

# New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Public Schools

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## Elementary Principal's Board Report December 2020

### NRHEG Elementary School

Doug Anderson, Elementary Principal

### 2020-2021 School Year

Section	Enrollment	# of Sections	Students/Sect.
ECSE	9	2	
Bridges	11	1	11
K	60	3	20
1	55	3	18.33
2	58	3	19.33
3	55	3	19.33
4	58	3	19
5	62	3	20.66
Total	368	21	

#### 1. Elementary Leadership Team Meeting Postponed

Due to the overwhelming tasks for school staff, I have decided to postpone the December leadership team meeting. If items do present themselves, communication will be sent to team members via email. It is also possible that we may hold a Google Meet if there is urgent business. We hope to resume our meetings in January.

#### 2. Elementary Diabetes Fundraiser

The Final Totals Are In

***THEY ARE UNBELIEVABLE!***

NRHEG Elementary School has been participating in a Diabetes Coin War with absolutely amazing results! Students brought in coins in an attempt to see which grade level could bring in the largest amount. A pizza party will be provided to Grade 2 and Grade 5 as their total amounts are so close! During the Coin War, daily facts, questions and answers were provided to the students. A special thank you to First National Bank of Ellendale for counting all of our coins!

Grade	Total
Bridges/Kindergarten	\$260.05
First	\$144.77
Second	\$926.71
Third	\$49.60
Fourth	\$333.85
Fifth	\$924.72
Blue Jeans/Jump Jacks	\$125.00
Donation	\$235.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,000.23</b>

### 3. Technology Round Table Meetings Held for Paraprofessionals

Kathy Meyer, Technology Teacher, provided training for all paraprofessionals on using Seesaw. The training focused on how to better help students with their assignments in Seesaw.

### 4. Elementary Fall Parent-Teacher Conference Update

Virtual *Elementary Fall Conferences* were very well attended by our families. Very few teachers reported families who did not attend parent-teacher conferences this fall. The format of using virtual conferences this year was appreciated by many, and staff and families felt it worked very well due to the COVID 19 restrictions. Technical issues or concerns were minimal thanks to the support that was provided ahead of time to staff by our Technology Coordinator, Angie Aaseth. If you are interested in the full staff survey document and results, please contact me and I will get that to you.

### 5. Elementary Music Students of the Month-November and December

***The November Students of the Month have been named in Music. They include:***

Grade 1-Ellie Larson and Wesley Jensen

Grade 2-Lily Hughes and Trevor Gilliland

Grade 3-Lily Rolfing and Axel Ladlie

Grade 4-Anna Guse and Isaac Calcamuggio

Grade 5-Morgan Studier and Owen Habben

***The December Students of the Month have been named in Music. They include:***

Grade 1-Avery Blouin and Evan Bowman

Grade 2-Daisy Ettlin and Adler Bethke

Grade 3-Cali Nelson and Hunter Thompson

Grade 4-Zoey Shinabarger and Andy Nelson

Grade 5-Olivia Wilkenson and Korbin Johnson

## **6. Elementary School Distance Learning Update**

We are now in our second full week of distance learning at the elementary. Each teacher has a detailed schedule of their day that was provided to students and families. Our paraprofessional staff is meeting in small groups with students and are providing reading and math interventions virtually or in-person. Our special education students have been attending school since Thursday, December 10, and those programs are going well. Homework and materials distribution takes place on Friday afternoons from 12:00-4:00 p.m. at the elementary school. While needing to make the move to distance learning was disappointing, I am proud of our students and staff for everything that they did to keep us in the hybrid learning model for as long as we were able to. Social distancing, masks, intensive cleaning and diligence in remaining at home if ill, all helped to keep us here until December 1. Thank you for the support and encouragement that you also provide as board members to our students and our school staff.

## **7. Elementary PTO Fundraising Campaign**

Due to the overwhelming support from families, our communities and our students, the NRHEG PTO Cookie Dough fundraiser was a HUGE success. Close to **\$22,000.00** was raised during this event. A special thank you to our PTO Board for all of their guidance and support during this campaign. Monies raised from the fundraiser will go towards the support for the following activities and programs: Prairie Fire Theatre, Waterpark Night, Battle of the Books, Artist in Residence, Playground Landscaping/Equipment, Technology Updates, Portion of Eagle Bluff Field Trip, and Teacher Requests, plus more!

## **8. MacPhail Center for Music Program-Bridges Classroom**

Our Bridges students participate in weekly music sessions with instructor Amanda Breninger. The MacPhail Online School Partnerships are customized to support existing musical goals and to also supply resources to our school's established music program by beaming MacPhail faculty into the Bridges classroom. Programming will take place between December 1, 2020 and May 27, 2021. I had the opportunity to participate in one of their first sessions, and it was absolutely phenomenal! A special thank you to the NRHEG PTO for a generous grant which allows us to bring this program to our school.