



# W.J. ZAHNOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## **W.J. Zahnow Elementary Board Report April 2025**

On March 27th, Ms. Shaheen and the Junior High Jazz Band put on a concert for our students. They did a great job performing together and as soloists. The students enjoyed hearing them play and will hopefully join the band themselves when the time comes!

This month, 1st Grade held their annual Community Wax Museum presentations and invited guest speakers in to hear about their careers. Students chose community workers to research and then presented the researched information. Family members were invited to visit their children and hear students' presentations throughout the morning. Thank you to all of the Zahnow staff members and the volunteers for all of the work involved in those activities. These "public speaking" opportunities are important building blocks for future grades.

Kindergarteners went on their annual "trip" to Hawaii on April 3rd. Students were engaged throughout the day as they simulated a plane ride, played beach games, looked for shells, and enjoyed other fun activities. It's a tradition that many have enjoyed through the years, and many parents could probably even reflect back on themselves!

To lead into Spring break, Zahnow held the Kids Heart Challenge Assembly to celebrate the successful fundraising done by the students and their families. Students were able to spray staff members with paint for raising money to donate. This year, our students and their families raised a total of \$23,209. Thank you to everyone for their generosity in donating.

Congratulations to the students who were chosen for our monthly Pawsome Award. In April, students were selected for demonstrating "Service."

Congratulations to Karen Hand, who was selected as April's Staff Member of the Month. Mrs. Hand is patient and kind with all of the reading students. She's always willing to support both students and teachers with any needs at any time. She has heard staff asking questions about progress monitoring and asking questions to help guide parents and jumped right in to offer to print what they needed. Congratulations Mrs. Hand, and thank you for all you do for our students and staff!

### **Looking Ahead**

April 30th-May 2nd - Kindergarten Field Trips to Camp Wartburg  
May 7th - Reading Benchmarking  
May 8th-9th Math Benchmarking  
May 22nd - Zahnow Summer Send Off - Kindergarteners Last Day  
May 23rd, 27th, and 28th - Kindergarten Screening for 2025-2026  
May 27th - 1st Grade Field Trip to the Zoo  
May 28th - Last Day with Students