

## February 2024 Board Report

TO: NBCUSD #16 Board of Education

From: Jill Larson, Superintendent

### SIP, Curriculum & Instruction, Assessment & Staff Professional Development

- Our 3rd through 5th grade students are ready for the state assessment test upon returning from spring break. The 5th graders have already taken the Illinois Science Assessment.
- Our interventionists continue to work with students and teachers to provide the necessary support for students. They recently met with teachers to review data. The interventionists and I went on a field trip to another school district and saw how their interventionists work with students. We learned a lot and have brought ideas to implement for next school year as we work through the MTSS process.
- Our school social worker is working with individuals as well as groups of students to provide the necessary social and emotional support to self regulate.
- Each grade level and specials have submitted their mandated units of study for compliance purposes as well as their curriculum maps to me.
- We are working with grade level teams taking the same approach as the high school with Pretzel with a Purpose in order to bring in speakers, events, and projects for 11:45 am and 1:00 pm dismissals next year.
- The K - 5 math team will be adopting the same textbook series as the Junior High and High School.
- The K -5 teachers have selected a new social studies and science series as well!
- Field trips continue to occur exposing our students to enhance their learning by making those real world connections.
- The 4th and 5th grade students and teachers have taken the annual 5Essentials Survey.
- We continue to work with students on self-regulation with Molly Booher teaching the staff “bubble breathing”.
- The students and staff enjoy ag in the classroom! Mrs. Frost does an exceptional job!

### Pretzel Student & Staff Positives:

- **“Pretzel Positive”** to the following February Students of the Month:
  - PreK-Thomas Luca
  - K- Quinn Booher
  - 1- Remington Dent
  - 2- Raymond Stehly
  - 3- Mia Baumgartner
  - 4- Olivia Severino
  - 5- Harper Kemp
- **“Pretzel Proud”** to the kindergarten teachers (Liz Birch, Wendy Kanallkan, Jen McQuality, and Madison Reynolds) for a successful Parent Preview night for incoming kindergarteners!

- **“Pretzel Teamwork”** to the staff and students as we worked through having partial electricity to start the school day due to the building being struck by lightning!
- **“Pretzel Way to Go”** to our 3rd graders who participated in the morning audiobook club on the book, “Fortunately, the Milk!” Thank you Kara Pecoraro and McKenzie Ward!
- **“Pretzels Have Amazing Talent”** to the 4th graders for their recorder concert! Thank you Katie Barrett!
- **“Pretzels Celebrations”**:
  - Read Across America - thank you to Renee Cooper, Skyler Davis, McKenze Ward, and Kara Pecoraro!
  - Leap Day with the fun facts about February 29 and the cute colored frogs that everyone was able to take home thanks to NBE PTO!
  - National School Breakfast Week - thanks to Heather Pidcock and the food service department for making it fun!
  - “1000th Day of Elementary School by the 5th graders! Thank you Jamie Brown, Tyler Berola, Courtney Fry, and Stacey Maxson!
  - Jump Rope for Heart - \$4,212 raised - thank you to Cam Cummings and James Dambacher!
  - Ruby Bridges - Virtual Speaker that Tyler Berola brought in through the Donors Choose Program for 4th and 5th graders. Ruby Bridges was the first African American child to desegregate William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans. At six years old, her bravery paved the way for the Civil Rights action in the American South. Tyler Berola moderated the virtual experience and did a fabulous job asking questions that the students had!
  - Elementary Book Fair! Thank you to PTO!
  - Easter Egg Hunt! Thank you to PTO!
- **“Pretzel Pay It Forward”** as Chelsea Beard, SASSED Social Worker and Keenan Kittell, SASSED Psychologist have full year interns that will be graduating in May and employed!