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TO: BLUE RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
DR. HILLARY STANIFER, SUPERINTENDENT
FROM: RYAN PEYTON, PRINCIPAL, RUTH M. SCHNEIDER ELEMENTARY
DATE: 5/6/25
RE: PRINCIPAL REPORT

Upcoming Events:

May

1,2 Pre-K Parent Conferences
2 Progress reports go home
7 First Grade Field Trip
8 Pre-K Growing Together, Schneider Cafeteria, 5:30 p.m.
12 P.I.E., 6:00 p.m.
13 Second and Third Grade Field Trips
14 Board Meeting, HS Library 7:00 p.m.
15 Third Grade Transition Up Day
19 Kindergarten Field Trip
20 Pre-K Field Trip
22 Last full day for PreK/ECSE and K-12, End of 4th Quarter; 2:20 Early Dismissal

FYI:

***Field Day 2025** - Field Day will take place on May 22. This fun-filled event is held on the last day of school to celebrate the end of a great year! Students will enjoy a variety of exciting activities, including water games, bounce houses, and cold treats to help them cool off. It's a day full of laughter, teamwork, and lasting memories for all!

Congratulations and Kudos:

***Birdhouse Project** - Mrs. Nadrozny's 2nd grade students and Mr. Tongate's Industrial Tech students collaborated on a Mother's Day project this month. This hands-on and authentic learning experience concluded with a visit from WCIA. If you haven't seen this news story, you don't want to miss it - <https://shorturl.at/pE2Qm>

***Parent Tours** - I was excited to host some kindergarten parent tours in April, where families had the opportunity to explore the building, learn about our daily routines, and get a feel for the warm and welcoming environment we create for our youngest learners. This tour is a great chance to build relationships with our families and for parents to ask questions about our building.

***Autism Conference** - We had all 3 special education teachers from BRSE attend the 3rd Annual Autism Conference at Illinois State University! This event was packed with transformative strategies and insights to support our students and families. We're proud to invest in professional development that equips our teachers to make a real impact—both in the classroom and beyond!



***Teacher Appreciation Week** - I would like to recognize our amazing teachers and staff. To all the incredible educators at Schneider Elementary, thank you for your passion, dedication, and the countless ways you inspire, support, and uplift our students every single day. Your impact reaches far beyond the classroom. You are shaping futures, building confidence, and making a difference that lasts a lifetime. I appreciate you today and every day! Thank you to P.I.E. who provided an amazing week of snacks, food, gifts and activities to make our staff feel appreciated. Last but not least, I want to thank Farmer Tan and Spa and Old Tyme Ice Cream for celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week with us!



Curriculum/Instruction:

*See Mrs. Trimble's Report

Behavior:

*In April, 80% of our students were referral free. March had 85% of our students referral free. Last month, we had three out of school suspensions.