

Dundy County Stratton Elementary Principal School Board Report

Start of School and January Activities

Students and staff returned from Christmas break on January 7th, refreshed and ready to continue the academic year. Shortly after, on January 16th, we conducted a fire drill to ensure our students and staff remain prepared for emergencies.

On January 17th, our 5th and 6th-grade students traveled to Culbertson to attend the Healthy Habits program, providing them with valuable knowledge on maintaining wellness and making healthy choices.

Value Up Program

We had the pleasure of welcoming Mike Donohue, who presented his inspiring Value Up program to our elementary students, as well as to the high school. His message on self-worth and making positive choices resonated deeply with our students and staff alike.

Professional Development & Safety Training

Several of our teachers participated in an MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) presentation at the ESU on January 23rd, enhancing their instructional strategies to support student success. Additionally, on January 24th, Mrs. Jesch and Mr. Miller led a bus safety evacuation drill, reinforcing important safety procedures for our students.

Assessments & Parent Engagement

We began our MAPS testing and successfully completed it during the first week of February. A huge thank you to our teachers for their dedication in preparing students for the upcoming NSCAS testing!

Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on February 3rd, providing a great opportunity for parents and teachers to collaborate on student progress.

Winter Weather & Future Plans

Punxsutawney Phil's prediction of six more weeks of winter proved accurate, as we experienced our first snow day on February 12th.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the upcoming construction of the new Preschool/Childcare Center, which is scheduled to begin soon. This facility will be a great addition to our district, benefiting families and our youngest learners.

Thank you to our staff, parents, and community members for their continued support of our students and school initiatives!

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