

## Elementary Principal Report October 2023

### Parent-Teacher Conferences (Sept. 21)

Pre-K: 34/36 94%

Kindergarten: 17/18 94%

First Grade: 26/26 100%

Second Grade: 17/19 89%

Third Grade: 14/16 86%

Fourth Grade: 13/15 86%

Fifth Grade: 17/20 85%

Sixth Grade: 18/23 78%

**PreK-6 Total: 156/173 90%**

### NEE Evaluation Indicators for 2023-2-24

Indicator 1.2 The teacher cognitively engages students in the content.

Indicator 2.2 The teacher sets and monitors student goals.

Indicator 7.4 The teacher monitors the effect of instruction on the whole class and individual learning.

Probationary teachers are evaluated twice a year (1 per semester). Tenure teachers are evaluated once per school year. Informal and formal walkthroughs are conducted throughout the year.

### Staff Development

ESU 11 Fall Conference: Certified staff and administrators attended the conference in Holdrege on October 2nd. There were many excellent presentations to choose from throughout the day. Mrs. Leising gave a terrific presentation on how to incorporate social / emotional learning in the k-12 classroom.

PLCs: Our teachers have been attending ESU 11 to work on curriculum mapping and pacing guides. Preston Blackmore, Ashley Woosley, Valerie Leising, Allison Sharp - August 22; Lisa Schutz and Julie Stagemeyer - September 19; Shasta Hambidge and Kara Krejdl - September 26; and Dale Henderson, Brandon Mues, and Molly Wendland - September 28.

CPI Training: (Crisis Prevention Institution) Katie Andrews was sent to training last summer to be a certified CPI instructor for our school district. She provided training for the following staff on August 2nd: Ben Ellis, Rudy Perez, Heidi Thomas, Sonya Sitorius, Emily Pearson, Lynze Weatherwax and Star Corbin.

Another round of training has been scheduled for January 3rd to include: Amy Huxoll, Lesli Weatherwax, LeAndra Monie, Kaite Helms, Sonia Diaz, Julie Lambert, Christina Maaske, Christy Drews and Angel Grove. The training consists of 2 hours on-line training with an additional 6 hours in-person. While the training does cover restraining or moving a student under certain circumstances, the focus of the training is on prevention and de-escalation strategies.

### ESU 9 Migrant Program

Emely Guadalupe Diaz from the ESU 9 Migrant Program will be visiting our school twice a month to work directly with our migrant students in the classroom. Her first day was October 3rd. A schedule has been set for Mrs. Diaz, and we are looking forward to having her in the building.

### ELA Curriculum Review Update

The elementary teachers have received and reviewed updated McGraw-Hill *Wonders* Reading materials. After having time to review the updated curriculum, the teachers decided at a staff meeting that this is the direction that they would like to go. The K-5 curriculum would be the 2023 copyright while the 6th grade would be the 2020 edition. Our customer representative is currently working on a quote for us.

### School Improvement Update

The School Improvement Steering Committee consists of the following members: Elizabeth Klein, Ben Ellis, Rudy Perez, Shasta Hambidge, Heidi Thomas, Brandon Mues, John Strand, and Kaitlyn Spaulding. The committee has been working with ESU 11 Staff Development Director, Kate Hatch, on moving our school improvement process forward. We are in year two of our current five year process. The new school improvement goal is ... All K-12 students will improve mathematical skills across the curriculum. Currently, the steering committee is working on developing action plans to help us meet our goal. Part of the plan will focus on staff development in the area of Kagan Cooperative Learning Structures. The elementary will also be using Rocket Math to help improve math fact fluency.

### Reading Buddies

In addition to our Public Library days which are organized by Mrs. Katie Helms, we are also partnering with the public library on Reading Buddies. This program is organized by Mrs. Julie Stagemeyer. It involves our K-4 classes going to the library to read with a group of volunteers. The public library will have 5 to 7 volunteers that will read with small groups of students. I would like to thank Mrs. Jennifer Einspahr and the Arapahoe Public Library for working with us and providing our students with these wonderful reading opportunities.