

Elementary Notes for the Board

June 7, 2023

Greetings from Kansas City, where wedding bells will ring in just a few days!

Since early May, here are the updates and happenings at the elementary schools...

Multiple field trips were experienced, for both education and reward. A few of the many highlights include:

*Third grade students presented their wax museum to guests. What a great learning opportunity in content, research and formal presentation.

*Fourth graders reeled in a bunch of fish at the annual fishing expo. A huge thank you to Jeff Granrud and the other volunteers that had a hand in this big undertaking. Countless hours and many coordinated resources are required to host it successfully— and it was again a top notch experience.

*Kindergarten held their music programs. So much joy, pride and excitement for all, and even a few “ugly cries” from parents too. :)

*Field days were also a success, and a great opportunity for families to come and play together.

The end of year assemblies were held at each campus to honor our students for citizenship and academic achievement at all levels as well as celebrate our rising fifth graders as they journey to MS in the fall.

The Winsted Elementary team submitted its application for the School of Excellence on June 1. As we learn more about the final process and results, I will keep the board updated.

Staff completed check outs on Monday and many were in on Tuesday to work on their floating professional development proposals. Building leadership teams will meet in the next two weeks and again in August to reflect on the year’s goals and hone the plans for the new one.

Summer school starts on Monday, supporting approx 65 students between the two elementary schools. This will continue through the end of June in the mornings at Humphrey.

We are already preparing for the 2023-24 school year and look forward to continuing the work of improvement and excellence!

Also—Thank you, personally and professionally, for the ability to be involved and provide feedback during the superintendent search. Being able to offer a voice to address needs of the district as well as support my own professional development and personal connections/goals are appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
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