

Report to the School Board

Feb. 13, 2023

By Elementary / Intermediate School Principal Dave Riebel

GOAL 1: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO PROVIDE THE BEST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

- Science curriculum inservice

K-6 classroom teachers worked with a representative from Twig science on our January 27 workshop day. The unfortunate delay in science material and kits caused a pause in the rollout of our new curriculum. The workshop day was set up to take staff through what the teacher view is and what the student view is. As we finish up with our current units, staff can transition into utilizing Twig science.

- Continued Math Wizard success.

Our fifth and sixth grade Math Wizard teams had an additional competition at Dover-Eyota with six area districts sending teams. Our teams had a successful competition with 5th graders Leo Hedlund and Carson Chartier as well as sixth grader Bently Wirt taking home individual honors.

GOAL 2: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO HIRE, DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE STAFF.

- Feb. 8 PD day

On our Feb. 8 staff development day, Paraprofessional staff gathered to meet with Angie Ellsworth, a Behavior Systems Consultant and trainer from Southeast Service Cooperative. Angie provided a wealth of engagement strategies and ideas for our staff who interact with all levels of learners within our schools. Angie also shared insight into positive behavior intervention strategies for our paras to put into practice.

- The district Continuing Ed committee met on 2/6/23 to review current staff members licensure renewal progress and the opportunities for continuing ed. credits.

GOAL 3: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN A POSITIVE EMOTIONAL AND SAFE CLIMATE FOR LEARNERS AND STAFF.

- Intermediate Fun Night



It had been a couple of years since we were able to participate in this event, so the excitement was high for the Jan. 26 Intermediate Fun Night. A huge thanks goes out to the PLAY group for sponsoring and organizing the event. WE also thank the many parent volunteers who staffed the activities. Each hour, whole group Minute to Win It competitions capped mixed in with students rotating between activity rooms of bingo, hair/nail salon, foosball and beanbag tournaments craft and game



rooms with the opportunity to stop by the snack room all evening. The night concluded with many raffle prizes heading home with students. Thanks for a Fun Night!

- Valentine wishes

The Elementary Student Council members teamed up with High School National Honor Society members to spread a little love via their Valentine card and critter creations. The residents of the local assisted living homes in Lewiston received the cards and “Love Bugs” created by our combined student forces.



GOAL 4: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE DISTRICT'S INFRASTRUCTURE.

- Ms. Manley and Ms. Ziegler have been the first staff members to start the process of packing up the Intermediate School by beginning to clean and box library items. Knowing that there will be space needed at the elementary school library, a team of paraprofessionals spent part of workshop days in a culling and storing process. More work will be needed throughout the spring in order to merge the Intermediate School library into the other buildings.
- Building task force team continues to meet on a monthly basis to address the topics of building closure.
- Ms. Carman, Mr. Riebel and Mr. Banicki met with Grafe Auction service to discuss the possibilities for a district auction connected to the closure of the Intermediate School. A walkthrough of the building highlighted the potential for an auction. Great insight on the logistics and timelines were shared.