

Report to the School Board

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By Elementary School Principal Dave Riebel

Strategic Priority 1: Student Success

- Math Night



Over 140 students and parents stopped by for a great evening at the elementary school for Math Night. This event alternates with Reading Night allowing students to show off their math skill and enjoy some time with their parents. Families rotated around to stations set up to challenge math skills and knowledge. Thank you to the PLAY Group for the volunteers and help with the pizza supper that they provided families. Thank you to the many Elementary staff members who also volunteered to run the stations. A BIG thank you to Ms. Ostrander for her creativity and coordination of the event. Well done all!

- Character Contest:

The Tenth Potato Book Character Show is on display in the elementary library April 22-25. PreK-5 students were invited to create a display that highlights their favorite book character. The focal point of the display is their favorite book character made from a potato decoration. Thank you to all participants and to the judges who made time to stop by and vote. What fun! Grade level winners were: PreK: Harley (Thelma the Unicorn) · Kindergarten: Evie (Go, Dog Go) · 1st Grade: Marleny (Flounder) · 2nd Grade: Lincoln (Titanicat) · 3rd Grade: Kenzie (Cat Kid) · 4th Grade: Hayven (Kevin the Minion) · 5th Grade: Hailey (Crenshaw) · Staff Winner: Mrs. Zezulka (Curious George).



- Field Trip fun:



The Elementary classroom staff plan and implement many field trips during the spring. Some are local like the fire department and local farms. Others are more involving like our annual 5th grade trip to Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center. All are making memories and connections to grade level topics. We enjoy and appreciate these opportunities and will work to continue them into our future.

Strategic Priority 2: Effective Staffing

The following classroom teacher staffing was sent to parents in the April 26 newsletter:

Kindergarten: Ms. O'Duggan and Ms. Pilger, 1st: Ms. Reszka and Ms. Weaver, 2nd: Ms. Falkowski and Ms. Heftman, 3rd: Ms. Gasca-Hernandez and Mr. Schmaltz, 4th: Ms. Kennedy, 5th: Mr. Buringa and Ms. Sula

- Teacher Appreciation:

With the appreciated planning help from our former colleague, Ms. Daley, the teaching staff at the elementary school enjoyed a Survivor! contest during the week of May 6-10. Staff spun a wheel to learn of their "challenge" that involved having fun and making a colleagues day. Points were awarded for each of the challenges that were accomplished, with daily prizes given out. Three staff members accumulated 40 points during the week with Ms. O'Duggan picked out of the hat as the overall winner of \$60 in gift certificates from local businesses. Thank you to all teachers for your efforts each day!



Strategic Priority 3: Finance

- Successful Fundraising:



Thank you to all Elementary families for their efforts in selling Worlds Finest Chocolate bars. Our goal was to cover the costs for the 2023-2024 school year field trips, a cost of around \$9500. This meant our goal for the fundraising was \$10,000. We are proud to share that the goal was met and exceeded. The fundraising brought in over \$12,000. The additional funds will start our efforts in covering next year's field trip costs. Great teamwork all!

Strategic Priority 4: Facilities



The entrance to the Elementary transformed into a regal walkway with the recent blooming of the crabapple trees. Although short lived, the blossoms were appreciated by students and staff as they entered the building. One example of the bright colors of this wet spring! Enjoy!



Strategic Priority 5: Community Engagement

- Building Tour:

Several community members visited and toured the elementary school building prior to the community engagement meeting on Wednesday, May 8. A film crew from KTTC also walked along and portrayed the overall district situation well.

- Lots of activities for families:

The recent Elementary Newsletters are full of spring and summer activities for families to sign up for. Examples include: Career on Wheels = May 14 (postponed from May 7), 9-11am, Elementary parking lot, Denim and Diamonds Dance = May 18, 6-8pm, Elementary Gym, Firearm Hunter Safety Class, Seasonal camps, Volleyball camp, Football camp, Basketball camp, scouts, and more.

- Fifth Grade Graduation is scheduled for 1pm on May 30 in the Elementary Gym.