

Principal's Report
April 2025 School Board Meeting
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown
K-4 & 9-12th Grade



Waterville Campus Information

74 students are showcased at the Paradise Center for the Arts in downtown Faribault. Art pieces are from students K-12 and will be on display through April 12. Mrs. Kelly and her art classes work hard on each piece throughout the year. Many other pieces are displayed near the fine arts area of the high school.

We celebrated our administrative assistance (Deb Wollin and Becky Taylor) on April 23 for National Administrative Assistance Day. Thank you to Deb and Becky for their years of service to the district and for helping maintain the flow of the building starting in the front office.

We completed our final drill for the year with the severe weather awareness day on April 10. Students and staff participated in a severe weather drill which coincided with the statewide prevention and practice.

WEM's Catalyst Coach was in-district on April 7 and spent time in classrooms working with staff on student behavior management and instructional strategies. Their time shared in the district was hosted in the afternoon at Waterville Elementary.

K-4

MCA Testing was completed during the weeks of April 7-11 and April 14-18. Elementary students testing math and reading MCAs are Grades 3 and 4.

The American Legion and Auxiliary helped to sponsor Purple Up day with elementary students. This day honors the families and children of servicemen and women. Thank you to Patty Whitehurst for being a contact between the school and Legion/Auxiliary programs of Elysian.

Enrollment for summer school continues through the month of April. Planning with enrollment numbers and staff hiring for summer school will take place in May.

9-12

MCA testing was held on April 23 and 30th. Sophomores tested in Reading, Juniors were assessed in Math and Science. During our testing morning on April 23 freshmen students participated in the annual Respect Retreat hosted by Youth Frontiers. This program is supported with funds through the district's Achievement and Integration Grant. Our seniors ventured out to help clean up the exterior of the campus area including the playground, parking lot and softball fields. They also extended their trash pick-up radius to parts of Waterville and the Sakatah Trail.

Juniors who elected to take the ACT earlier in the month experienced unforeseen circumstances. The administration sent communication to families and provided alternatives for testing if students elect to do so in June. Score results take approximately two weeks to be shared with students and WEM. Scores are expected to be sent to students and WEM on or around the week of April 28. The next testing deadline for registration is May 9 allowing students to retest if they wish based on their known score results.

Congratulations to physical education/health teacher: Connor Scharf. Connor and his fiance welcomed their first child, a son on April 22!

Planning and preparation is taking place for May events: Prom, Data Summit, Senior Class Trip, Graduation Rehearsal/Commencement, Night of Excellence, Pop's Concert and Last Day of School.