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**TO:** BLUE RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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**FROM:** RYAN PEYTON, PRINCIPAL, RUTH M. SCHNEIDER ELEMENTARY

**DATE:** 11/8/2023

**RE:** PRINCIPAL REPORT

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **November**

2 Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:30-6:45 p.m.  
7 Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:30-6:45 p.m.  
10 Veteran's Day Assembly, Old Gym, 1:00 p.m.  
13 P.I.E., 6:00 p.m.  
15 Board Meeting, HS Library, 7:00 p.m.  
21 Progress reports go home  
22 NO SCHOOL  
23-24 Thanksgiving Holidays – NO SCHOOL

### **December**

7 Kdg./Grade 1 Music Program, 6:30 p.m.,  
BRHS Moore Gym  
11 P.I.E., 6:00 p.m.  
14 Growing Together, Cafeteria, 5:30 p.m.  
20 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter; 2:20 p.m. Early Dismissal; Board Meeting, HS Library 7:00 p.m.  
Dec. 21-31 Winter Holidays – NO SCHOOL

### **FYI:**

**\*K-1 Christmas Concert** - December 7 at 6:30 p.m. will be our annual K-1 Christmas Concert. Mrs. Weiler has already begun her planning and preparing for this event. The concert will be held in the Moore Gym at the high school.

### **Congratulations and Kudos:**

**\*Halloween Parade** - We had our annual Halloween Parade last month. Due to cold weather, we had to move the event inside the old gym. It was a standing room only event. Thank you to the Blue Ridge Drumline for providing music during the event.



**\*Pumpkin Drop** - The first grade teachers and students organized another fun and engaging pumpkin drop. Students used the engineering process to design, build, test, and problem solve the pumpkin containers. The learning unit provides multiple learning opportunities and brings learning to life. Thank you to our teachers and maintenance staff for making this event a success!



**\*Title 1 Meeting** - Each month our Title 1 team meets to look at diagnostic and/or progress monitoring data. This team is composed of the title 1 teacher, school psychologist, special education administrator, and principal. Our goal is to monitor math and reading interventions. This includes looking at student growth data and determining whether interventions are working, need adjusted or if the student has meet grade level expectations and no longer needs services.

**\*Exemplary Knights:**

**Scarlett Risler (K)** - Scarlett comes to school ready to learn and get her day started. She is confident, positive and a great role model for her peers. She is kind and caring and offers help to those that need it. She encourages others to try their best and tells them they can do hard things. Scarlett is also a brave learner at school. She is eager to try new things even if they are difficult

at first. For these reasons and more, I would like to recommend Scarlett Risler as Student of the Month for kindergarten.

**Archer Weedman (1)** - Archer comes to school each day ready to learn, and has fun doing it. He works hard and encourages others to do their best. Archer is hardworking, participates in class, and sets a good example for others around him. He is quick to listen to whoever is speaking. He is a good friend and is sure to include others. Archer also comes each day with a growth mindset and a positive attitude. Great job working hard and encouraging others to do the same!

**Opal Bateman (2)** - Opal is the definition of an Exemplary Knight. She always pushes herself to learn more and take on new challenges, looks for ways to improve and grow, and shows respect and kindness to everyone she meets. When Opal finishes a task, she looks for ways to make her work better, and then asks what extra tasks she can do to practice a skill. When we had two new students join our class, Opal saw this as an opportunity to help someone and teach them, which speaks to her character as a whole. She takes time to make sure their needs are taken care of, they understand the directions of classwork, and show them our daily routines, without anyone having to ask. Opal is a true model of responsibility and is a leader in our class. She rallies the class together to earn Gotcha parties when she knows we are close to earning one, encourages others around her when they do something well, and always demonstrates excellent behavior in the classroom. Opal shows that she is excited to learn and be in class each day and this is why I think she is an excellent nomination for Exemplary Knight!

**Gracie White (3)** - Gracie White is always kind, respectful, responsible, and honest. Gracie consistently follows the school and classroom expectations everyday. She also keeps her peers on track with expectations in a nice and respectful way.

**Emma McKeon (1st Grade Teacher)** - Miss McKeon is an “all around” team player to Schneider Elementary. Emma is not only an amazing first grade teacher, but she’s also a great support to the Schneider School Community. She encourages and supports students even when they are not in her direct classroom. She attends numerous school events outside of the school (Knight Walk, Art Night, Art Celebration at the Board Meeting, Glo Bingo, school concerts, etc). And not only does Miss McKeon attend such events, she’s often observed supporting staff in setting up for such events! Miss McKeon has built positive relationships with the students, staff, and families! She is a positive light here at Schneider Elementary!

**Curriculum/Instruction:**

\*See Mrs. Trimble’s Report

**Behavior:**

\*In October, we had 79% of our students referral free. This is down 3% from September. We are encouraging staff to write more referrals in order to track behaviors and identify problematic areas. This helps our team identify targeted interventions.