

Elementary School Board Report November 21, 2022

Many teachers have chosen to engage in personal professional development through the district's IPDP process. There are teachers engaging in district wide book studies, the science of reading, social emotional learning, and best teaching practices for specially designed instruction. I am excited to see how this individualized professional development will have a positive impact on our students.

We had a very successful turn out for parent teacher conferences. From preschool through fourth grade we had 95% of parents attend conferences for their child. It's great to see parents engaged in their child's education.

We had our TRIBE parties for the 1st quarter to celebrate the positive behaviors displayed throughout the quarter. Thanks to our raffle fundraiser, we are able to do these fun activities throughout the year! Preschool played in the gym, kindergarten went to Mikkelsen Park, 1st grade went to the CWC, 2nd grade went skating, and 3rd and 4th graders went bowling.

In celebration of Veteran's day third graders had two guest speakers come in and all students received a small American flag. Both 2nd and 4th grade took a trip to the courthouse to observe and learn about the veterans memorial.

Fourth graders went and visited their partners in education. Mr. Pagel's class went to OnTrack signs, Mrs. Schwickerath's room went to Dungey's Furniture, and Ms. Ross' class went to the public library.

The elementary math team has selected their top three curriculum choices. We have a rubric to help us evaluate each curriculum. We plan on piloting the top two choices. We have been utilizing the professional development days to begin this process. Those not on the math team have been learning about the science of reading. Amber Junk, Stefanie Thronson, Morgan Kuennen and Tracey Grimes are helping lead the science of reading PD. We have also been partnering with UNI. They have been providing us with learning on adult resilience and staff members have the opportunity to engage in group or 1:1 counseling sessions.

Many teachers on the evaluation cycle have had their formal observations and I'm very excited about the things happening in the elementary. We have some pretty amazing teachers who are constantly going above and beyond to do what is best for kids and support their colleagues. Mr. Jurrens was also in classrooms with the instructional coaches. Our students and staff we're very excited to show him the amazing things we have going on.

We have three student teachers in the building right now. Raquel Schmitt with Mrs. Knutson in 4 year old preschool, she will join Mrs. Martinek in January. Ashley Lester in 3rd grade with Mrs. Reicks and Dalton Martin with Mr. Schmitt in PE.

We had an amazing elementary book fair! We were able to get 231 books for our library through the book fair! Thank you so much to our families and community for supporting the library!