



Waterville-Elysian-Morristown

ISD #2143

Greetings School Board Members,

Here are a few updates from the Middle School:

- **Unplugged Day:** On Monday, May 12th we decided to “Unplug” from technology for the day. Students kept their chromebooks in their lockers and teachers designed lessons and activities that would not require any technology for the students to complete. Also, at the beginning of each hour teachers facilitated a 10 minute cooperative learning activity that retaught some technology expectations and recommendations for student use of technology at school and at home. Activities included, school email guidelines, a debate on playing games on devices during class, creating a nightly routine that limits screen time, and designing posters with technology expectations we all will follow. It was a great day with a ton of positive feedback from students and staff... Surprisingly the students really enjoyed it and said, “We should do this more often!”
- **BUCS Pride Tokens:** Throughout the year staff pass out “BUCS Pride Tokens” to students who display positive behavior. The students collect these and can turn them into the BUCS Swag Store throughout the year for prizes. This past week we had a BUCS Swag Store day and many students who have been saving their tokens all year for a big prize from the store like a pizza party, ice cream social, trip to Morris Mart with the principal, etc.. brought them out to count how many tokens they had from the year. Many students were reaching the 80’s and even 100’s of tokens. It was a quick reminder to me of all the positive, little things that happen on a daily basis in our school. Students have done a wonderful job of working hard this year and showing positive behavior in so many different ways and our staff does a wonderful job of recognizing those moments with BUCS Pride Tokens.
- **Band and Choir Concerts:** Mr. Larson and our talented band/choir students put on some terrific concerts during the first week of May. It was very apparent they have all been working so hard throughout the year because they sure blew us all away with their performances. Thank you band/choir students and Mr. Larson for an entertaining concert!

Thank you,
Myles Knutson