

## **Elementary Principal Report**

### **March 2025**

#### Elementary / JH Quiz Bowl

On March 19, the elementary and junior high quiz bowl teams will be competing at the ESU Quiz Bowl meet in Holdrege at the Nebraska Prairie Museum. This is the final meet of both of their seasons where they will compete against all of the other schools in our ESU so it is also the largest meet of their seasons.

The elementary team has learned a lot this year with only one returning member from last year's team. This year's team includes: Easton Strand, Abby Helms, Noah Hoefs, Cody Einspahr, Kylan Helms, Emma Houser, Jaxtyn Soncksen, and Krayton Eichenberger.

The junior high team has a lot of experience in its members, they've been in a number of close matches all season and claimed 1st place at Southern Valley in January. They look to improve upon last year's 3rd place showing at the ESU meet. This year's team includes: Kinley Christensen, Elsie Strand, Elizabeth Magorian, Boede Soncksen, Amelia Blickenstaff, Graham Sisson, Zach Einspahr, and Layton Hamel.

#### Invention Convention

We are gearing up for the ESU Invention Convention competition. Over the next month and a half, students will be developing invention ideas and prototypes that they can present at the Invention Convention competition which will take place at the Nebraska Prairie Museum on April 10. Students in grades 3-8 will compete against their peers at other schools in the ESU for best invention, most creative, etc and have the opportunity to hear from a speaker on a day hosted by ESU 11 should they choose to participate.

#### MAP Assessment

The spring MAP assessment will be administered to students on March 10th and 11th. Students will be tested in reading and math. Our MTSS team will then meet and review the results. This enables us to make data driven decisions that make a positive impact on student achievement.

#### Furnas County Healthy Habits Program

On February 27th, we hosted the Harlan/Furnas County 4-H Extension program "Healthy Habits". Fifth and sixth grade students from Arapahoe, Cambridge and Southern Valley spent the day learning about making healthy, nutritional choices. Students rotated through six stations learning about reading nutrition labels, calculating the amount of sugar in drink, the benefits of a balanced diet and other healthy habits.