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Elementary Principal's Board Report February 2021

NRHEG Elementary School

Doug Anderson, Elementary Principal

2020-2021 School Year

Section	Enrollment	# of Sections	Students/Sept.
ECSE	9	2	
Bridges	12	1	12
K	59	3	19.67
1	56	3	18.68
2	56	3	1
3	53	3	17.66
4	56	3	18.66
5	62	3	20.66
Total	363	19	

1. Recent Family Communication

January 22, 2021

Dear NRHEG Elementary Families,

We are eagerly looking forward to the week of February 1 when all students will be back for in-person learning. **We are also excited to share that beginning that week, we also plan to bring back all students on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, for a half-day of instruction in the morning.** This will continue to be the updated learning model for the elementary. Our students will be attending school full days on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and for a half-day in the morning on Wednesdays. Beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, all students will be dismissed.

Wednesday afternoon will continue to remain a designated distance learning planning time for school staff as it has in the past. We look forward to welcoming all students back to school the week of February 1. Please contact the elementary office at 507-684-3181 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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2. Parent-Teacher Conferences Held February 2 and February 4

Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences were held from 4:00-8:00 p.m. on the evenings of February 2 and 4. Conferences were pre-scheduled with families and were held virtually. Parents have responded positively to having had the opportunity to meet with teachers virtually, and we have heard those same comments from families during our scheduled IEP meetings.

3. NRHEG Celebrates *I Love to Read Month* February 2021

- Read n Munch D.E.A.R. Time – (Wednesdays) choose 15 minutes out of your busy day to “Drop Everything and Read” – even teachers/paras, grab something to read! Have students bring a snack from home or get one from the Healthy Food Cart (Bridges -Grade 5).
- A virtual story recorded by a high school student will be sent out each Wednesday for teachers to play as their kids “read and munch” or at your convenience.
- *Community Readers Day* (February 5) (VIRTUAL) community member/s (NANCY & JIM) will record a story, and it will be sent to your class to show at your convenience.
- Dr. Seuss Art Day (Feb. 19) Bridges –Gr. 3 make Dr. Seuss artwork to decorate the cafeteria & hallways for March 5th. Grades 4–5 make Dr. Seuss artwork to decorate the hallways by the office for March 5th.
- Staff/Guest Readers (Feb. 26) ANYONE on staff signs up to read to a class(es). 1-2 readers per classroom (about 20 min.). Sign up in the Lounge. PLEASE arrange a time with a classroom teacher.
- February 17th is the 100th day of school.

***READ ACROSS AMERICA DRESS UP WEEK**

(March 1 - March 5)

Mon. - If I Ran the Zoo - fav. Animal day

Tues. - Sleep Book - pajama day

Wed. - Wacky Wednesday - mismatch clothes day

Thurs. - Cat in the Hat Day - crazy hat or “Cat in the Hat” hat day

Fri. - Green Eggs & Ham - wear green day

READ ACROSS AMERICA-Dr. Seuss Day Activities (Friday, March 5th)

*Green Eggs & Ham Breakfast delivered to rooms (8:30-9 AM)

*Green Eggs & Ham - WEAR GREEN Day

*HS Reader's Theater performance (VIRTUAL)

*Any other activities that teachers wish to do on their own

*Teachers - wear Dr. Seuss shirt or green

4. Elementary Distance Learning Information

There are currently **23** Distance Learning Students at the elementary school (as of 02-08-21). Last month there were **25** Distance Learning Students. The grade level breakdown is listed below.

Bridges	0
Kindergarten	3
Grade 1	6
Grade 2	3
Grade 3	3
Grade 4	5
Grade 5	3
Total	23

5. Bridges/Kindergarten Orientation Scheduled

Bridges/Kindergarten Orientation information will be shared virtually with families this year. Information/registration packets will be mailed to families soon, and a teacher-created video will be shared with prospective families on Monday, March 15. This video will share the same information that would be shared if we were in person. Current enrollment for the 2021-2022 Bridges/Kindergarten classes is listed below:

Bridges	8
Kindergarten	46

February 16, 2021

Dear Prospective Bridges and Kindergarten Families,

Greetings! Due to the recommended guidance on gatherings provided by the Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota Department of Education our Bridges and Kindergarten Orientation will look different this year.

We are asking our families to make a copy of your child's birth certificate, obtained from the courthouse (unless provided at preschool screening). We are also asking that each family complete the registration form. Included with this letter to families is a self-addressed, stamped envelope that can be used to mail both the birth certificate and registration form to the school. Please return these items to the elementary school no later than March 26, 2021. Our Bridges and Kindergarten teachers will also be sending a *Welcome and Orientation* video to families on Monday, March 15.

We are disappointed that we will not get to meet directly with you and your child for this important orientation. However, we are excited at the idea of looking ahead to our Bridges/Kindergarten class for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Should you have any questions or need any help, please contact the elementary school office at 507.684.3181. We look forward to hearing from you. Please stay safe and healthy!

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6. Music Students of the Month

- Grade 1-Kendyl Kaplan and Brixton Johnson
- Grade 2-McKenzie Buenger and Mitchell Viktora
- Grade 3-Braylynn Olson and Noah Boie
- Grade 4-Jacquelyn Duryee and Alec Wyrum
- Grade 5-Ezra Boerner and Rowan Sletten