



Waterville-Elysian-Morristown

ISD #2143

Greetings School Board Members,

Here are a few updates from the Middle School:

- **Catalyst Coaching:** I have been extremely impressed all year long with our staff's commitment to professional development and continuous improvement. We just finished up another round of 1 on 1 coaching from our Catalyst trainer. After visiting with Nicole(trainer), she once again had so many amazing things to say about the staff and students she worked with that day. Our biggest takeaways from the day of coaching were how eager our staff is to learn and try new things, the teachers are taking small steps that are making a huge difference in their classrooms, and what our next steps could be this spring, summer, and beyond.
- **Preparing for MCA's:** Teachers and students have been doing a variety of things all year long to prepare for state testing coming up over the next month of school. One thing recently our teachers did was create some common test taking strategies that each teacher can display and practice in their classrooms, no matter what subject they teach. We hope this consistency of expectations along with showing the students that we are all bought in and invested in our Math, Reading, and Science results will pay off starting next week. We look forward to having an MCA kickoff event in the gym next week to have some fun and get pumped up to start testing!
- **Math Masters:** Teachers/Coaches Mrs. Sammon and Mrs. Skidmore along with a selection of 5th and 6th grade students have been working extremely hard for months to prepare for their Math Masters competitions. The 6th grade team competed earlier this month and represented WEM with brilliance and teamwork on full display both individually and as a team. We look forward to hearing how our 5th grade Math Masters team does at their upcoming competition in April. Thank you coaches Mrs. Sammon and Mrs. Skidmore for working so hard to prepare our "Mathletes"!

Thank you,
Myles Knutson