

Elementary Principal Report

December 2023

Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair was open from November 27 to December 1st. It was a huge success this year. Teachers had the opportunity to fill out wish lists for their classrooms which parents or other donors could buy and donate to the classroom. Mrs. Spaulding and the FCCLA collaborated with Mrs. Klein in order to provide every elementary student with a book from the book fair. A big thank you to all those that donated to the FCCLA Toys for Kindness initiative.

At the beginning of the book fair, Mrs. Klein set a goal of selling 250 books. By the last day, this goal was achieved and an indoor “snowball” fight was scheduled between the elementary students and myself. I may be a little outnumbered, but it’s for a good cause.

State Principals Conference

I attended the Nebraska State Principals Conference in Lincoln on Dec 6-7. The first day was filled with mostly information pertaining to school law, changes in the student discipline act, and possible future legislation related to schools. The second day featured the keynote speaker, Lasada Pippen. His presentation centered on the three pillars that make a great school culture. Here are the three pillars that were presented:

- 1) C4 Communicate: Your communication should be clear, concise, compelling, and confident.
- 2) Get Better, Not Bitter: Create an environment of appreciation.
- 3) Pause is Power: Take microbreaks to recharge and refuel.

I believe that promoting a positive, caring school environment is really important. It’s based on mutual respect and a genuine concern for the well being of others. Thank you for allowing me to attend the conference to network with other principals across the state and learn about various issues impacting education in Nebraska.

Elementary Music Program

This year’s Elementary Christmas program was called *The Incredible Reindeer*. The kids did an awesome job, and the gym was packed with proud parents and

family members. A big thank you to Mrs. Leising and Mrs. Sharp for putting together such a terrific program. The kids were so excited, and there were a ton of smiles.

End of 2nd Quarter

The end of Quarter 2 will be Thursday, December 21st. One of the exciting things that we have planned for the last week is a trip to the Arapahoe Theater to watch a movie the morning of December 20th. The students did a super job on their state testing last year. This is one way that we can reward them for their hard work.

With the theater donating the popcorn, we were able to raise the rest of the funding through a generous donation by the Arapahoe Area Foundation. The kids will have so much fun going to the movie all together.