



Waterville-Elysian-Morristown

ISD #2143

Greetings School Board Members,

I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer! Here are a few updates from the Middle School:

- **FACS is Back:** At the middle school we offer FACS to 7th/8th grade students every other year. This year is a year where all 7th/8th grade students will have FACS class for one quarter. Mrs. Heinz is doing a wonderful job of bringing this class back to our students and everyone in the building is really excited to have it offered once again. Students have already been practicing their measuring, cutting, and recipe following skills. Their first creations of salsa and cowboy caviar were a big hit amongst the students and staff. We are all happy to have FACS back and can't wait to see what they cook up next!
- **PBIS Exemplar School:** Just as safety is our number one priority here at school, it's an essential priority everywhere we go. Last week, our 5th graders had the opportunity to see this in action during a field trip to the Waseca County Fairgrounds for the Waseca County Farm Bureau's Farm and Home Safety Day. Throughout the day, students rotated through a variety of hands-on stations covering topics such as farm, chainsaw, tractor, chemical, ATV, boat, and other important safety practices. These experiences helped reinforce the importance of staying alert, making safe choices, and thinking ahead skills they can apply at school, at home, and in the community.
- **BUCS Pride Expectations:** Our amazing PBIS team put together thoughtful lessons to teach our BUCS Pride expectations for all areas of our school. Throughout the first week of school students are taught these essential expectations through engaging lessons and discussions. Students get their BUCS Pride Passports stamped for each lesson they complete and enter it into a "raffle" to get to participate in a fun competition during our all school PBIS assembly. It was a great way to kickoff our school year and laid the foundation for our students and staff to have a successful school year.

Thank you,
Myles Knutson



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- **All Hands on Deck:** All of our staff members have been doing a wonderful job of working together to make our lunch and recess times run smoothly. We tweaked a little bit of supervision during this time to allow for more staff members present during lunch and recess and it has made a huge difference. Lunch and recess can sometimes be a chaotic time, but this year we feel like it is off to a great start. Hats off to everyone for working together to make this time of our day a great experience for the students!
- **PBIS All School Assemblies:** Our PBIS team decided to schedule monthly all school assemblies to recognize positive behavior we are seeing throughout the school year. Each month we will be picking an area of focus like; recess, hallway, lunchroom, and other specific classroom behavior/expectations to focus on as a school. Staff will then hand out specific BUCS Pride tokens to be collected in a jar. At our monthly assemblies tokens will be drawn from the jar and those students will be recognized and receive a prize or reward at our all school assembly that month. We are excited to implement these assemblies this year and can't wait to celebrate all the positive behavior we are seeing from the students!
- **READ Act Training:** Most of our K-6 teachers in the district are participating in OL&LA Read Act Training this year. Teachers completed the first part of the training this summer and will continue throughout the year during our professional development days laid out in our district calendar. This is a lot of work and intense training to complete. Everyone is doing a fantastic job of working through it and will appreciate the days we have in the calendar to continue to navigate through the training.

Thank you,
Myles Knutson