



Waterville-Elysian-Morristown

ISD #2143

Greetings School Board Members,

We have had a great start to the year! Here are a few updates from the Middle School:

- **PBIS Rockstar Student Assemblies:** Rockstar Student of the Month assemblies are back, and our school spirit is stronger than ever! These assemblies are a special way for us to recognize outstanding students who go above and beyond in showing kindness, leadership, and responsibility. After the recognitions, we keep the fun going with a friendly staff vs. student competition. Last year, the teachers claimed the overall crown in the year-long series, but the students kicked off this year with a big win in September during a game of "Cup Toss and Catch." We love celebrating our awesome students and seeing the entire school come together to cheer them on!
- **Two Special Education Teachers:** Having two full-time special education teachers at the middle school has made a tremendous difference for both staff and students. With more balanced caseloads aligned with the rest of the district, teachers are now able to provide more focused, individualized support. This has allowed us to serve students in more productive, creative, and meaningful ways that truly meet their unique needs. The positive impact on student growth and engagement has been remarkable, and we are seeing firsthand how this additional support helps every learner thrive.
- **Warm Fall = Outdoor Learning:** The warm fall weather has provided incredible opportunities for outdoor learning and exploration. Students have enjoyed experiences like fishing at the Morristown Dam, bird watching, and participating in a variety of outdoor physical education activities. One highlight has been students racing down the sidewalk to test their speed against the Morristown speedometer sign. Kudos to the teachers for getting kids outside to experience learning in fun and unique ways.

Thank you,
Myles Knutson



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We have had a great start to the year! Here are a few updates from the Elementary School:

- **Safe and Secure:** This fall, we made important updates to our before and after school procedures, as well as our SACC drop-off and pick-up routines, to ensure our building is as safe and secure as possible. Families have been very supportive of the changes and appreciative of the added focus on student safety. We also began utilizing the cafeteria after school to house our late bus riders rather than having them wait in the entryway. This adjustment has greatly improved supervision, reduced behavioral issues, and created a calmer, more organized environment to end the school day.
- **Morning Meetings:** Over the past few weeks, I've been visiting grade level morning meetings across the building, and I'm nearly finished making it to every classroom. I've been so impressed and proud of the thoughtful routines teachers have established to start each day. Morning meetings help students connect with one another, share, and build a sense of community while also providing opportunities to smile, laugh, and play in a structured way. I've especially enjoyed joining in to share a little about myself, explain what a principal does, and participate in games and activities with the students. It's been a wonderful way to start the day together and see the strong classroom communities being built.
- **Conferences:** Last month, we held our fall conferences, and it was wonderful to see so many families come through our doors. The conversations were incredibly productive, with meaningful collaboration between teachers, families, and students to support a successful school year. I always appreciate the opportunity to see families and educators working together to celebrate student progress, set goals, and strengthen the partnership that helps our students thrive both academically and socially.

Thank you,
Myles Knutson