

Regional After School Program Update
For March 2015 School Board Meeting

The Regional After School Program (RASP), funded through 21st Century Learning Center Grant, is located at Heart River and Roosevelt Elementary in Dickinson and also in Hebron and Beach, ND. In August of 2014, the after school program for Heart River, Roosevelt, Beach, and Hebron was awarded \$222,654. The grant period is for three years, and the current year two grant cycle will end August 31, 2014.

The Regional After School Program located at Heart River has 55 students with six staff and Roosevelt has 55 students with four staff members. Hebron has 45 students in their program. In the before school program, it rotates between two teachers from 7:30-8:30am. After school, the lead community person is there along with a high school student from the end of the school day until 5:15 pm. One of two teachers on staff rotates in the afternoon to assist other staff and students by providing homework and tutoring assistance. Beach has a total of 40 students and four staff. Of the four staff members, three of them are adults and one is a student helper, and they are all part time. Parent fees continue to be charged for sustainability within the Dickinson programs. Hebron and Beach do not charge parent fees. We continue to charge families based on our flat rate fee system. A family with one child is \$85, two children \$125, and three children \$150, and four or more children is \$175.

Continuing this school year, in accordance with the requirements set forth in the grant, we are still implementing a sliding scale for parents which follow their eligibility based upon their free and reduced child nutrition application at our grant schools. Any household designated as having a free status for their child's nutrition will pay only 40% of the monthly fee. Those households that qualify for reduced meals will pay 60% of the monthly fee. In addition, there continues to be support through child care assistance from the Stark County office if family needs help to be in the after school program.

Lincoln Elementary currently has 121 students with eight staff, Jefferson Elementary has 73 students with four staff and Prairie Rose has 103 students with four staff. These three sites are considered non-grant sites, however piggy back the grant sites by supplying our children with the same academic enrichment activities. We currently do not offer a program at Berg Elementary due to shortages in staffing. Our staff is combination of paraprofessional, college students, and high school students. Most of the college students are majoring in education so it is a wonderful opportunity for them to gain hands-on experience in the field they are pursuing. The non-grant programs are still funded by parent fees. The grant and non-grant after school programs continue to follow the same requirement of being 65% academic, with concentration in the areas of reading, math, science, and technology.

All of our schools provide homework assistance. It is offered during our reading time and when there is an additional staff member available to help, that adult will take the children for homework to a separate room. The tutoring program is currently only being utilized at Jefferson Elementary. The licensed Jefferson staff provide review, re-teaching, and enrichment in the academic areas. We currently have 21 students in tutoring at Heart River that receive additional instruction during the week from Monday through Thursday.

The summer RASP program in 2014 had approximately 250 students enrolled and was staffed by 30 supervisors. The summer program was held from June 3rd through August 1st and the hours were from 7:30 A.M. to 6:15 P.M. During the summer, RASP offered educational rotations in the areas of science, math, reading, art, PE, and technology. We offered transportation to summer school, High-Five & Thumbs Up Youth Camps, open swim, and field trips. There were two sessions of open swim held daily at the West River Community Center. Some of the field trips offered were to Raging Rivers in Mandan, Dakota Zoo in Bismarck, Fishing at Numerous Locations, Mini Golf in Medora, Reading at St. Luke's Nursing Home, and trip to Badland Ministries in Medora.