

October Board Report

The school has finally settled into a routine. The students are very excited to be in school. Although we have a new counselor and SPED teacher our students have taken well to both. We are expecting our first visit from the Good Medicine Program the week of October 3rd. Our daily attendance has been at 96% thus far.

Our professional development has focused Teachscape, MBI and planning for the year. Again staff have decided to focus on a District program and lead our professional development discussions in that program. We recently moved to using STAR Math and ISIP this year as our Language Arts and Math assessment tools. Ultimately we hope to streamline the collection and use of our data to better meet the needs of students. This year we have a very diverse academic population. Staff and students were very excited about having hosted the board meeting at the end of the month. They enjoy showcasing their work and their school.

Our Babb Bucks store is in the process of being stocked. We will continue the trips for those students that have met all of the Universal expectations in a quarter. We have also decided to add other mini events throughout the quarter to reward students that have collected X amount of Babb Bucks. Our students are striving to continue to show positive behaviors, however staff continue to teach the expectations in the various settings when needed. I feel that MBI has had an impact on the number of student referrals We had 1 referral at this time last year and we have matched that this year. In working with students the staff are working hard at implementing intervention and prevention strategies for our students. Our students and staff are doing a great job.

We will start our Environmental program with a field trip with Ranger Kelly in the Rising Sun area. They will learn about fire ecology, the fall foliage, bears (lots of signs of them on the trail), geology and how animals prepare for winter.

The PTO/JOM is in full force fund raising for our school. They are currently fundraising our trip to the Pumpkin Patch in Kalispell on the 14th of the month. PTO/JOM are selling Little Caesar's Pizza. If you run into one of our lovely students, please support them with the purchase of a pizza.

The flag football season is towards the end of the season and many of the students able to participate are. They are very happy to be involved in sports.

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