

Report to the School Board

May 9, 2022

By Elementary / Intermediate School Principal Dave Riebel

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

- Spring Assessments

The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) were completed at the end of April. Our local fluency and comprehension benchmark assessments are ongoing and scheduled to wrap up the third week of May.

- Community Ed. Classes and Summer Recreation activities



Several spring activities and classes are underway via community education including Mother's Day and black light art classes as well as the upcoming Daddy-Daughter Dance. Summer Recreation offerings are also accepting registration. Registration is available via the Community Ed school website and Facebook page or by contacting Ms Sula.



- Title Summer School - Extended School Year

Planning for our traditional summer school programming is underway. The Title summer school is set for July 25-August 12 with an Outer Space theme with instruction centered around maintenance of reading, writing and math grade level skills.

- May Math Night for families

Kindergarten through 6th grade students and their families are invited to attend May Math Night at the Elementary School. The PLAY group is sponsoring a pizza meal for the evening. The Title staff, led by Ms. Ostrander, have dice and card games ready to teach and play. Rooms are set up by grade bands where participants can come and go as needed to learn the games and have some fun. Each student will receive a pack of cards and set of die to take home to continue the games and build their number sense skills. Thank you to all staff volunteers for assisting with this evening event!

May Math Night!!



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

- Teacher Appreciation Week

The PLAY group and many others joined in showing appreciation for our PK-6 staff as part of national Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6. Thank you to all who provide a safe and nurturing environment for students to continue their daily learning and development.

- Systems Accountability Meeting May 2

Science recommendation

Mr. Hanson presented an overview of the work he and his K-6 colleagues have worked through during the process of reviewing state science standards and curricular products in order to recommend the best choice for our K-6 science curriculum. Twig Science is recommended to replace the 2007 edition of Houghton Mifflin Science currently utilized. Ms Berndt reported on the process and progress staff continue to work through in their Professional Learning Communities towards standards based instruction and assessment.

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



- Author assembly

Hands flew in the air in response to the question "Who likes to read?". The elementary school students and staff attended a morning assembly on Friday, May 6th. Ms. Jenny Baertsch, from Winona, highlighted the process needed to become a published author. Ms. Baertsch shared her children's chapter book "Junkyard Tough. A 'tail' of bravery." with students that highlights that we all are authors.

- Spring field trips are back!

Classes enjoy a traditional schedule of experiential learning while attending several spring field trips. Whether it be locally to Whitewater or to the State Capitol, students and staff are able to attend grade level trips beyond the school walls.

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

Upcoming events:

May 14 – Daddy/Daughter Dance

May 19 – Intermediate Concert, 1:30 & 7:00

June 8 - Elementary Music Concerts, K-2 9:00am, 3-4 10:00am

June 9 – Last Day of School