

Report to the School Board

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Strategic Priority 1: Student Success

- January LA CARES assembly A=Assertion

The month of January ends with an all Elementary assembly to highlight our learning about assertion. It took plenty of assertion to learn a new instrument and several fifth graders played the school a song that they have been practicing. Group 1 flutes, clarinet and oboe. Group 2 alto sax, trumpet and percussion. Group 3 trombone and baritone. Group 4 keyboard. Let's go band!!! We then highlighted students for their in-class assertion and ran through our tunnel.

We then turned and looked forward to February with events planned. Week 1 The Readbowl. Week 2 Valentines. Week 3-4 Winter Olympics! All that wrapped into R = Responsibility. It's going to be a fun month!!



- 5th grade Math Wizards

The 5th grade Math Wizards team recently competed in Dover Eyota. Congratulations to Bridget who placed 8th in the Wizards Drill. Congratulations to AJ, 3rd place in individual round and Avery, 6th place in individual round.



Strategic Priority 2: Effective Staffing

- Thank you Paraprofessionals!

Our students interact with many adults each day of school. Our paraprofessional staff have several of these interactions each day, whether that is coming in from the bus or drop off, in the classroom working in small groups, at a quiet table working one on one practicing a skill, out at recess or in the cafeteria, our paraprofessionals are a key part of each school day. Jan. 19-23 was Paraprofessional Week in Minnesota. We thank them for their help each day.

- Read Act training –

Our two new staff members, Mr. Ihrke and Ms. Kendall are completing the same Read Act training that our Elementary teachers completed last year. They joined a cohort in February, will work through nine modules and finish in June.

- Staff Development Day – Jan. 19

The full elementary staff gathered for a breakfast to start our professional development day. Eden Leshner, HVED Behavior Interventionist – led a morning training and discussion about classroom and individual behavior modifications and adaptations. The members of the Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) team, used the afternoon for their bi annual required training.

Strategic Priority 3: Finance

- Instructional Software

Compare and contrast of assessments and data storage systems is underway in advance of budgeting for this increasing cost for next school year. We have several sites that we are familiar with and are comparing them with new or updated sites to determine our usage in future school years.

Strategic Priority 4: Facilities

- Purge and Pack underway

The phrase Purge and Pack is now a part of the elementary school as staff begin the process of cleaning out shelves (emphasis on purge) in preparation for moving back into new shelves in August. We are throwing, recycling, marking for auction, and boxing for storage.

Strategic Priority 5: Community Engagement

- Conference Night and Book Fair

The Book Fair is an annual part of our February conference nights. Parents and students meet with their homeroom teachers for discussion about student learning and then the students lead their parents through the book fair. Thank you to the various volunteers who help run this popular activity.

