

Middle School Board Report
April Board Meeting

1. Algebra Readiness Test Results. On March 31st the seventh and eighth grade students took the Algebra Readiness Test for the first time. We will use this test to help determine which seventh grade students need to take Algebra as eighth graders using 80% as our cut off. It will also help determine which math course our current eighth graders need to take in high school. The test breaks scores down into four categories: PreAlgebra Number Skills and Concepts, Interpreting Mathematical Information, Representing Relationships, and Using Symbols. See the attached results.
2. Fifth Grade is heading to the capitol. On April 23rd, the fifth grade will be traveling to Terrace Hill, the Iowa Capitol to meet Todd Prichard, and to the Iowa Hall of Pride Museum.
3. 1:1 Conference: Kim Olson, Jeannie Pfaffle, Sherry Cannon, and Nancy Edgar attended the 1:1 conference in Des Moines on Thursday, April 10th. They will be presenting the information they learned in their PLC groups.
4. MAP Testing: We will begin web-based MAP testing on Monday, April 14th. We are going to try testing two grade levels on iPads and two on laptops. The teachers received two in-service trainings with Mrs. Frese to prepare.
5. Wellness Committee Meeting – the Wellness Committee met on Wednesday, March 26th. We have determined two overall goals for the district focusing on improving nutritional awareness and increasing physical fitness with our students. We started brainstorming nutritional ideas to use with students. We will meet again on Thursday, May 1st.
6. Kirk Smalley with Stand For The Silent travels all around the country talking to kids and adults about the effects that bullying has on the world. He will be presenting to our middle school students on April 22nd.
7. Iowa Assessment Scores arrived! We have 26 more students proficient in reading this year than last. We were pleasantly surprised with the reading scores. During this week's PLC, we began analyzing the data. We will continue in upcoming PLC's as well. See the attached results.