

# Report to the School Board

March 8, 2021

By Elementary / Intermediate School Principal Dave Riebel

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

As we have returned to our In Person model for our Elementary School in January, we can provide an update on the programs for our youngest learners:

- Cardinal Club

Kelli Loveless provided feedback via email. Her full report is on page two of this report.

- Early Childhood:

Age 3-4 Preschool classes: M,W,F am class, T, Th am class 25 students enrolled and attending

Age 4-5 Preschool classes: M, W, Fam M,W,F pm and T,Th all day 30 students attending

We had preschool families rejoin face to face classes lately.

- Elementary-Intermediate Learning Model:

Our PK-6 students remain in an in-person model, with our existing cohort and safety protocols in place. We have welcomed three families back from distance learning to inperson with three additional scheduled to return in the coming weeks.

Elementary percentage of distance learners = 5%

Intermediate percentage of distance learners = 12%

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

- Welcome

An Intermediate School welcome to Julie Scuderio as a Title I and Special Education paraprofessional. Julie has served the district in preschool and Cardinal Club and rejoins our staff working with our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

- Feb. 22 Late Start:

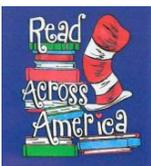
All Elementary and Intermediate School staff members participated in two Zoom sessions during the late start. The first session focused on sharing and planning the Cardinal CARES efforts by grade level and department.

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



- Winterfest was wonderful!

Winterfest was purposely added into the school year schedule this winter as a way to inject some fun and positivity into the winter of a difficult year. Students and staff enjoyed a themed week of dress up and activities. Thank you to all staff who put together ideas and implemented them with students!



- Read Across America Week

Passport to Reading! was the theme for this year's Read Across America Week on March 1-4. Each student received a passport and learned about continents per day. Trivia contest, dress up days, designer socks contest and Drop Everything and Read are some activities for the week.

- 100<sup>th</sup> Day-

Mixed into the same week as Read Across America, was the 100<sup>th</sup> day for students. Themed activities are scattered about the day. Our lower grade levels utilize the day to emphasize many concepts like calendar, counting and number sense.



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

Staff completed the annual budget prediction process at the grade level and department level. These will be combined per building to forward on to the Superintendent and Business Manager.

Cardinal Club report by Kelli Loveless:

#### Cardinal Club Updates:

Fortunately, there have been no positive COVID cases at Cardinal Club since returning from Christmas break. Every Cardinal Club staff (currently working staff members) that wanted a vaccine has received their first dose with 3 staff members receiving the second dose Friday, March 5th.

Currently Cardinal Club has 73 registered families, that number reflects before, after and all-day care. Most of our families fall within the tier 1 category (priority), but we have extended care to tier 2 families and so on based on spots available. The total number of registered kids has decreased by about 25 children in comparison to last year due to group size and staff limitations.

Registration for the preschool room (all day) for the 2021-22 school has begun and we still have spots available for children starting at the age of 33 months. Registration is open to all (not just tier 1).

Last summer (summer of 2020), we had about 65 children registered. This number was based on rooms available and group size restrictions set in place by the Governor. I am hopeful that we will be able to raise that number to 85 registered children. I have been in contact with staff from last year and currently we have 3 that are still planning on returning. With one staff member taking the off, I may need to hire 2 staff to accommodate for the increase of children. To help reach this goal, I am looking into utilizing the cafeteria this summer.

There is still some uncertainty about whether Cardinal Club will be able to take field trips/pool trips this summer. There have been ideas of having only certain grades go at a time. Such as, two grades go for the first trip and then two other grades go the next. If field trips are an option, doing outdoor field trips would help limit exposure to children and staff. We are hopeful for more guidance the closer we get to summer.

Current needs for afterschool/before school are art supplies. The children have found a new love for drawing and colorings and decorating paper airplanes. I am looking for donations of markers, crayons, colored pencils, glue. Any donations would be quarantined before use.

Thank you,

Kelli Loveless