fun learning activities to end the year!
- **PBIS Exemplar School:** I was notified earlier this month that we sustained our status as a 2024-25 PBIS Exemplar School! The PBIS team at the middle school does an exceptional job putting systems in place to respond to areas of growth in behavior and celebrate positive behavior. We hold quarterly data meetings to analyze behavior infractions in order to create reteaching lessons/activities to improve behavior and celebrate individual and whole school success. Hats off to our PBIS team and students to buying into "BUCS Pride" all year long! Our school will be recognized at this Summer's PBIS Institute.
- **Water Balloon Launch :** To celebrate the end of a fantastic year, we set up a PBIS event for students to launch water balloons at teachers, which quickly turned into an all-out splash battle! The homemade water balloon launcher was a huge hit, and while students enjoyed aiming at their teachers, they quickly realized just how much fun the staff was having catching and throwing balloons right back. In fact, many students ended up handing their balloons to teachers just so they could launch them back at their classmates!

Thank you,
Myles Knutson