

February 17, 2025 - Middle School Board Report

1. We finish up the winter sports season with the girls wrestling team competing in their last meet tomorrow. We are now beginning to get ready for the Middle School Musical. Come join our students performing *The Grunch*, which is a spin off of the Grinch on March 21st and 22nd at 7:00pm. The cast is composed of 52 talented members.
2. 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/administration modules for how to successfully proctor the test. Paraprofessionals will also work through the test security and scribe training modules. Students will be testing in content classes this year with a set schedule. The middle school is set to test March 31st - April 11th. With Make-ups happening during this time.
1. Mr. Rude and Mrs. ten Hoeve concluded their PBL unit on Social Injustice. Students presented their speeches to their peers and did a nice job researching and presenting the facts in a passionate way. Thank you again for your support in the oratory opportunities these students get as delegates with the Ford's Theater National Oratory Fellowship.
3. We have finished our second FAST screeners with all students completing the screeners in Reading, Math, and those that returned a form to participate in the MySaebrs. 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.
4. The CLT team of students worked on a Valentine treat for everyone in the middle school and have been planning activities for Kindness week. Students will recognize and help each other throughout this week which helps build a positive environment!
5. Students will be signing up for Endmester courses here soon and there are some great options for our students. The PBL team has done a wonderful job helping with the process. Our Endmester will run from April 22nd - May 2nd with a showcase night on the 2nd after school. I'm excited and I know the staff and students are too.
6. The 3rd trimester will start Tuesday the 18th, so it is a reminder that we are inching closer to the end of another school year. We have much to accomplish yet and we will strive to make the most of our daily opportunities. I'm just really excited overall where we are as a building. I'm reminded of this as I see all of the great things students are doing with our teachers.

