

## Hayfield Elementary Board Report – March 2022

As we closed out a great February and March gets going, testing kicks into high gear. We will be well over halfway through MCA testing and done with ACT testing at our next meeting. I think the adage, in like a lamb out like a lamb, is exceptionally fitting.

### **PLCs**

Yesterday we had our monthly PLC meetings. Staff spent some time looking at FastBridge and Progress Monitoring data in vertical teams. Our continued work diving deeper into the data helps us to understand what is working and could use additional support. There were a lot of great discussions taking place in the PLCs with some interesting takeaways from each group.

### **March Mathness and MCA Reading Readiness**

As MCA/MTAS testing gets rolling in March our strategists, Mrs. French and Mr. Thompson, are leading the charge as we find ways to motivate our students for the upcoming assessments. We have reached to businesses for donations and have come up with a nice collection. In addition to hall decorations and motivational posters, non-testing classes are going to adopt testing classes to provide them with cards, snacks prior to the test, and several additional activities.

### **I Love to Read Month**

Our staff's Olympic effort in February promoting reading with our students was a huge success. It was great to see the flame continuing to burn this week as one student stopped me yesterday to show me how many books they have already read this week. Kudos to our elementary staff!

### **Book Fair Returns**

Just because February and it doesn't mean we're going to stop reading as we will be hosting our second book fair of the year April 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Music in Our Schools Month (MIOSM)**

Next week we will increase our focus on celebrating MIOSM. Listed below are the activities that will be happening to help celebrate. It should be a fun week for our students!

1. Music In the Halls- every morning between 7:50 and 8:00. (Irish music on Thursday ☺)
2. Friday, March 18th "Dress Up Day"- Wear your music clothing!
3. MIOSM Student Concert-Friday, March 18th at 2:00 p.m. in the elementary gym.

### **Spring Musical – April 7<sup>th</sup>**

The Hayfield Elementary School spring concert is scheduled for Thursday, April 7th. The theme for our concerts is "Little Vikes ROCK!". K-2 will perform at 6:00 p.m. and 3-5 will perform at 6:45 p.m. in the West High School Gym. Please make plans to attend their performances and catch the elementary book fair before or after the concert.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrument Selection Night – April 7<sup>th</sup> 5:15 – 6:30**

Prior to the spring concert, two music stores, Music Mart and Schmitt Music, will be on hand in the Elementary Gym from for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students from 5:15 – 6:30 to assist parents in renting or purchasing in getting ready for 5<sup>th</sup> grade band in the fall. All materials and equipment can be purchased that evening. Mrs. Anderson will be there to answer questions and to assists students/parents in the process.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Public Service Activity**

Our fifth graders, led by Ms. Klennert and Ms. Beckstrom, held a school-wide food drive for the Hayfield Pantry. Students kept track of each class's daily donation total and created bar graphs that were posted inside the recess doors. A total of 1742 items were collected with Ms. Hintz's classroom winning the opportunity to choose what the district eats for lunch one day in April. Congratulations to all involved!

### **Snow Week**

We held Penny Wars competition and dance for Snow Week to help raise money for Rockin' Recess at the end of the year. Mr. Carlson brought home the top prize of a pizza party and Mr. Krekling's class brought home the Sour Award as they were blitzed on the final day and ended with -\$32.04. A fun time was had by all. Special thanks to PIE for their help in making the week fun and entertaining for students.

That's it for now.

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