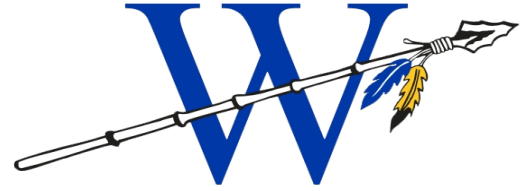


TO: ISD 317 Board of Directors
FROM: Ara Anderson, DRHS Principal
DATE: January 2, 2025



Student Achievement:

- End of semester 1 is January 16.
- Planning and logistics for the ACT (March 11) and MCA's (April and early May) will ramp up in January.
- Preliminary work on the Teacher schedule for 2025-26 will start in late January.

Safe, Welcoming and Trusting Environment:

- Community Window Painting. Kudos to art teacher Lily Bengel-Briggs for organizing this event.
- Students in the AVID elective, taught by Jody Anderson, went to Essentia on December 3 to do some holiday decorating.
- Winter Fest was 5th-7th hour the last day of school before break. Pep fest and opportunities for kids to decorate cakes, ice skate, play computer and video games, play gym games, participate in karaoke and manicures, watch movies, play bingo, play a dice game, have a grinch party, make ornaments, make blankets, participate in a round dance, or do puzzles and play Jeopardy. Organized by Kari Borgman and Minnesota Honor Society students.
- 12 days of Christmas kick-offed on Dec. 2 with a toy drive. The event included door decorating, Christmas trivia contest, dress up days, Santa versus Grinch dodgeball game, and snacks for everyone. The 12 days of Christmas was organized by Casey Grossell and Student Council.

Professional Development:

- Learning Walks, organized by Lisa Box, will start happening in January. These are opportunities for teachers to get into other teachers' classrooms to see educational best practices in action.
- The first round of non-tenured teacher evaluations (11) was completed the end of November and into December.
- Early out focuses continue to be PBIS and Teaching and Learning.

Upcoming Events:

- Tenured teacher evaluations (8) will be scheduled and complete by mid-February.
- High Reliability Schools training on January 14 at Sourcewell in Staples.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ara Anderson', written in a cursive style.

Ara Anderson
DRHS Principal

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Sept.-Dec. 2022, 2023, 2024

