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TO: BLUE RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
DR. HILLARY STANIFER, SUPERINTENDENT
FROM: RYAN PEYTON, PRINCIPAL, RUTH M. SCHNEIDER ELEMENTARY
DATE: 6/11/25
RE: PRINCIPAL REPORT

Upcoming Events:

July

7/24-Online registration opens

7/31-Walk-in PreK-12th grade Registration, Schneider Elementary, 10-3 and 4-7:00 p.m.

August

8/1-Online registration closes

8/4,5,6,7-Kindergarten Jumpstart, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

8/8-Class lists posted at noon, Skyward

8/11-Curriculum Day-NO SCHOOL

8/12-Teacher Institute – NO SCHOOL; First Knight, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Kindergarten Orientation, 5:30 p.m.

8/13- First Day Grades PreK-12, Dismiss 2:20 p.m.

8/14, 15-Early Dismissal 2:20 p.m.

8/18-P.I.E Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

8/20-Board Meeting, HS Library, 7:00 p.m.

8/28-Picture Day; PreK Growing Together, Schneider, 5:30 p.m.

FYI:

***Pre-K Screenings** - Our next round of Pre-K Screenings will take place July 24 and 25. Our district's Preschool For All grant allows enrollment for 60 students. We have several projected openings for next school year. Please contact Mary Russell at Schneider Elementary's Office to schedule a screening at 309-928-2611.

Congratulations and Kudos:

***End of the Year Awards Assembly/Field Day** - We had a fun and engaging last day of school. We started the day with an Awards Assembly recognizing Schneider's Citizenship Award Winners, P.E. Top Performers, Volunteers and a Kids Heart Challenge Celebration where teachers and staff had pies thrown in their faces from our top student fundraisers. After the awards ceremony our field day began. Students participated in 6 different stations including two bounce houses, which the students loved. Thank you to P.I.E. for funding this amazing event!



Citizenship Winners



Top P.E. Performers



Jill Moak and Judy Hawn



Classroom Volunteers

***Pre-K Growing Together** - We hosted an engaging and hands on Pre-K night to close out the year. Families enjoyed dinner and participated in a variety of STEM activities hosted by Normal's Children's Discovery Museum.



***Playtime and Popsicles with the Principals** - The Tier I MTSS Team implemented a new incentive to motivate students to be on their best behavior the last couple weeks of school. The grade level that had the least amount of referrals (major and minor combined) for the week, earned "Playtime and Popsicles with the Principal". The winning grade level was announced the following Monday and Mr. Peyton and Mrs. Diener provided popsicles and an extra recess. Both 1st grade and 3rd grade earned this extra privilege to close out the year for demonstrating our respect rules and making positive choices.



Curriculum/Instruction:

*See Mrs. Trimble's Report

Behavior:

*In May, 87% of our students were referral free. April had 80% of our students referral free. Overall, our building had 645 referrals this year, which is a slight decrease from 2023-2024's 655

referrals. Our MTSS Team has asked staff to consistently write referrals for minor and major behaviors to clearly track behavior data. This allows us to see criteria including time, location, types of behavior, reasons for behavior, etc. which allows us problem solve and create incentives and interventions for individual students and/or groups of students.