

Principal's Report
September School Board Meeting
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown
PreK-12th Grade



All District

We experienced a smooth and exciting start to the 2023-2024 school year! A big thanks to our teachers, academic support staff, transportation staff, custodial staff and food service staff for helping to make the start fantastic.

We welcomed 8 new staff members to the district this year and many have extended their talents and time to work with our students in extracurricular activities and assisting with referring and line judging. Our new staff members receive a peer mentor to assist in transitioning to WEM.

This fall we are hosting four graduate level interns assisting with our school psychologist team. The interns are working under Dr. Shawna Petersen-Brown which is our school psychologist and has affiliations with Minnesota State University-Mankato. We are excited to partner and be a collaborative partner.

PreK-6

K-4 welcomed students and parents to Entrance Conferences on Sept. 5. Students and their families met their teacher and teachers had the opportunity to get to know their new students!

Students in Grade 5 & 6 had orientation on the evening of Aug. 30. Teachers met with small groups of students and their families to learn about each grade's teachers and their expectations for the school year.

Students PreK-6 have had a great start to the year. Much time has been spent establishing routines and relationships. We are off to a great start!

K-6th grade students attended kick off assemblies to meet all teachers and to review Bucs Pride expectations for different areas of our schools.

On Sept. 12, 5th graders attended the Farm and Home Safety Day at Farm America. Students had a great time while learning about safety!

On Sept. 22 Kindergarten Students will be headed to the Montgomery Apple Orchard to continue learning about the life cycle of a plant.

WEM 6th graders are tentatively scheduled to go to Target Field for a tour and educational activities (Depends on MN Twins Playoff run!) Oct. 17.

7-12

Our open house events on August 30 were very well attended, some of the best attended in recent years. Students were eager to be back into the building, ready to pick-up their chromebooks and get settled into the year.

Our high school student council members are busy planning for homecoming in a few weeks. The annual homecoming parade and pep fest will be held on Thursday, October 12 after lunch. Last year's homecoming dance was quite popular and again will be the conclusion to the week's festivities.

Congratulations to Tyson Cooley, Ag/CTE teacher at WEM High School! Tyson was nominated and selected for the South Central Service Cooperative's SPOTLIGHT Employee Recognition Award. Tyson will be honored in a few weeks and his recognition will be SCSC's media. Tyson was submitted for the recognition due to his strong connection with students, dedication to empowering students to make positive contributions to the community and reinforces strong character for students through modeling.