

Elementary Principal Report

September 2024

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences were held on Thursday, September 26th from 2:00-5:00 and 6:00-8:00pm. Here are the totals attendance numbers for the Elementary:

Pre-K: 28/28 100%

Kindergarten: 25/25 100%

First Grade: 18/19 95%

Second Grade: 22/27 81%

Third Grade: 16/18 89%

Fourth Grade: 14/17 82%

Fifth Grade: 12/15 80%

Sixth Grade: 21/28 75%

PreK-6 Total: 156/177 88%

NEE Evaluation Indicators for 2024-2025

Indicator 1.2 The teacher cognitively engages students in the content.

Indicator 4.3 The teacher employs cooperative learning.

Indicator 7.4 The teacher monitors the effect of instruction on the whole class and individual learning.

Probationary teachers are formally evaluated twice a year (once per semester). Tenured teachers are formally evaluated once per school year. Walkthroughs are conducted throughout the year.

Staff Development / School Improvement

ESU 11 Staff Development Coordinator, Kate Hatch, was here on October 9th to lead our teacher in-service training. Teachers were divided into 8 groups with each group giving a presentation about Kagan Cooperative Learning Structures. At this time, we are focusing on 5 different cooperative learning strategies (Rally Robin, Timed Pair Share, Three-Step Interview, Quiz-Quiz Trade and Numbered Heads Together). Kagan Cooperative Learning Structures are designed to increase student engagement, provide much needed movement, increase active listening skills, and increase academic achievement.

Fall Field Trips

We have had several classes attend educational opportunities off of school grounds this fall. Recently the fifth graders went to Cambridge to attend the annual Electrical Safety Day. The fourth grade went to McCook to participate in the annual Kids Fitness Day. The Preschool classes went to Beaver City to Linner's Lil' Barn Pumpkin Patch. Mrs. Thomas will be taking eight total students from grade 4,5, and 6 to the Region IV Youth Leadership Conference hosted at UNK on October 22nd.

Health Checks

The ESU 11 School Nurse, Janet Gabriel, will be here on October 21-22 to conduct annual health checks. She will be checking students' height, weight, and dental (also hearing for Kindergarten). Health checks are required for students in grades PreK-4th, 7th and 10th grade. If time allows, Mrs. Gabriel will also conduct checks in other grades if time allows. The Lions Club will be here February 11, 2025 to conduct hearing and vision screenings.

MAP Assessment

Our Fall MAP Assessment is scheduled for October 15 and 17. Once this testing is completed, our Elementary MTSS team will meet to analyze the data in order to make informed instructional decisions.

End of Quarter 1

The end of the quarter is quickly approaching. October 18th marks the end of the first quarter. Progress reports will be sent home the following week.