

School District of Bayfield Board Report

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We will be providing developmental screening during the Red Cliff Wellness Day on April 27th for any child in the district from ages birth to 5 years old. This is different from the past few years when the child find activity was held during the Child Wellness Day at the Great Lakes Visitor Center. It was decided this year that each of the schools would be doing their own child find activity. The Early Childhood Center was kind enough to let us participate and offer this opportunity that day.

The Special Education staff will begin some preliminary plans for next year. Each year the distribution of students in each grade requires that we make changes that will be the best for our students. Next year we will have a large number of students in the Middle School area. The Special Education staff will be meeting on March 14th.

The Department of Public Instruction has released the self-assessment schedule for school districts in the State of Wisconsin. Bayfield is scheduled for the year 2012-2013. We are continually looking at ways to improve how we complete our IEPs.

Kindergarten screening will have a different look this year. Because we already have a wealth of information on the incoming kindergarten students from Family Forum or Head Start, we do not feel it is necessary to do additional screening. This year we will have a Kindergarten Exploration and Enrollment Day. The children will come in with their parents and have an opportunity to explore and play in a kindergarten room while their parents meet the Bayfield Staff, fill out enrollment forms and be given the opportunity to get any questions answered. The current kindergarteners will not have school this day. We have met with the Red Cliff Head Start and Family Forum staff and have planned how they will participate in this activity so that the new children and their parents will feel comfortable with the process. This activity will take place on April 23.

The Safe and Supportive Schools committee has been meeting regularly to discuss the use of this grant. We will complete the Online Youth Risk Behavior Survey in April of this year to help determine progress. We have been using this grant to fund a number of PBIS activities, provide speakers for the high school students, obtaining new counseling curriculum, and purchasing security gates and bus radios.