

# Report to the School Board

November 13, 2023

By Elementary School Principal Dave Riebel

## Strategic Priority 1: Student Success

- Early Childhood “Wheels” event:

The elementary school south parking lot was full of activity on Tuesday, October 10, just not the usual kind. Dozens of preschoolers were driving their own bikes, trikes, scooters and wagons around at the planned event for families.



- Bully Prevention month and Unity Day activities

Ms. Todd provided direct instruction with guidance classes and classroom teachers supported with classroom discussion to prevent bullying and promote kindness. A visible kindness tree decorated the main hall with students adding their leaves highlighting an act of kindness performed. The Elementary School students and staff enjoyed a performance by the Magic of Isaiah in a program entitled “Rise Up! Celebrate the Magic of Character.” It was a great way to end the day and lead into Unity Day. Wednesday, Oct. 18 was National Unity Day with our Elementary wearing orange in support.



- Fire Prevention and Smoke House practice:

Thank you to the volunteers from Lewiston and Altura Fire Departments for bringing and presenting for Fire Prevention week. Students learn about the equipment and experience a smoke filled room to engrain the safety measures.



- Costume Fun!

The excitement of dressing up in favorite costumes highlights the day on Halloween for elementary students and staff. Classroom teachers and grade levels have an exciting day including scheduled classroom activities.



## Strategic Priority 2: Effective Staffing

- Welcome Ms. Foss

Our Cardinal Club staff welcome Madaline Foss as a part time school aged child care aide. Ms. Foss joins the staff to finalize the needed time slots for after school coverage and substitute needs.

## Strategic Priority 3: Finance

- No report this month.

## Strategic Priority 4: Facilities

- Thank you to our custodial staff for the installation of the new, bright sidewalk lighting as we head into daylight savings mode.
- New, automatic soap and paper towel dispensers were installed throughout the elementary building in efforts to save on soap and towels over time.

## Strategic Priority 5: Community Engagement

- P.L.A.Y. Group meeting

The monthly P.L.A.Y. group meeting was held on Oct. 23. An emphasis for the group to start the year is an active membership drive. As with many volunteer groups, members are needed to continue the efforts of the P.L.A.Y. group. The officer team is working to inform and rally parents to become active members of the P.L.A.Y. group.

- Fourth grade visit to Lewiston Senior Living

An emphasis on our Cardinal CARES virtue of Empathy was the focus of the October 31<sup>st</sup> visit to the Lewiston Senior Living center. The excitement of trick or treating was extended to our community seniors via Mr. Buringa's and Ms. Kennedy's fourth grade students. Costumes were worn, a song sung and cards delivered for a trick or treat visit.

- Musical and Veterans Day

Thank you to the high school students and staff for the invitation for grades 3-5 to watch the preview performance of the fall musical. The seed is planted for future performers!

Thank you to Mr. Scheck for his organization and planning of the Veteran's Day program. Our third - fifth graders performed "We Honor you" as part of the program with Lillian Pasche, Arie Polus and Penny Wodele presenting their poem submissions in honor of the veteran's and the audience.

