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## Elementary Touchpoints

February 2022

I Love to Read month is in full swing! While February is the shortest month of the year, it's also the busiest month. In addition to the literacy emphasis, we cover Groundhogs, Presidents, Black History, Dental Health, the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, and more. Much of these are covered in thematic ways, incorporating multicurricular approaches to explore learning opportunities. We also held our Global School Play Day 😊, Parent/Teacher Conferences, completed a roller-skating unit at Humphrey and are actively preparing for Humphrey's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade music program "On the Radio" which will be presented Thursday, February 17. To close out February, we'll welcome and Artist in Residence at Humphrey thanks to a grant proposal submitted by Dawn Kalvig to offer a watercolor experience with an area artist.

A few key items—

- There is still time to visit a classroom or two (or share a virtual story) with students! Please contact me directly if you wish to be a guest reader at either/both elementary schools.
- Our Kindness Retreat in January was well received by students. A great message on advocacy and strategies to promote kindness and care in settings that aren't always easy. Youth Frontiers does a nice job between their message, music, high energy and activities to "capture" students' interests and focus.
- I'd like to offer a shout out to our PTA groups for supporting staff during our conference evenings. They provided meals for staff each night. We are thankful for their thoughtfulness (and full bellies!)
- We are trying to secure an after-school learning opportunity to support students in the areas of reading and math through a STEAM focus. Staff have been contacted and we're looking at capacity and will share details with parents in the upcoming weeks.
- Kindergarten registration is coming fast-- Kinder registration for the 2022-23 school year will be held February 26 at Winsted and March 5 at Humphrey, both from 9-11 a.m. Welcome Class of 2035.
- March brings Winsted's music program as well as their turn for roller skating.

Respectfully submitted,

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