

Elementary Principal's Report - February 2026

Community Involvement and Awareness

- The 5 Essentials survey opens on February 3rd for all Ridgeview families, staff, and students (4th and 5th only). This survey is part of our overall summative designation. We will begin getting more information out soon to encourage our stakeholders to complete this survey. The survey window closes on March 13th.
- The STANGS Royal Princess Ball dance was last Sunday 2/15 at 2:00 PM. Stangs arranged for corsages, pictures, and a great dance. Thank you to the dedicated parents of STANGS and those who attended the event.

Curriculum & Program Development/Staff Collaboration

- The administration team will attend the Illinois State University career fair on 2/19. This event is a great opportunity to find prospective talent and also get word out about our outstanding school.
- Teachers met with myself and Mrs. Jamison regarding ELA curriculum on Tuesday 2/10. Mrs. Jamison shared information about recent implementation surveys as well as support through video lessons and assessment resources.
- Staff engaged in collaboration on Friday, 2/6 during the SIP day. They focused on our shared intervention time and other topics of interest, including special education, departmentalization, transitions, etc. They also received training on AI usage in schools and assisted with the evaluation of SEL and math curriculum.

Students and Staff

- During our January Problem Solving Team meeting we graduated 4 students from reading or math intervention. They have shown continuous progress and we are proud of their accomplishments. We have really looked at scheduling to increase support for kindergarten and second grade students. FastBridge assessments are the guiding piece of information we analyze each meeting.
- Mr Ludwig kicked off the Kids Heart Challenge on January 30th. Mr. Ludwig is planning another students vs staff basketball game to celebrate the fundraiser. He does an outstanding job each year with this fundraiser and raises thousands of dollars for the American Heart Association.
- Students and families had Valentine's celebrations on 2/13. Thanks to all family members who supplied treats, helped with Valentine boxes, and volunteered in classrooms.
- Students celebrated FastBridge growth and achievement on Friday, 1/31. Students had their pictures taken (displayed in our hallway) and received a "You Rock!" message. We recognized 155 students who made growth or had exceptional achievement.
- "Hallway Heroes" is going strong with our elementary students. Ms. Boettcher's positive behavior intervention plan has led to improvements in all grade levels. Staff and students are excited to be recognized as Hallway Heroes!