

Elementary School Board Report
January 28, 2019
Mrs. Shepard
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TROJAN PRIDE – BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE, BE SAFE

Trojan Pride Table- Aiden Woxland, Jackson Spitzer, Paityn Rasmussen, Tahven Pepin, Morgan Rye, Kayla Magin, Claire Gorder, Colton Diepenbrock, Hadley Hoiland, Emily Helgemoe, Cayden Lea, William Lafluer

Fire Prevention Posters - Dorothy Halder, Morgan Rye, Colten Jenkins, Camdyn Rye, Kora Kahoun, Beniah Rasmussen, Norah Meyer, Thomas Halder, & Ravyn Cords (Tri-County 1st place winner!)

5th Grade- raised a total of \$400 and we will be donating it to Gabby Brown and her family via GoFundMe

2019 R-P District Spelling Bee Participants

5th Grade -Jace Dvorak, Daymien Preston, Trenton Scheck, Kaia Bellock-Drinkall, Conner Vaughn

FastBridge Testing – K-8 students are completing their midyear testing to help identify students who need further support through our Title and Intervention programs. Our Data review was January 24th

Winona Symphony Orchestra Concert- Grades 2, 3, 4, 5 will be attending a Children’s Concert at WSU on February 19th. This is a free concert for our students and a wonderful way for the children to experience something new that many would not have the opportunity to attend.

Kindergarten Registration is set for March 15th– details will be sent to families soon.

GR8 Kids- Winona Health Healthy Kids in the Classroom ~ 4th graders

February 1, 8, 15 March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

The lessons will include – Wellness Journal, Reading Nutrition labels, pick healthy snacks, Shake & Break Game, My Plate Super-Size, Zumba & Boot Camp, Stop & Go Fast Food, Life Long Wellness, Kindness

Conferences- January 24th 1:00-4:00 & 4:40 – 7:30

Elementary Classroom Updates-

R-P Elementary Building Cultural Sensitivity with Mrs. King

R-P Schools is continually changing in regards to its demographics. We have more diversity than ever before. We have more EL students than ever before. Currently we have 11 EL students, representing 3 different home languages (Spanish, Arabic, and Illongo of the Philippines). R-P students and staff are welcoming and embracing these changes.

During the month of January, I visited elementary classrooms to teach lessons around the topic of building cultural sensitivity. 5th grade students learned about cultural diversity, racism, and prejudice and discussed a book about Martin Luther King, Jr. They also enjoyed a presentation from one of their classmates about Latino culture. 4th grade students learned about immigration and we read a book about a Vietnamese family’s experience as immigrants to the US. Many grades and classes learned about spreading kindness

to all, and committed to making one small change in their own lives to impact the world we live in. In the elementary wing, student's commitments are written on a kindness chain. We discussed the ripple effect of kindness and did an activity to visually see the impact of our words.

Overall, the visits to the classrooms were a very positive experience; we need to continue to have these important conversations and lessons with students so that they can have a better understanding of the world around them.

Kindergarten- Kindergarten is starting to prepare for Kindergarten Registration which is on March 15th. While in class, we are focusing on beginning reading, writing and beginning subtraction and addition skills. We have also started to get ready for the Valentine's Day season

1st Grade- We have been reviewing Kelso's Choice and learning how to solve big problems and little problems. In math, we are working on two-digit addition and subtraction, which the students really enjoy! In Language Arts, we are working on increasing our fluency, comprehension strategies, and sentence structure. This past Monday, we learned about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by doing reading and math activities which taught us about his influence on civil rights.

2nd Grade- have been learning how to regroup in both addition and subtraction. This is an important skill that is taught in second grade. The boys and girls have also been learning about Dinosaurs. They had fun making a Dinosaur Diorama.

3rd Grade- We are starting to get back into a routine after winter break! We have moved onto learning about fractions with the students during math. Students will be investigating matter in Science and we have finished up our 3rd reading unit.

4th Grade- We have been covering folk tales, myths, and tall tales in our room for reading. We've also been enjoying independent reading time to give kids a chance to pick and choose their favorite books to enhance the joy of reading. Also, we are starting up reading buddies with the first grade this week!! Finally, the kids have been going to Good Shepard in town, which has been a fun and beneficial experience for the kids.

5th Grade- We will be starting a 3 session "Adopt a Pilot" Program. This program is put on by Southwest Airlines and our presenter is Reid Jeffers, a Southwest pilot and 1988 Peterson grad.

Physical Education

K-2 -have been working hard on striking with a short handled implement using foam paddles with balloons and bean bags, also working on jumping rope skills, basketball skills and speed stacks.

3-5 -have been working on racket skills during our badminton unit, working on footwork during the jump rope unit and focusing, concentration and strength in our archery unit.