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To: Board of Education
From: Lisa Nickel
Re: March Board Report
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Special Education:

- The preparation for testing season continues as Katy Spisich and I met to build the test sessions for MSTEP and Mi ACCESS. A lot of work goes into getting ready for spring testing!
- Meetings have begun as we prepare for our summer learning opportunities for our students who may need some additional learning time to continue to make academic gains. For our students with more significant disabilities, Alex Soule is assisting in leading the planning for this summer.
- I have met with several possible new families who are looking to either move to Chelsea or participate in school of choice as they have heard great things about our special education services. Kudos to my amazing team for the great work they do! The word is out!

Early Childhood:

- March is Reading Month is in full swing at the preschool! We had a zoom story time with cocoa and scooby snacks on March 5th with about 40 families zooming with Sarah Barth and myself! Our theme this year is Reading Builds Brains to follow along with our construction theme.
- Our Family Partnership meeting this month will feature Casey Wescott as he shares what a typical day looks like in kindergarten and Young 5's and how to prepare your child for their learning experience at North Creek.
- We hosted our annual spring Open House Thursday, February 27th for families to come check out our Early Childhood offerings. We had almost 50 new families come through which was amazing! We currently have 3 classes almost completely filled for fall.

Upcoming events:

March 12th, 7:30-8:15 - Preschool Carnival Family Coffee Hour

March 20th, 9:30 a.m. - Preschool reading assembly

Respectfully,

Lisa Nickel, Director of Special Education and Early Childhood