



# NEW BERLIN ELEMENTARY

# Let's go Pretzels!

## March 2025 Board Report

*TO: NBCUSD #16 Board of Education, Mrs. Jill Larson, Superintendent*

*From: Matthew Jokisch, Elementary Principal*

### Pretzel Positives

#### ☐ *Student Shout Outs*

- Audrey Robinson (5th) has been selected as a student leader by the Abe Lincoln Region of the Illinois Principals Association. Audrey and her parents will accompany Mr. Jokisch to the celebration on May 7th to be recognized formally.
- Maevyn Burger earned 3 individual state titles in the 100 IM, 50 free and 50 fly, 2 second individual places in the 50 breast and 100 free and then 3 state titles in her relays in which 2 of the relays set new State records for the 10 & under YMCA Illinois State Meet.
- Wonderfully executed Weather Emergency drill - the kids were in perfect position, quickly, and even quiet and awaiting instructions! Very impressive.

#### ☐ *Staff Shout Outs*

- Kitchen Staff for creating a fun CLUE game week & for having the 5th grade students taste test locally grown foods. They will be phasing in fresh Whole Foods from neighboring producers in our cafeteria through the Innovation Collaborative Grant that we are working with! The food was delicious and the kids took the assignment seriously!!
- 2nd Grade teachers making that extra effort with SAVVAS Math instruction (parent compliment).
- Mr. Edwards for writing a 1K grant for new playground equipment. He took the money to Scheels on Friday and delivered brand new equipment to the kids!! The kids were super excited. Work hard / Play Hard!!
- Katelyn Moran and Jenna Katterhenry were selected by UIS to speak to future educators this week.

### School Improvement

#### ☐ *Climate and Culture*

- Looking for the weak spots and lending a hand. The weak spots are “ours”, they are not “yours”. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link. i-Ready (and its corresponding interventions), supervision, and curriculum development are great examples.

#### ☐ *Pretzel Learning for Staff*

- i-Ready My Path and corresponding Personalized Instruction Progress Monitoring
- i-Ready Minutes and Accuracy Ratings being logged weekly to monitor progress / IAR prep
- Ed Leader course on Becoming a Reflective Leader (how to work the Danielson Domain Four more effectively)

#### ☐ *Administrative PD*

- IAR Accommodation Data, IAR scheduling, and IAR proctor group formation
- Paraprofessional Evaluation, Master Scheduling, and 5th Grade ISA testing

#### ☐ *Community Engagement*

- Local Church and PTO collaboration for Teacher Appreciation Week meals.
- Book Fair all week this week. Thank you PTO and its respective volunteers.