Elementary Principal Report February 2024

Spring Elementary Field Trips:

Kindergarten:

- -Children's Museum -Kearney
- -Wednesday, May 1st

First Grade:

- -Common Scents Greenhouse McCook
- -Tuesday, May 7th

Second Grade:

- -Edgerton Explorit Center -Aurora
- -Monday, April 15th

Third Grade:

- -Great Platte River Road Archway -Kearney
- -Tuesday, April 16th

Fourth Grade:

- -Stuhr Museum (Pioneer Living) -Grand Island
- -Thursday, March 28th

Fifth Grade:

- Edgerton Explorit Center -Aurora
- -Monday, April 15th

Sixth Grade:

- -Hastings Museum, Hastings
- -Thursday, May 9th

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Feb. 1st

Preschool: 36/38 95% Kindergarten: 16/18 89% First Grade: 16/18 89% Second Grade: 25/27 93% Third Grade: 14/16 88% Fourth Grade: 11/15 73% Fifth Grade: 16/20 80% Sixth Grade: 20/23 87% **Total: 154/175 88%**

Region IV Youth Leadership Conference

On February 8th, I took six of our elementary students to UNK to participate in a leadership conference. At the conference, students were able to meet with other young leaders and listen to a keynote speaker, Josh Erickson, on Developing Leadership. Students were also able to tour the UNK campus.

Holbrook Lions Hearing and Vision Screening

The Lions Club will be conducting hearing and vision screenings of our K-12 students on Thursday, February 12th. If the testing indicates a concern, parents will be notified. Parents can then schedule a more extensive check with their personal health care professional.

Staff Development

APS will be sending a team to attend the Mental Health Institute being held at ESU 11 on February 12th and 22nd. The team will have the opportunity to discuss mental health needs of the district and access financial resources provided by the Nebraska Department of Education. The team members that will be attending the two day workshop will be the following: Dale Henderson, Amy Huxoll, Heidi Thomas, LeAndra Monie Katie Andrews, and Ben Ellis.

We will also be sending a group to work on our Targeted Improvement Plan on March 11th. This workshop is being hosted by ESU 11 in partnership with the Nebraska Department of Education. During the day, the team will be analyzing data and discussing our Continuous Improvement Process and Targeted Improvement Plan. Team members include Amy Huxoll, Heidi Thomas, Elizabeth Klein, Katie Helms, and Ben Ellis.