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**Elizabeth Ide Elementary School**  
December 2025 Board Report

**Goal One – Learning**

Our students have been working incredibly hard this fall, and we continue to be impressed by the growth, effort, and perseverance they show each day. As we look back on the first half of the school year, it's clear that their hard work—along with the support of our staff and families—is helping them make strong academic progress. Our winter assessment season is just around the corner in January. All grade levels will be completing AIMSweb Plus winter benchmarking in ELA and math, while 2nd grade students will also participate in MAP benchmark testing in both areas. The data gathered from these assessments plays an important role in helping us ensure we are meeting the academic needs of every student. It also provides valuable information for identifying students who may benefit from additional challenges or targeted support. These mid-year check-ins allow us to celebrate growth, adjust instruction where needed, and continue moving our students toward their individual learning goals.



**Goal Two – Whole Student**

On November 11th, our school proudly hosted a Veterans Day Assembly to honor 20 veterans from our community. Each guest was recognized and presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a special lapel pin as a token of our gratitude for their service. Students and staff participated in songs, reflections, and a whole school photo that made the event both meaningful and memorable. It was a powerful opportunity for our Lions to learn about service, sacrifice, and respect while celebrating the heroes among us.



Our second graders recently participated in **Balloons Over Broadway**, a hands-on STEM activity inspired by both the famous parade and children's book. Students had access to a variety of materials and used creativity, problem-solving, and engineering skills to design and build their own unique parade floats. Once completed, the balloon floats came together for a wonderful parade through our building. It was the perfect blend of learning, collaboration, and celebration. Our kids loved it! Thank you to Mrs. Kari Gemmell and to all of our parent volunteers for making this happen each year!



### **Goal Three –Environment**



We recently held an exciting all-school assembly with Matt Wilhelm, a professional BMX rider who wowed our Little Lions with his amazing tricks and powerful messages about spreading kindness and never giving up. Students were fully engaged and impressed by his moves while being inspired by his message. This assembly was a fun reward for the fundraising our students did earlier this fall through the Team 66 ROAR and Run. It was a wonderful celebration of their hard work and a great reminder of the positive choices we encourage here at Elizabeth Ide every day!

Classroom holiday parties will be held on December 19th, giving students a chance to celebrate together and enjoy some fun and festive activities before winter break. Teachers and room parents are planning experiences that further build classroom community while keeping the focus on kindness and gratitude!

**We wish each of you and yours all the joy and blessings that the holidays can bring!**

**Happy Holidays!**