



Medford Public School  
ISD #763

## **Board Report**

### **Medford Elementary School – May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

#### **Mr. Ristau**

#### Assessment

MCA testing began the week of April 17<sup>th</sup>. Grades 3-6 completed math and reading. Grade 5 also did a science test. MCA testing officially ended during the first week for the elementary school. The scores at this time are not final. Firm scores will be available in July according to MDE.

The elementary students will do a final STAR assessment the week of May 22<sup>nd</sup> to complete the year. This will be the fourth STAR assessment this school year for the students. If you recall, the STAR replaced the NWEA's as our benchmarking and progress monitoring tool. We look forward to the results and comparisons.

*\*Mrs. Christiansen, Mr. Shipway, Mrs. Kellen and Darin Gathje did a very nice job leading/assisting in the technical needs during testing.*

#### Celebration

The April celebration was a success. Kindergarten reviewed our Responsibility pillar and focused on being responsible to read in the summer. We will have one more celebration to review all of our pillars and also hand out end of the year awards and recognitions.

#### Upcoming Events

We have many events and special dates coming up including:

- Track and field
- Field trips
- MCA celebrations
- End of the year picnic
- Moving on day
- Fun run
- Bonger ball – 6<sup>th</sup> grade vs. staff
- Tug of war
- Talent show

#### Spirit Week May 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

This event is organized by the Medford Elementary Student Council. Below are the dress-up days.

- Monday- Favorite Movie Character Day & Talent Show at 1:30 p.m.
- Tuesday-Twin Day (MN Twins or Dress Alike)
- Wednesday-Sports Day
- Thursday-Throwback Thursday (60's, 70's, 80's, 90's...)
- Friday-Maroon & Gold Day



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#### School Readiness Days 2017-2018

Fall pictures are set to be taken by Jostens. Vision and hearing screening will be led by our nursing staff and assessments will be administered by all staff. The dates for the 2016 School Readiness Days are:

- Grades 1-6      September 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>
- Kindergarten      September 5<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup>

#### Language Arts Curriculum

After going through a thorough review process and analyzing the various language arts options, a curricular decision was made. Medford Elementary will adopt Journeys, a Houghton-Mifflin-Harcourt product. Trainings are being arranged for the 2017-2018 school year.

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#### Community Education

Spring/Summer sign-up was held on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The city of Medford also had swimming lessons sign-up at this time. It should be noted that due to summer construction, some classes may have to change dates and others may be canceled. Community education staff will communicate with families that are registered.