

Elementary Principal Report

January 2025

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: January 20th

On January 20th, our school will commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day with age appropriate classroom activities. I will encourage our teachers to engage students in lessons that emphasize Dr. King's values of equality, kindness, and service. Treating everyone with respect and dignity is an important character trait that I want our students to exemplify.

Teacher Professional Development: January 22nd

On January 22, ESU 11 Director of Staff Development, Kate Hatch, will be here to lead our teachers in additional training on student engagement and cooperative learning through the use of Kagan Structures. These instructional strategies focus on improving student engagement, collaboration, and teamwork. Kagan Structures often incorporate elements of movement and student interaction in the learning process.

100 Days of School: January 23rd

January 23 marks 100 days since the beginning of the school year. Teachers are always very creative in the ways they choose to celebrate this milestone. Activities usually include such things as counting to 100, reading 100 books, pages, or words, doing 100 exercise reps throughout the day, making a 100 day craft, or just about anything fun to mark the day.

Parent / Teacher Conferences: Feb. 6th

Our spring conferences will soon be here. Elementary teachers will meet on January 21st to schedule a time for each student. There will be a 1:30 dismissal with conferences being held from 2:30 - 5:00 and 6:00 - 8:00pm. We traditionally have a very good attendance rate and look forward to partnering with parents to discuss student progress, celebrate successes, and collaborate on areas for improvement.

Furnas County Healthy Habits Program: February 18th

On February 18, we will host the Healthy Habits Program, organized by the 4-H Nebraska Extension. Fifth and sixth-grade students from Arapahoe, Cambridge, and Southern Valley will come together to learn about healthy living. Students will rotate through six interactive, hands-on stations covering topics such as preparing nutritious meals, making safe decisions, and adopting lifelong healthy habits. This event will provide valuable life skills and foster connections among students from neighboring schools.