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Principal Board Report
November 11, 2026

2026/27 GOALS FOR MT. ECCLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL :

Overall goals for this school year have been discussed and planned based on input from Administrative Team discussions, teachers/staff, and families.

Principal's Goals for the 2026/27 School Year:

1. *Continue to increase English Language Arts growth and achievement for all Mt. Eccles Elementary School students through data-informed instruction, our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), collaborative Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), and ongoing professional learning.*
2. *Lead a collaborative, evidence-based process to evaluate and select a high-quality mathematics curriculum for adoption beginning in the 2027–28 school year.*
3. *Increase student attendance during the 2026–27 school year by building a consistent schoolwide culture that emphasizes the importance of regular attendance and strengthens communication and partnerships with families.*

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE (%)

	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	AVG.
AUG	94.90%	93.57%	78.80%	94.66%	87.14%	89.86%	88.97%	89.70%
SEPT	92.04%	89.89%	96.13%	90.78%	90.59%	93.55%	90.30%	91.94%
OCT	86.74%	90.75%	87.9%	94.82%	92.32%	89.85%	88.56%	90.43%
NOV								
DEC								
JAN								
FEB								
MAR								
APR								
MAY								
AVG.								

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STUDENT ENROLLMENT (Based on date of report)

	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Total Students /Total FTE
AUG	25	21	26	29	41	34	33	209 +2.5 CCS +4PK/Speech
SEPT	24	21	25	28	41	34	34	207 +2.5 CCS +3PK/Speech
OCT	23	20	24	28	41	33	34	203 +8 CCS +2PK/Speech
NOV	22	20	23	28	40	33	33	199 +10 CCS +2PK/Speech
DEC								
JAN								
FEB								
MAR								
APR								
MAY								

DISCIPLINARY DATA

	Conflict Resolution	Warning	Counseling	Detention	Restitution	ISS	OSS
Mutual combat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Violence/Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mutual Conflict	9	0	9	9	9	0	0
Vandalism/Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Substances	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Defiance/Inappropriate Behavior	0	11	11	11	11	0	0
Truancy/Tardies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harassment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Contacted parents Red indicates that the items on that line were the same event with two consequences.

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CCS ELEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- Currently, we have 8 elementary school students participating in independent study at 1.0 FTE, 1 student at 0.75 FTE, and 1 student at 0.5 FTE through CCS during the 2026/27 School Year. Through November and December we project that 4 students will remain enrolled in CCS at 1.0 FTE before returning to Mt. Eccles Elementary School in person.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

- Our September Respect Awards were presented during our Friday Morning Assembly on October 16th. These awards recognize students who consistently demonstrate respect toward others, themselves, and our school community. We are proud to celebrate our Mountaineers who lead by example and help make Mt. Eccles Elementary a positive, welcoming place to learn and grow!.



- On October 16th, staff from the City Garage visited Mt. Eccles Elementary to share important pedestrian safety tips with our students. They discussed the importance of staying safe while walking to and from school, being visible to drivers, and wearing reflective clothing, especially during Alaska's darker fall and winter months. Students also received flashlights to attach to their coats and backpacks to help increase visibility. We appreciate our City Garage staff for taking the time to educate our students and help keep our Mountaineers safe!



- Our Parent-Teacher Conferences, held October 22nd and 23rd, were a great success! 86% of our families scheduled a conference for their students and conferences were attended at a 97% attendance rate. These conferences provided a valuable opportunity for teachers and families to connect, celebrate student growth, discuss progress, and collaborate on goals for continued success. We appreciate our dedicated staff for their

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preparation and commitment, as well as our families for taking the time to partner with us in supporting their children's education. Strong school-home partnerships are an important part of helping our Mountaineers learn, grow, and thrive!

- In alignment with the Alaska Reads Act and our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Plan, Individual Reading Intervention Plans (IRIPs) have been developed and implemented for all 1st through 3rd grade students identified as needing additional reading support. These individualized plans provide targeted instruction and interventions designed to strengthen foundational literacy skills and support student growth. Our staff continues to monitor student progress and adjust interventions as needed to help ensure all students are building the skills necessary to become successful, confident readers.

- Mt. Eccles Elementary successfully conducted a Lockout/Lockdown Drill on October 20th. The drill provided a valuable opportunity for students and staff to practice safety procedures, reflect on our preparedness, and identify areas for continued improvement. Following the drill, feedback and observations were reviewed with staff and our Safety and Facilities Committee. While the drill was successful, it also highlighted opportunities to strengthen procedures and refine components of our Crisis Management Plan. We remain committed to ongoing reflection, collaboration, and continuous improvement to ensure a safe and prepared learning environment for all students and staff.

- We celebrated our first Student of the Quarter Awards during our Friday Morning Assembly on October 30th! These awards recognize students who consistently demonstrate hard work, good citizenship, and a positive attitude. Each honored student received a book of their choice, generously sponsored by Cordova Telecom Cooperative (CTC). We were especially excited to welcome CTC CEO Jeremiah Beckett, who joined our assembly dressed as Calvin & Hobbes to help present the awards and celebrate our outstanding Mountaineers! His festive appearance added some extra Halloween fun to our celebration! We extend a heartfelt thank you to CTC for their continued generosity and commitment to supporting our students and schools. We are grateful for community partnerships that help make these celebrations so special.



- Our Mt. Eccles Elementary Student Council continues to make a positive impact in our school and community under the leadership of Mrs. Steritz! Students recently participated in a native pollinator project in collaboration with the Copper River Watershed Project, providing a meaningful opportunity to learn about environmental stewardship while giving back to our community. Student Council also hosted a fun Halloween Movie Night on October 30th, bringing students and families together for an evening of fun with a wonderful turnout and lots of students in attendance! We look forward to supporting our Student

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Council at the upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting, where they will host a hot cocoa fundraiser, and to seeing the many creative ways they continue to give back throughout the school year. We are proud of these young leaders and their commitment to making a difference!





- Our October Character Trait Awards for Compassion were presented during our Friday Morning Assembly on November 6th! These awards recognize students who demonstrate kindness, empathy, and genuine care for others through their words and actions. Whether offering a helping hand, including others, or showing understanding and support to those around them, these students exemplify what it means to be compassionate. We are so proud of these Mountaineers for leading with kindness and helping make Mt. Eccles Elementary School a caring and welcoming place for all!



STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- This month's Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) continued to focus on analyzing beginning-of-year student data, strengthening writing instruction within our English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum, and identifying students who would benefit from additional support through our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Plan. As the first quarter came to a close, teachers also incorporated valuable family input gathered during Parent-Teacher Conferences into their discussions and instructional planning. These ongoing collaborative conversations allow our staff to reflect on student progress, share effective instructional strategies, and make thoughtful, data-informed decisions to support the learning and success of all students.

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FAMILY OUTREACH SUMMARY

- **Wednesday Wake-Up with the Principal:** On November 4th, Mrs. Gonzalez launched *Wednesday Wake-Up with the Principal*, a new monthly opportunity for families to connect, ask questions, share ideas, and enjoy casual conversation over coffee. The goal is to strengthen school-family relationships and create a welcoming space for open communication, collaboration, and connection. While our first gathering had a smaller turnout than hoped, we are looking forward to building participation as families become more familiar with this opportunity. We are hopeful that more parents will join us in December, and there may even be a little extra encouragement in the form of coffee ***and*** breakfast pastries! We look forward to seeing this opportunity grow as another way to strengthen our Mountaineer school community.
- **Attendance Awareness & Family Support:** We continue to prioritize student attendance through our schoolwide attendance initiative, which includes grade-level encouragement, monthly outreach to families, and individualized attendance support plans when needed. Our focus remains on celebrating positive attendance habits, identifying and addressing barriers, and working collaboratively with families to support consistent school attendance. We recognize that strong attendance plays an important role in student learning, connection, and overall success. By approaching attendance with encouragement, understanding, and family partnerships, we hope to help ensure every Mountaineer is at school, engaged, and ready to learn!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

November 11th – Cordova School District Regular School Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. in the CHS Multipurpose Room

November 26th & 27th – Thanksgiving Break – **No School for Students**
December 3rd –Kindergarten Performance: ***The Gingerbread Man***
- 6:00 p.m. MES Commons

December 8th –CHS Winter Concert 7:00 p.m. CHS Gym
December 9th – Cordova School District Regular School Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. in the CHS Multipurpose Room

December 10th –Mt. Eccles Elementary School Winter Concert
- 1st-3rd Grades 6:00 p.m.
- 4th-5th Grades 7:00 p.m.

December 18th –End of the Second Quarter of the School Year
December 19th-January 3rd –Winter Break
January 8th –Second Quarter Report Cards Sent Home
January 13th – Cordova School District Regular School Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. in the CHS Multipurpose Room

January 15th –Cordova School District In-Service Day (School Not In Session for Students)

CORRESPONDENCE

The Mountaineer Minute October 9th
The Mountaineer Minute October 16th
The Mountaineer Minute October 23rd
The Mountaineer Minute October 30th