

Report to the School Board

August 22, 2022

By Elementary / Intermediate School Principal Dave Riebel

GOAL 1: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO PROVIDE THE BEST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

- **Summer School and Extended School Year fun!**

An “Outerspace” theme orbited everything for the students attending our summer school program from July 25 – Aug. 15. Students attended reading, math and writing supplemental instruction and activities with that deep space theme. Thank you to Ms. Zezulka, Ms. Sula, Ms. Heftman, Ms. Scheck and Ms. Ostrander for their daily instruction and activities. We also thank Mr. Weninger for his Extended School Year classroom instruction and Ms. Berndt for the coordination of it all!

- **Summer Library**

It was wonderful to see the parade of families making their way into the Elementary on Wednesdays this summer. The “Summer Library” program allowed families to check out books and participated in themed activities, rain or shine. Thank you, Ms. Manley, for your planning and presentation and assisting in helping to keep kids reading!

GOAL 2: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO HIRE, DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE STAFF.

- **Staffing updates:**

Last spring’s retirements and relocations triggered some staffing changes for the 2022-2023 school year. We welcome some new staff to the Elementary and Intermediate School families! We also have some current staff in some new places. The following table highlights the classroom teachers:

Kdgn.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		5th	6th
Ms. O’Duggan	Ms. Reszka	Ms. Heftman	Ms. Daley	Mr. Buringa		Ms. Sula	Mr. Hanson
Ms. Pilger	Ms. Weaver	Ms. Schulz	Mr. Schmaltz	Ms. Kennedy		Mr. Gowlland	Ms. Gasca Hernandez

Beyond these homeroom classrooms:

Mr. Montgomery moves from the High School/Intermediate to Elementary Phy. Ed department. Ms. Scheck will be the Phy.Ed. instructor at the Intermediate School.

Ms. VanderPlas moves from the Intermediate to Elementary Special Education department. Dylan Weninger will join her in Elementary Special Education. Patrick Reuter will be our Intermediate/Elementary Special Education teacher.

Michelle Barbosa will join our district speech staff as an online speech clinician.

Eryn Englund returns to our Elementary as a School Readiness paraprofessional. Caitlin Speece joins our Elementary paraprofessional staff. Ms. Ziegler expands her media role to include Title paraprofessional.

- **Team building and organization day at the Intermediate School:**

Most of our new Intermediate School team was able to gather on August 9th for team building activities and organizational discussions. The new staffing gives opportunity to review existing processes and procedures for 5th and 6th grades.

GOAL 3: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN A POSITIVE EMOTIONAL AND SAFE CLIMATE FOR LEARNERS AND STAFF.

- **Summer staff appreciation**

An appreciation pizza lunch was enjoyed by our district custodial, office and summer school staff who were working this summer. Thank you all for your summer assistance with students! Thanks goes out to Dr. Hanson for organizing.

- **Third Annual Family-Teacher Meet and Greet conferences**

Similar to the past two years, the Elementary and Intermediate School families will utilize the first two days of school to participate in a scheduled Family and Teacher conference. Families will be able to meet teachers, drop off school supplies, fill out paperwork, set up accounts and build on the excitement of the new school year. These days are scheduled for Sept. 6-7th with the first day of in-person school for K-6 on Sept. 8th.

GOAL 4: THE DISTRICT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE DISTRICT’S INFRASTRUCTURE.

- **Summer Cleaning accomplished!**

The Elementary and Intermediate Schools were first on the list to have rooms cleaned by the custodial staff. Carpet cleaning and misc. projects were accomplished throughout our rooms. Thank you custodial crew for your efforts!