

# Faulconer Chapman School

## Board Report

### MAY 2016

#### How are we doing?

##### **Track:**

The middle school track and field team had a terrific end of the season at the grade 7/8 district meet held at Sheridan High School on May 4. A generous band of volunteers comprised of certified staff, classified staff, board members, community members, parents and high school students made this event possible. Both boys and girls teams won the district meet! What's just as impressive is both teams going undefeated for the season. Great efforts athletes and nice job Coach Hart and Coach Kennedy.

##### **Student Highlights:**

##### **Kindergarten Round-Up**

We are pleased to announce that our kindergarten round up will be held on Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten round up is held on a full day in spring where parents and incoming students are invited to attend 1 of the 2 hour and a half sessions. During this session we encourage parents to fill out all registration paperwork, provide shot records, birth certificates, and proof of address. The students are invited in to play while parents begin paperwork. The parents are then taken to another location for a principal's visit, question and answer, and tour. At this time we move students to another classroom and read a story and do a craft. We then move to the third classroom for milk and cookies.

As we are wrapping up, we give each student a bag filled with summer work activities that help prepare them for the upcoming year. Some of the activities included are; name tracing and writing, letter and number writing, letter/picture/sound practice, number and quantity matching, and a book.

We have gotten positive feedback year after year of how parents feel welcome and students start kindergarten more confident having been to the school and participating in Kindergarten Round-Up. It sets us apart from other schools in our area.

### **Kindergarten Year in Review**

This year we have seen so much growth in our kindergarteners. We have a new rigorous reading program that teaches many more high frequency words that we have ever done before. We have also just begun to teach long vowel sounds, which we have never done before. This tremendous growth is prevalent in our intervention groups. We only have 2 small true intervention groups. These groups consist of 6 student's total. All other kindergarteners are in enrichment groups at their ability level. There are in these enrichment groups because they have mastered the current expectations, and beyond.

We are also seeing growth in math. Most students have shown mastery in the expected concepts and beyond. These include counting to 100 by 1s and 10's, number recognition beyond 20, patterns, measurement, and addition. We have just started subtraction. We have also incorporated math journals into our rotation. These journals ask students to do math concepts previously taught as well as practice current concepts. Students are being successful and independent in areas of reading, math, and writing.

### **Updates on PBIS**

FCS PBIS committees supported the visit from Comedysportz on April 29. All middle school students participated in this activity for the first session. The second, last session, was only for our grade 6 students. PBIS team members noticed the Comedysportz activities helped educate students on empathy, safety, friendship and the importance of academic skills.

At the end of May, the PBIS committee will develop a snapshot of PBIS; providing a lens on the progress from the beginning of the school year to where it's at as we finish up the year.

### **Updates on Title 1**

In the last month our teachers took a critical survey on how we are doing with the Rti process. The results were encouraging. The K-5 is doing fantastic implementing the new core program and using engagement strategies. We have come a long way and are working on implementing the process further. Coming up for next year we will be set to start 100% and 20% meetings to talk more in-depth about the data we are receiving.

As the end of the year approaches teachers are preparing to finish out the year with some benchmark assessments. These assessments will give us a place to start when we resume with students in the fall. With the data provided we will be able to start groups right away.

## **What's New:**

On May 23, K-5 certified staff will be trained in the new recently adopted math curriculum, 'Ready I Ready.' FCS K-5 teachers and administrators are excited to be working with this new math curriculum beginning next school year.

## **Dates to remember:**

- Grade 6 Outdoor School, May 18-20
- Community Committee Meeting, May 19, 3:30-4:30pm, Upper Library
- Grade 8 Forecasting for HS, May 23 PM
- Grade 8 FLY-UP Day at SHS, May 26 AM
- Spring Band Concert, June 1, 7-8:30pm
- MS Academic Awards, June 10, 1:30pm
- Grade 8 Promotion, June 13, 7pm
- Kinder Promotion, June 14