

Elementary Board Report January 2024

Students were excited to come back to school from winter break! Throughout our first week back we focused on reteaching our PBIS expectations throughout the building. Students have done a wonderful job following our TRIBE expectations and earning PBIS tickets to spend at their grade level TRIBE Stores. It's been a positive start to 3rd Quarter.

Teachers had a work day on January 2 and today we had a full day of professional development. We had Jill Hesse present on PBIS and Check in/Check out as a tier 2 support, so we can continue to strengthen our current practices.

The 4th grade students are well into their invention projects and are working hard on their display boards before hosting their gallery walk for parents and community members.

FAST testing has started and we're excited to see how students have grown from fall to winter. We use these assessments to help guide our instruction for both the whole group instructions and small group interventions.

Mrs. Thronson received the McElroy Excellence in Education Enrichment Grants for the project "Exploring Robotics: Building Future Innovators". The goal of Exploring Robotics: Building Future Innovators is to teach students basic computer science skills so they are able to code and transfer those skills into other subject areas. The project aims to introduce 3rd-grade students to the exciting world of robotics and STEM education using Hummingbird robotic kits.

Kael Sanford and Harper Rahlf competed in an Hour of Code computer programming challenge where they had to invent a game, code it, and then create a pitch to submit to "Splat (Shark) Tank". They chose to create a game to help them learn States and Capitals since that is what they have been working on in class. It was announced today they were the winner of the 3rd-5th grade competition! As a result a donation will be made to the Jonathan Jones (New England Patriots Cornerback) *Next Step Foundation* to combat hunger in the schools name, their game will be made available on the SPLAT app for other schools to use, and they will also be getting a banner and trophy to display, as well as other prizes! [Presentation](#)

Ms. Vossberg's class enjoyed reviewing their letters by having a "snowball" fight.

