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Believe, Belong, Build and Become.

Hidden Valley Elementary School Board Presentation

April 23, 2026

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Believe, Belong, Build and Become.

- **Believe** in the strength of our relationships
- **Belong** by creating ownership
- **Build** room for student and partner voice
- **Become** a high achieving school through being culturally responsive and building trust

Belonging: Students

Voice : Personal and Collective

Hidden Valley Peace Site Rededication February 27, 2026



Peace Site Event

- *Hidden Valley Student Created and Led for Students, Staff, Families, and Community*

- International Peace Site Rededication
- Cultural Representation Group Started
- Student Surveys and Focus Groups
- Family Events for Families During the School Day
- Recognition Commitments for Students - Over 100 students recognized

Hidden Valley Peace Site Rededication

February 27, 2026

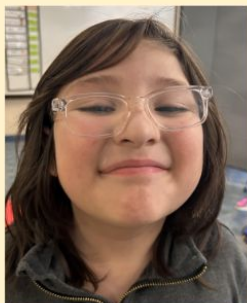


Willkommen Bienvenido
Shalom Bienvenue Yokoso
Vitej Welcome Welkom
Karibu Benvenuti

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Peace Site Presentation Highlights



We S.O.A.R. like Hawks at Hidden Valley by being:

- Safe
- On-Task
- Accountable
- Respectful

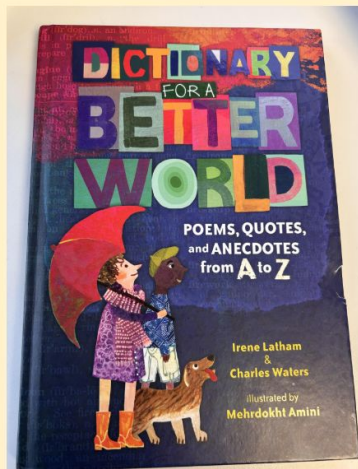
(Think of how we will use each of these words at our assembly today)

Welcome to the City of Savage Mayor Christine Kelly!



Peace Site Presentation Highlights

HV 4th and 5th Graders wrote and illustrated their own Dictionary For A Better World, based on this book by Irene Latham and Charles Waters and Illustrated by Mehrdikht Amini.

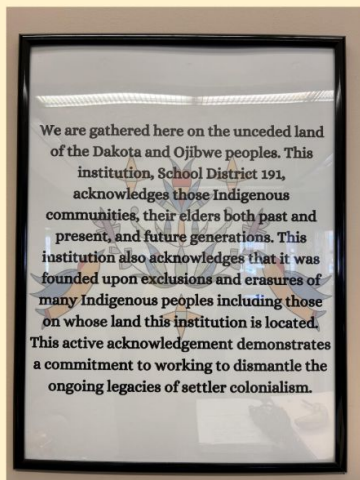


We hope you enjoy our ideas!

A=Acknowledgement

People use an acknowledgement as a way to honor, appreciate, or recognize something.

We are going to do a Land Acknowledgement. Listen carefully to this message. This hangs in our front office.



M= Marvelous



The meaning of marvelous is kind, respectful, and being nice to everybody like they show kindness to you.

The meaning of mindful is to be present in the moment. Take the time to enjoy every day.

Marvelous. Mindful. Masterpiece

You guys are a **MASTERPIECE**. You're special and kind. You are **MARVELOUS** human beings. You are beautiful people. You are all amazing, kind, and **MINDFUL**. You're all nice, marvelous, and special. You are very smart and you should never give up.



By: Shuraim.



What a
Wonderful World

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What a Wonderful World 2026.mp4

Pictures by
students: Thanks
DeJong & Kitzman

Building: Engaged Partnerships

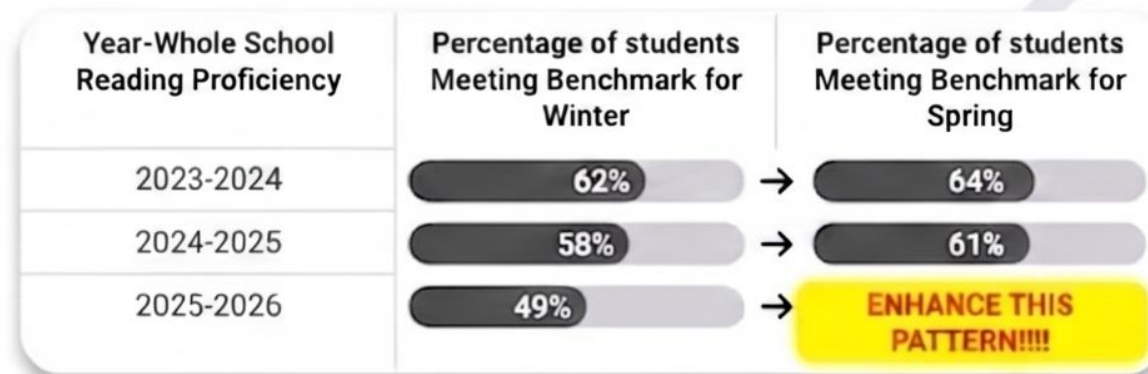
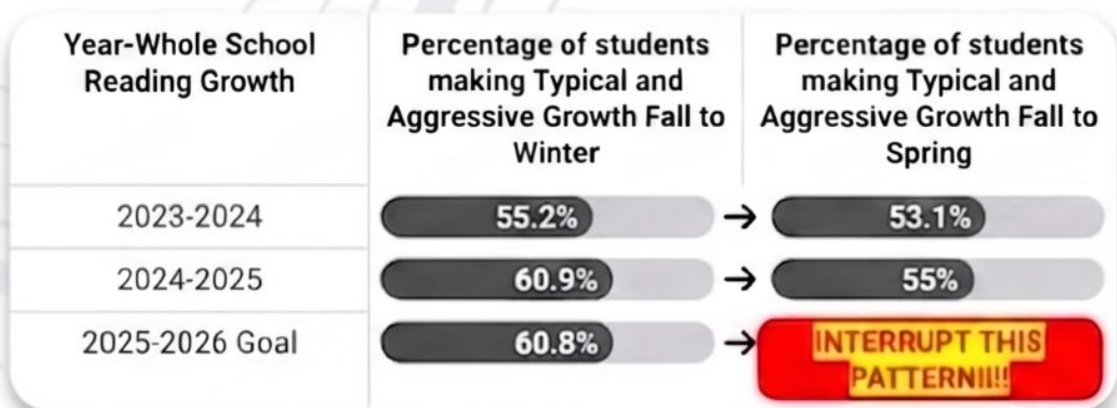
Personal / Collective Voice



Declaration: We will continue to build voice and choice for families, and actively seek feedback to improve our school.

- **Liaison Family / Student, Family, and Staff Support - So Many Ways**
- **Multilingual Teacher Leadership - So Many Ways**
- **Increased Communication Efforts - Weekly Newsletters, Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Communication, SeeSaw, Parent Square**
- **Re-Energize PTA**
- **Events for Families with Feedback At All Family Events; QR Codes**

Believing: Improve Achievement



26-27 School Improvement Goal:

By Spring 2026, the percentage of students in Kindergarten through 5th Grade at Hidden Valley Elementary who make typical to aggressive growth will increase from 55% in the Spring of 2025 (Fall 2024 to Spring 2025) to at least 58% (Fall 2025 to Spring 2026), as measured by FAST earlyReading (K-1) and aReading (2-5).

Building: Improved Achievement

Personal / Collective Voice



High Academic Achievement
Holding ourselves accountable to rigorous standards for student learning.



Deep Cultural Responsiveness
Ensuring our environment respects and reflects diverse student backgrounds.



An Inclusive Community
Creating a welcoming and supportive space for all students.

- **Increased Percentage of Students Making Typical and Aggressive Growth and Scoring at the Proficiency Level**
- Investigate, Interrupt, Increase
- **Strengthened Core Instruction**
- **More Tightly Aligned Standard and Grade Level Guarantee Work Connected to Student Data and Progress Monitoring**
- **Raised Expectations**

Declaration: We will hold ourselves accountable to high expectations for academic achievement, cultural responsiveness, and an inclusive community for all students at Hidden Valley.

Becoming a Beautiful Community Together!

Students



Families



Partners



Thank You