

Report to the School Board

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

- A Distance Learning Day – The following is a oversimplified view of what aspects of a Distance Learning day looks like at the Elementary and Intermediate School.

Elementary: Tier I child care. There are four Cardinal Club child care areas set up at the elementary school each day. These rooms are purposely grouped by age levels to assist with the online school needs. These rooms are staffed with a combination of Cardinal Club staff and PK-6 paraprofessionals and support staff members. Each of these rooms maintain our safety protocols of masks all day, hand washing and sanitation and meet social distancing criteria while at Cardinal Club. Spacing out desks and tables while being able to plug in the needed devices continues to be challenging, but is overcome. Cardinal Club kids are supervised through their school day schedule including lunch/recess and all of their specialist classes.

Elementary and Intermediate Classroom spaces: Classrooms are occupied by the teacher, in their “production studios”. Staff are utilizing several inputs going through their devices into the Zoom online meetings each day for instruction and assessment. Specialist teachers have found various offices and conference rooms to instruct their online classes. Paraprofessionals have found any quiet spot that can be utilized (hallways, storage areas, even the elementary locker room) in order to log on with students via Zoom breakouts and provide supports to small groups and individual students.

- Online Parent Teacher Conferences – Another first was accomplished during the 20-21 school year. Virtual parent-teacher conferences. Parent Teacher Conferences Fast (PTCFast) was the online scheduling site that was used by parents to schedule specific time slots with both homeroom and specialist teachers. Parents were then provided with a Zoom link to log into. Parents logged in and were in a waiting room until their designated time when the teacher joined them for the conference.

- Attendance for the conferences was very similar to years past. Elementary conference attendance was at 95% which falls right at our normal range of 90-99%. Intermediate conference attendance was at 77% which is just below our usual range of 80-90%.

- Staff completed a survey about their reaction to the PTCFast and Zoom conferences. 85% of staff “liked” or “loved” PTCFast scheduling. 90% of staff “liked or “loved” Zoom conferences.

- Afterschool Club continues – In previous years, Intermediate students and families have had the ability to attend Afterschool Club. Afterschool Club has been in place for many years as a way for students to remain at school to work with a teacher to get extra help with their classes, projects and any missing or late assignments. The Intermediate staff have created a way to also get this assistance via Zoom links.

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

- “Teaching and assessing in a virtual world.” This was the title of the Nov. 16th inservice session put on by Katie Hubbard, Saint Mary’s University Reading Program Director. Ms. Hubbard was able to present timely tips and ideas for tools, websites and resources, and the presentation can be utilized for the reading licensure requirement for certified staff.

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

- Grade level adjustments – Staff members met as grade level teams to analyze the amount of online time students spend each day and made adjustments to screen time and break time, especially in the primary grade levels.



- Santa Drive Through – Over seventy cars participated in the first ever Santa Drive Through. The Early Childhood staff members planned, organized and pulled off a wonderful, yet safe event for students and families. Families stayed in cars and completed a scavenger hunt while traveling through the Elementary parking lot through creative and lighted stations on their way to meeting Santa at the last station for a in car photo opportunity. Thank you to all staff who assisted with the evening!



- 10 Days of Giving, 2020 – This annual project also was modified for our Elementary and Intermediate students and families as it was changed to a monetary drive. The funds collected will still go to purchase food to stock the county food shelves. We also are still working to claim the annual Golden Can traveling trophy.
- New Ways November – Thank you to our Wellness committee members for promoting New Ways November which prompts staff members to find ways to focus on themselves and to take care of themselves.

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

- Meal dispersal continues each morning from the Elementary and Intermediate School entryways. Thank you to food service staff for these needed efforts.