

Elementary Principal Report

March 2024

Summer School

K-6 Summer School is set for June 3rd - 27th, from 8:30-11:30am, Mondays through Thursdays. Our elementary MTSS team has met and reviewed data from MAP and aimsWeb assessments administered this year. After discussing student strengths and areas in need of improvement, invitations to summer school have been sent to parents. The goal is to keep the teacher / student ratio to 5:1. So twenty students were invited to participate this summer. If a student is unable to attend, the next student on our list will be invited. Mrs. Thomas, along with help from 3 paraprofessionals, will be leading and conducting summer school. The primary focus will be closing gaps in reading and math. Hopefully by attending summer school, students will improve their reading and math skills, limit summer learning loss, and be better prepared for next year.

Paraprofessional Appreciation

We have a great group of paraprofessionals that work here at AHPS. They do a super job of supervising and working with our students. We took time to thank them and appreciate their efforts on April 4th. I would like to wish the best of luck to the paras that are leaving us at the end of the school year ... Sherri Bergman, Angel Grove, and Julie Jones.

American Heart Association

A big thank you to Mr. Blackmore for organizing and overseeing the Kids Heart Challenge sponsored by the American Heart Association. This year our students raised \$2,614.50 for this great cause. Donations to the American Heart Association helps increase awareness of cardiovascular disease, fund lifesaving scientific research and promote education efforts. We had 27 students participate in the Kids Heart Challenge with 14 completing the Hands Only CPR training. Also, thank you to community and family members, who supported our efforts by giving students donations.

Arbor Day Activities

I have been working with Mr. Probasco on an Arbor Day project that centers around planting a tree at the Outdoor Classroom. This would include our 4th, 5th and 6th grade students. I am also exploring the possibility of including a service project such as helping pick up litter or sticks in the city parks or clean up the school grounds after the track meets.

Fourth Grade Field Trip

The fourth graders recently traveled to Stuhr Museum in Grand Island. During the field trip, the students were able to experience what it was like living on the Nebraska prairie 150 years ago. Students shelled and ground corn to make corn gems. They made their own butter in a churn.

They peeled carrots and potatoes to make a delicious tasting pioneer stew. They also did chores such as pumping water from a well and bringing in firewood to keep the cooking stove hot. The kids had a great time and represented our school well. The next field trip will be April 15th when the second and fifth graders travel to Aurora to the Edgerton Explorit Center.