



Priest Lake Elementary Board Report

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Principal Tommy Hansen

General Updates

March at Priest Lake Elementary tends to be a bit of a slower month as we settle into the second semester and move steadily toward the end of the third quarter on March 26th. I will spare the board a full rehash of the data from last month's meeting. Right now, we are preparing for ISAT testing after we return from Spring Break. This takes a lot of effort from our teachers and paraprofessionals, who are working hard to help students be ready to show what they have learned so far this year. For students who have been struggling in certain areas, targeted interventions have been put in place, and those students are receiving extra support to address those needs and make sure they are as prepared as possible for the upcoming ISAT assessments.

We will start our ISAT testing on April 14th and go through April 20th. The paraprofessionals and myself will help with testing the students because the teachers cannot proctor it themselves. We should finish up testing the following week for any students that may have been absent. Results should hopefully be available for the May Board meeting.

On February 26th we celebrated Read Across America. Students and staff dressed up as their favorite book character. Special thank you to all of the volunteers who came and read books to our students!

On March 24th, the 5 CTE teachers from the JH/HS will come up to PLE and will present about their CTE pathways to the students. This is done to help students start to think about what career pathway they might be interested in, especially as they have to have the plan finalized by 8th grade. This will be a great way to better connect PLE to the JH/HS. The CTE teachers have planned fun activities for students, so stay tuned for pictures

Missoula Children's Theater was a huge success! 31 Priest Lake students worked extremely hard for just one week to perform an over 1 hour long play on Alice in Wonderland. There was standing room only for both performances of the play! Special thank you to both Sara Butler and Michelle Barnes for organizing the whole thing! Also thank you to all of the amazing parents and community members who helped clean, pack up, and even pull the MCT truck out of the mud after the play was

over!

PLE is planning a Bingo Night for April 23rd at 6:00pm. Please join us for a fun night of games and prizes!

PLE is looking at exploring the option to possibly become a K-12 school using Edmentum and providing students with access to attend the JH/HS for CTE and humanities classes. The next board meeting will have more information on it. If you have any questions please email tommyhansen@sd83.org

Thank you all for supporting Priest Lake Elementary!