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Principal Board Report
December 10, 2025

2025-2026 GOALS FOR MT. ECCLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL :

Overall goals for this school year were discussed and planned based on input from Administrative Team discussions, teachers/staff, families and the Mt. Eccles Elementary School Site Council.

Principal's Goals for the 2025/26 School Year:

- 1. Continue to support the classroom, school, and district implementation of the Yale RULER SEL Curriculum by providing ongoing professional development, embedding SEL practices into daily instruction, and monitoring the impact on student well-being, classroom climate, and school culture. Strive to ensure that SEL becomes a consistent, sustainable part of every student's learning experience.*
- 2. In conjunction with the CLSD Grant, continue to support teachers and students with the development and refinement of MTSS strategies and structure at Mt. Eccles Elementary School*
- 3. Increase family engagement through literacy and math events for students and families, with a focus on building meaningful partnerships that connect learning at school to learning at home*

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE (%)

| | Kindergarten | Grade 1 | Grade 2 | Grade 3 | Grade 4 | Grade 5 | Grade 6 | AVG. |
|-------------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| AUG | 99.70% | 88.12% | 95.09% | 95.00% | 91.73% | 92.01% | 89.93% | 92.93% |
| SEPT | 94.90% | 91.18% | 93.49% | 93.39% | 93.35% | 93.31% | 94.38% | 93.42% |
| OCT | 89.00% | 94.70% | 88.18% | 92.44% | 83.50% | 92.98% | 92.33% | 90.56% |
| NOV | 86.96% | 86.65% | 88.68% | 90.83% | 87.48% | 89.30% | 92.75% | 89.24% |
| DEC | | | | | | | | |
| JAN | | | | | | | | |
| FEB | | | | | | | | |
| MAR | | | | | | | | |
| APR | | | | | | | | |
| MAY | | | | | | | | |
| AVG. | | | | | | | | |

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STUDENT ENROLLMENT (Based on date of report)

| | Kindergarten | Grade 1 | Grade 2 | Grade 3 | Grade 4 | Grade 5 | Grade 6 | Total Students /Total FTE |
|------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------------------|
| AUG | 23 | 27 | 27 | 40 | 34 | 36 | 36 | 221 +1.5 CCS +8PK/Speech |
| SEPT | 23 | 27 | 27 | 40 | 34 | 36 | 36 | 221 +1.5 CCS +8PK/Speech |
| OCT | 21 | 27 | 27 | 40 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 220 +2.5 CCS +8PK/Speech |
| NOV | 22 | 26 | 27 | 40 | 34 | 34 | 36 | 219 +5.0 CCS +9PK/Speech |
| DEC | 22 | 26 | 28 | 40 | 34 | 34 | 36 | 220 +5.0 CCS +9PK/Speech |
| JAN | | | | | | | | |
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| APR | | | | | | | | |
| MAY | | | | | | | | |
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DISCIPLINARY DATA

| | Conflict Resolution | Warning | Counseling | Detention | Restitution | ISS | OSS |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----|-----|
| Mutual combat | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Violence/Assault | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mutual Conflict | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vandalism/Theft | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Substances | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Defiance/Inappropriate Behavior | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Truancy/Tardies | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Harassment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | |

*Contacted parents Red indicates that the items on that line were the same event with two consequences.

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CCS ELEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- At this time, we have 6 elementary school students participating in independent study through CCS during the 2025/26 School Year. 4 students are 1.0 FTE in CCS and 2 students are 0.5 FTE in CCS and 0.5 FTE at Mt. Eccles Elementary School. 2 of the students that are 1.0 FTE in CCS are expected to return to school in person in January 2026.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

- Mt. Eccles Elementary School's Monthly Fire Drill was held on November 20th. Students were able to exit the building in 1:40 minutes during this unannounced drill. Thank you to Chris Moreno and John Appleton for always being available and willing to assist during these drills.
- The Student Council's Kids' Night Out Movie Night on November 19th was a huge success! A heartfelt thank-you goes to the parents who donated treats to make the event and fundraiser so special, and to Mrs. Steritz for organizing the evening and guiding our Student Council as they give back to the Cordova community. Students enjoyed watching *The One and Only Ivan*, a perfect follow-up to our One School, One Book Program. Don't miss the next Student Council fundraiser—the Hot Cocoa Fundraiser—on December 5th during the City Christmas Tree Lighting event!



- Our 1st grade students visited the Cordova Fire Department on Friday, November 14th, enjoying a hands-on learning experience and an inside look at fire safety. A big thank-you to the Fire Department staff for welcoming our students and making the visit so memorable.



- Mt. Eccles Elementary School's Winter Concert, "**Holidays Around the World**," was a joyful way to welcome the holiday season with our 2nd–5th grade students and their families. The performances brought wonderful energy and highlighted the hard work and enthusiasm of our learners. A heartfelt thank-you goes to Mrs. Fastenau for her creativity, dedication, and the tremendous effort she puts into making these events so special for our school community.

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- The Cordova Family Resource Center visited our 5th and 6th grade students on November 19th to introduce the Voices of the Future After School Club, which officially launched on Friday, November 21st. We are grateful to Makayla Sivits for the energy and enthusiasm she brings to our students at Mt. Eccles Elementary School. We also extend a warm thank-you to CFRC for sharing schoolwide Kindness Activities in celebration of Kindness Week, November 24th–26th. Their partnership continues to make a meaningful difference in our school community.



- Mt. Eccles Elementary School's 4th Grade Student, Logan Webber, participated in and won Best Poster in 3rd-5th Grade Division of the Alaska Rural Water Association 2025 "Protect Our Water!" Poster Contest. She shared her poster and award with our students and staff during Morning Assembly on Friday, December 5th. A big thank you to Mrs. Tschappat for supporting this activity.

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- Spelling Club has officially begun, meeting three days each week as students build their confidence and strengthen their spelling skills. A big thank-you goes to Debbie Collins for leading this engaging opportunity for our learners. We look forward to showcasing students' hard work at the Mt. Eccles Spelling Bee in late January.
- Our Safety Awards were shared on Friday, December 5th at our Morning Assembly. These students were selected for consistently demonstrating safe decision-making, positive leadership, and respect for our school expectations. Congratulations to these Mountaineers and their families.



- 3rd Grade students completed an Animal Classification Unit and celebrated before Thanksgiving Break with a wild animal tea party! They also participated in a Christmas Bird Count. Such fun culminating activities for this enriching learning experience.



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STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- LETRS training is progressing this school year. Our dedicated staff members are continuing their work through Volume 2, strengthening their expertise in the science of reading. At the same time, our new hires for the 2025/26 school year are working on their own LETRS learning journey in Volume 1. Together, this shared commitment is building a strong foundation for high-quality literacy instruction across our school community.
- Certified staff members remain actively engaged in Professional Learning Communities, using that collaboration time to consistently review progress-monitoring data and adjust interventions to meet student needs. Their ongoing commitment ensures every learner receives targeted support and continues moving forward.

SITE COUNCIL SUMMARY

A Site Council meeting was not held in November. In October, our meeting topic was Digital Citizenship and Safety for Families, a topic requested by stakeholders at a previous meeting. Due to low attendance, we are going to revisit this topic at our January meeting. The January Site Council Meeting is tentatively planned at Mt. Eccles on January 21st from 5:00-6:00 p.m. We plan to revisit the topic and discussion around Technology and Digital Citizenship Resources for Families, with the hope of increased meeting attendance.

Important Upcoming Dates:

December 5th-Mt. Eccles Student Council Hot Cocoa Fundraiser 4:30-6:00 p.m. Cordova City Center's Upper Atrium

December 9th-Cordova High School Band Concert 6th-12th Grade Students 7:00 p.m. CHS Gym

December 10th-Monthly School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. CHS Media Center

December 11th-Kindergarten and 1st Grade Performances of *The Gingerbread Man*

- Kindergarten Performance-5:30 p.m.
- 1st Grade Performance 6:15 p.m.

December 19th-Last Day of the 2nd Quarter of the School Year

December 20th-January 5th-Winter Break (School is Not in Session)

January 5th-Students return to School

January 5th-23rd Middle of Year MAP Testing

January 5th-16th Middle of Year mClass Literacy Screening

January 26th-February 6th Mt. Eccles Elementary School Read-A-Thon

January 26th-February 13th-One School, One Book Program

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence to share at this time.