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Elementary Touchpoints

October Board Meeting, 2023

We are continuing to work on routines, procedures and expectations, but students are very much in the groove of school and working hard on both academic and social-emotional responsibilities of school.

Our initial weeks of UFLI, Heggerty, and Vocabulary Surge, all part of our targeted literacy additions for this year, are going well. Staff are reporting that students are feeling confident in their initial work, and we are excited to track student growth over the year.

Walk to School Day was a success! Weather was a typical fall morning, and we crunched and chatted our way to school. Thanks to all that joined us on our walk.

Unfortunately, we are still struggling to be fully staffed. We have narrowed some of the gaps, but still have unfilled paraprofessional needs as well as a need for the building sub shared between the two elementary buildings. Staff have been understanding and flexible, and we continue to cover creatively while continuing our search for additional staff.

Upcoming events—

- **HOMECOMING!** We look forward to sharing the excitement of homecoming with our high school counterparts. We'll have our own version of dress up days, and welcome many of the HS student leaders and representatives on Friday for the homecoming pep-fest.
- In conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, we are partnering with the local fire departments to learn more about fire safety and see the trucks and tools that firefighters use. School presentations and fire hall visits are scheduled this week.
- Winsted will take a field trip as a full school to Target Field for the science and math experience on campus. We may need to reschedule our trip, however, because the field trip is scheduled mid-October. For those avid baseball fans, we want our hometown team to be successful in the playoffs so we'll be understanding if we need to adjust our visit... Go TWINS!
- VIP Breakfasts are scheduled for October 26 and 27 at Winsted and Humphrey, respectively. This is a chance for us to create another positive family-school connection in a non-academic setting, and have the ability to just enjoy our special guests in the building with their children.

Respectfully submitted—

Jen Olson