

School District of Bayfield

Board Report

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Erica Peterson and the Friends of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore and the National Park Service are partnering in writing a Hollings grant that will invite local schools to participate in a one day field trip in the Spring and Fall of 2016 to Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. The field trip will involve a boat trip via Apostle Islands Cruise Service from Bayfield, across the proposed marine sanctuary, and to one of the islands. On the field trip students will see the natural and cultural resources that need protection and identify, investigate, explore and document their perceptions. The park and the lake will be an outdoor classroom and living laboratory. Park service rangers specializing in aquatic and cultural resources will lead the activities with help from other partners. After the trip, students will return to their school and pick one of the following: prepare an informational brochure on the new sanctuary, color and interpret a "Blue, Not Green" mural, write a letter of support for the new Sanctuary and/or present their findings to another class in the school. We are excited that this grant has been awarded and look forward to this great opportunity for our 4th grade class.

Yoga has started as a wellness program for the staff. It is held every Tuesday, 4:00-5:00. We have had a great turn out. There have been between 10-14 people at each session. It has been very well received and appreciated by the staff.

We have started the planning for kindergarten transition for the students who will be starting next year. On Thursday, April 7th we will hold a family pizza night from 5-6:30. After enjoying a meal together, the students play in the gym and the kindergarten teachers meet with the parents. On April 13 and 14 we will have the Enrollment and Exploration Day. Our current kindergartners will not attend school that day. On May 4th the ECC and Family Forum will bring the incoming kindergartners to lunch at the school and on May 20th Parents and incoming kindergartners are invited for lunch. We will hold a summer kindergarten readiness for two weeks in August.

Playground rules are being established with staff in the elementary. We are working to have consistent rules that all supervising staff will be aware of and follow. We will be having the rules printed on a sign and displayed in the playground area.

Math professional development will take place on March 9th. Teachers in grades 3-5 will meet in the morning and K-2 will meet in the afternoon. Missy Giesregen will be assisting the teachers with the technology portion of the Exploration program, Think Central. Tammy Weber will work with teachers on Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI math).

With the new purchase of the Houghton Mifflin Reading series, Journeys and Collections, we are beginning to set up training for our teachers. Middle School and High School ELA teachers will attend a webinar on April 29th. The elementary staff will begin training on May 27th. This will be a little different than other training because it is Friday of Water Week. We will not be having elementary students attend school that day. Middle School and High School students will have school, but the elementary students will not. We have sent a letter home to parents so that they can begin to find daycare for their children if that is necessary. We will send out at least 3 more reminders before that date.

The Winter Carnival will be held on the afternoon of March 11th. The students will have the opportunity to be in the gym doing organized games that are being planned and run by High School and Middle School students. They will also have time in the classrooms with community members from Red Cliff coming in and storytelling. Each elementary student is allowed to invite one person to come and have lunch with them that day.

As a part of our new Human Growth and Development curriculum we held a training for the Red Cliff Wellness curriculum. Ron DePerry was here for two days, the first day training was provided to the elementary staff and the next day the secondary staff. The teachers were excited about the training. We are continuing to work with the Red Cliff Tribe on the use of this material.