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FROM: RYAN PEYTON, PRINCIPAL, RUTH M. SCHNEIDER ELEMENTARY

DATE: 12/13/2023

RE: PRINCIPAL REPORT

Upcoming Events:

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 2nd Quarter; 2:20 p.m. Early Dismissal; Board Meeting, HS Library 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 21-31 Winter Holidays – NO SCHOOL

January

2 Winter Holiday-NO SCHOOL
3 Curriculum Day-NO SCHOOL
4 School Resumes
5 Report cards go home
8 P.I.E., 6:00 p.m.
15 M.L. King's Holiday – NO SCHOOL
17 Board Meeting, HS Library 7:00 p.m.
26 Dental Exams and Cleanings

FYI:

***Dental Clinic** - Schneider Elementary will host a free dental clinic in January. The Dewitt-Piatt County Health Department will be here on January 26 and 29 for exams, cleanings, and sealants. This clinic will cover the State of Illinois' required school dental examination for any student participating.

***Holiday Activities** - Our Pre-K-3rd grade students will be visiting the Princess Theatre on December 19. Our AM Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First grade students will go in the morning and our PM Pre-K, Second grade and Third grade students will depart in the afternoon. The students will view "Trolls Band Together" and receive popcorn and a drink. This trip is being funded by P.I.E. which means there is no cost to our students.

Congratulations and Kudos:

***K-1 Winter Concert** - Our K-1 students put together another amazing performance! Thank you to Mrs. Weiler for her planning and preparation making this event possible. Also, thank you to our K-1 Schneider staff including teachers and paraprofessionals that assisted with practices and the performance. The team's contribution led to a fun and memorable night.



***Pre-K Growing Together** - Our Pre-K program hosted our third Growing Together event this school year. This event featured a holiday concert. Pre-K students performed four songs including a sing along with parents and families which were a hit. Students also left with a cookie and icing to decorate with their family at home.



***Grade Level Meetings** - This month's grade level meetings included looking at literacy practices in each grade level in relation to sight words and high frequency words. We discussed evidence based literacy practices and how to support students acquiring these important words/skills.

***Exemplary Knights:**

Jonah Light (K) - Jonah works very hard each day, no matter what challenges I put in front of him. He does not complain or give up when learning something new. Jonah also likes to be helpful to others and will often ask me if there's anything he can do for me. Jonah encourages his peers and sets a great example of respectful behavior.

Teagen Castor (1) - Teagen is a reliable friend and hard worker. He has shown immense academic growth from problem solving in math to growing in reading. Teagen is someone who consistently participates in class discussions and shares helpful insight. He cares about his learning and wants to do his best. He constantly helps those around him and treats others with respect and kindness.

Rowdy Berry (2) - Rowdy has improved his organization and executive functioning skills since the beginning of second grade. Rowdy is a leader in our classroom and is always asking how he can help others. He follows directions when asked, and follows the four respect rules. Classmates look up to Rowdy because of him consistently doing what is right. Rowdy is an Exemplary Second Grade Knight!

Sunny Yeagle (3) - Sunny has been through some challenges this year and has been able to overcome them. She comes to school every day with a smile on her face and a positive attitude. Sunny is a role model for the students in the school. She always tries her hardest to follow the school rules. Sunny is a respectful citizen of the school. She makes sure to complete her work everyday to the best of her abilities and loves to challenge herself to go above and beyond. She is a good friend to her classmates and they recognize that and look up to her.

Paige Trimble (Curriculum Coordinator) - Mrs. Trimble is an "all around" team player for the Blue Ridge School District. She is very knowledgeable about best teaching practices and how to improve student academic success. She is always willing to share her wealth of knowledge with others so that students' academic goals are achieved. Mrs. Trimble always supports others with a smile and words of affirmation. Every time I have a conversation with Mrs. Trimble, I walk away as a better educator. She truly cares about others and has a positive growth mindset. Blue Ridge is fortunate to have Mrs. Trimble always supporting others and impacting student and staff success in such a positive way.

Curriculum/Instruction:

*See Mrs. Trimble's Report

Behavior:

*In November, we had 80% of our students referral free. This is a 1% improvement from October. We are encouraging staff to write more referrals in order to track behaviors and identify problematic areas. This helps our team identify targeted interventions.

