

School District of Bayfield

Board Report

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Elementary Principal
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Elementary Principal

The hustle and bustle of the holidays went well. The students performed wonderfully at the holiday concert. Thanks to Marcie Gephart, Tracy Basina and Ron Borchers for their hard work on the concert. The students all enjoyed the Polar Express store, where they could purchase gifts for their families and friends. A big thanks to Judy Edwards and Susie Defoe for taking on this year-long project.

We have had a quiet start to the new year. The students and staff have settled back into their routines quickly.

We will be having a Family Literacy/Math Night on January 13, 2016 from 5-7 p.m.. Dinner will be served first. There will be a variety of activities including Battle of the Books grades 4-8, Accelerated Reader, Math games, Make and Take Math for grades K-1, Reading/Listening Centers, Razz Kids, Estimation Station, and Spaghetti Tower Team Building.

End of the quarter/first semester is on January 22. We are in the midst of our mid-year testing using STAR, PALS, and Easy CBM.

Pupil Service/Special Education Director

We have been working on the UDL grant (Universal Design for Learning). This is a project that is happening in the Middle School. Trent Hanson, Shellie Swanson, Angela Botka, Tom Steckling, and I have been meeting regularly and are getting ready to start piloting the strategies.

There have been some changes in the mental health services which are provided within our school. New Horizon's have had some changes of personnel. While we will still be working with them, we will also be working with the Red Cliff Clinic to provide mental health services after January 15th.

I have applied for some grant monies to be working with our high school special education teachers on improving our transition programming for our students as they move toward

their next experiences after high school. We will be receiving training and additional information on this during the spring.

I have been involved with a Community of Practice Design team through CESA 12. This includes a variety of people from local schools, CESA 12, Wisconsin RtI Center and DPI. We have only met a couple of times but this will offer some guidance as we move ahead with many of the initiatives that we have begun here in Bayfield.

In cooperation with the ECC, Bayfield has begun having a language table on a weekly basis for our staff. We meet on Wednesdays from 4-5. So far we have had over 20 people attend one or all of the sessions.