



# Waterville-Elysian-Morristown

## ISD #2143

Greetings School Board Members,

Here are a few updates from the Middle School:

- **Catalyst Coaching:** I am proud to announce that Ashley Landru and Laura Sammon are the first two teachers in the district to become Catalyst Foundational Skills certified teachers. They have worked extremely hard all year and took advantage of multiple professional development and Catalyst coaching opportunities to get where they are today. This is a huge accomplishment that impacts our whole school community! Way to go Ashley and Laura!
- **D.A.R.E Graduation:** 5th graders completed the D.A.R.E program with Rice County Sheriff Deputy Lisa Arens over the past 10 weeks. Students went through lessons and activities that will provide them with life skills to make good decisions as they begin their young adult journeys. We celebrated their accomplishment with a graduation ceremony in the gym along with family members present. I am very thankful we have the D.A.R.E program here at the middle school and look forward to continuing that relationship with Rice County for years to come.
- **Conservation Crew Update:** Mr. Androli and his 7th/8th grade Conservation Crew have been hard at work on their upcoming Spring projects. Currently they are building 30-40 Wood Duck houses that will be spread out through the surrounding areas. I saw a lot of great teamwork and problem solving happening as they first attempted to assemble the houses this week. Thank you to the Elysian "Silver Lakers" for donating all the supplies for the Wood Duck houses. Our Conservation Crew couldn't have made it happen without them!

Thank you,  
Myles Knutson