

## February 21, 2022 - Middle School Board Report

1. Mr. Rude and Mrs. ten Hoeve concluded their PBL unit on Social Injustice. Students presented their speeches in the common area as two homerooms. Students did a nice job researching and presenting the facts in a passionate way.
2. We have finished up the winter sports seasons and now are beginning to get ready for the Middle School Musical. Come join our students for the “Forty Five Minutes from Broadway” March 17th and 18th at 7:00pm.
3. Teachers used some time during today’s professional development to work on information regarding the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress. Teachers worked through the test assurances on how to successfully proctor the test. Students will be testing in content classes this year with a set schedule. The middle school is set to test March 28th - April 8th.
4. We have finished our second FAST screeners with all students in Reading, Math, and Social Emotion. Our results are showing many of our students are improving. Our staff continues to look at ways to improve interventions and look for other options for students that are not showing the growth we would like to see.
5. The CLT team of students worked on a Valentine treat for everyone in the middle school. Students enjoyed a cut out red heart with kind words and charm pop to go with. We had a Random Act of Kindness day with students Thursday and it was good to see all the positive notes on lockers. Students are recognizing other students which helps build a positive environment!
6. Students have all signed up for Midmester courses and there are some great options for our students. The PBL team has done a wonderful job helping with the process. The whole thing which has been new to me truly confirms we have great teachers here in the district. Our Midmester will run from April 19th - May 3rd so we still have a little bit of work to do in getting things ready. I’m excited and I know the staff and students are too.