

May 21, 2018 - Superintendent Report – Mr. Ehler

Vision: Empowering all for lifelong learning

Mission: Creating an educational community where lifelong learning is valued, excellence is expected, and all are prepared for the future.

Thank you: Anna Kjos – Student Board Representative:

I thank her for serving on the school board throughout this past school year. I will be presenting her a certificate and I wish her the very best with her future plans.

Congratulations To:

Finance Bowl @ WSU – Tuesday, May 15th:

The following students participated in the Finance Bowl at WSU on Tuesday (May 15th):

Ben Ansell, Olivia Hoff, Jake Paulson, and Anna Kjos with Mrs. Erin Thompson as their coach. They were successful in taking 1st place.

A special note of thanks to the students and to Mrs. Thompson for the preparation for this special event.

Ms. Maryellen Dean–Teacher of the Year by Fillmore County Journal:

She was selected as this year's recipient of this award. We recognized her on Tuesday, May 1st @ 1:00 PM with an all school assembly. Congratulations to Ms. Dean!

Ian McNeill – R-P's Above and Beyond Representative:

He is an excellent choice and please join me in congratulating him on being our representative. He did receive a scholarship to Minnesota College of Southeast. His is the son of Joyce & Mark McNeill.

Elementary Music Concert – Thursday, May 10th:

Our elementary students (K-5) performed on Thursday, May 10th at 7:00 PM in the main gym. We had a great night of music.

Congratulations to our students, Mr. George, Ms. Ingvalson and Mr. Olson on their excellent performance. A special note of thanks to Mr. Olson's sons (3) who played for our 5th grade songs.

Band Concert – Monday, May 14th:

Our bands (5, 6, 7&8 and 9-12) performed last Monday 7:00 PM in the Auditorium. We had a great night of music.

Congratulations to our band students, Mr. George and Mr. Olson on their excellent performance.

Congrats to Fifth Graders for their positive outing to Eagle Bluff:

Our 5th grade students continued our tradition of being one of the best groups/grades to visit Eagle Bluff.

Thank you to our students for being great ambassadors!!!

Senior Awards Recipients - Sunday, May 6th:

We had a great night in recognizing our SENIORS!! They are an amazing group of students.

A note of thanks to all the presenters. We had six first- time presenters. They were:

Thompson Family - Mitch Thompson Memorial Scholarship
Mystic Star Lodge Scholarship - In Memory of Mr. Thompson
Washburn Family Scholarship - In Memory of Family Members
Compeer Financial Scholarship -
Mystic Lodge Scholarship (Money Creek Chapter) -
Foundation for R-P Schools - Vocational Scholarships Rushford Area
Business & Manufacturing - They provided five scholarships to student pursuing a vocational degree.

A **special note of thanks** to Jenny Helgemoe and Holly Ekern for their efforts to have everything highly organized!!! Kudos on a job well done!!!!

Teacher Appreciation Week (May 7th - 11th):

We extended our thanks and appreciations to our teachers for their contributions as educators at Rushford-Peterson Schools. We commended them for their efforts to embrace our school motto of- "Always Our Best," and to embrace Mr. T's saying - "Be a good human being!"

Lyra Baroque Orchestra - Sunday, May 6th:

They put on an excellent concert. We are indebted to the Schober Family (former graduate - David) for his connections and for encouraging this group to come to Rushford.

A special note of thanks to Mrs. Lawston for her organization and for all her efforts to ensure a great venue for the musicians and those who attended the concert.

National Bike to School Day is Wednesday (May 9th):

Our Wellness Committee promoted this National Event for students and staff to ride their bikes to school. We had good participation.

School Online Auction – Storage Shed in Peterson:

We have emptied the storage shed in Peterson and placed the items in the gymnasium at the building in Peterson. The online auction was held on Sunday, April 29th.

A special note of thanks to Patti Ebner and Darr's Auction & Realty for their time and hard work to ensure a successful sale with items from the storage shed.

The sale netted \$672.00.

Vehicle Inspection:

We completed a second round of inspection on Thursday, May 17th.

This was to insure that we had followed through with the recommendations and vehicle improvements that were shared with us during the initial inspection that was held on Tuesday, April 10th.

We are in compliance with all of our school vehicles.

Mr. Thompson Memorial Walk/Run – Wednesday (5.23):

This will be an all school event to be held next Wednesday. The Wellness Committee is sponsoring this event. A special note of thanks to Nicole Blagsvedt & Cora Bauer (our student reps.) and Mr. Koenen for organizing this all-school activity.

Student Visitors – Ridgeway Charter School:

They came for a tour on Monday, May 14th. There were six (5th grade) students and parents who came for the morning.

I appreciated the warm welcome extended to them by our staff.

A special note of thanks to our student tour guides (Hannah Lutz, Breena Pehler) for giving the tour and an overview of our school.

Installation of Sound Panels – Main Gym:

These were installed last week (Tuesday – Thursday). The panels will assist with enhancing the quality of sound in the Main Gym.

OSHA Walk Through by Dan Fitch of IEA:

Dan did a mock OSHA walk through during the end of April. He provided the following recommendations:

- remove all (cheater) multiple plugs from classrooms
- power cords missing the ground stem, have tears in them or bad ends must be repaired.

- provide goggles to kitchen and custodial staff
- science room needs container for broken glass
- eye washing stations need drain pipe extensions

All of these concerns were addressed and corrected.

Special Athletes Day - Friday (5/18) @ Paul Giel Field - Winona:

Our students:

Julian Dambach (1st - Mrs. Halverson - Lind)
Ava Atkinson (3rd - Ms. Pelzl)
Caden Vieth (3rd - Ms. Dean)
Libby Siebnaler (3rd - Ms. Tinderholt)
Theo Ziemer - 10th Grade)

We wished them the very best of luck in their competition. Our 1st and 3rd grade provided the support. Mrs. T. Brown provided the coaching.

Meetings and Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, May 22nd - MS/HS Vocal Music - Spring Concert 7:00 PM in the Auditorium

Sunday - May 27th - Commencement @ 1:30 PM

Monday - June 18th - Monthly Board Meeting