

NRHEG Public School

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Elementary Principal's Report
NRHEG Elementary School
November 9, 2018

NRHEG Mission Statement:

Empowering students with knowledge and skills to succeed

Vision Statement:

To be the school district of choice, inspiring excellence in academics, arts and activities

1. Elementary Enrollment (As of November 8, 2018)

	Enrollment	# of Sections	Students/Sect.
ECSE	16	3	
Bridges	11	1	11
K	60	4	15
1	54	3	18
2	62	3	20-21
3	64	3	21-22
4	48	2	24
5	70	3	23-24
Total	385		11-08-2018



Enrollment History
November 2014-2018
November 2014
436
November 2015
425
November 2016
419
November 2017
395
November 2018
385

2. Approximately 20 staff members from the secondary and elementary school are currently participating in a District Book Study Club. *Top 20 Teachers, The Revolution in American Education*, by Paul Bernabei, Tom Cody and Willow Sweeney is the book that has been selected. Willow was the motivational speaker who spoke to our staff during the fall workshop. *Top 20 Teachers: The Revolution in American Education* celebrates the power teachers have to develop the potential in students; it provides immediately applicable concepts and practical tools for creating a safe culture in schools where children and adults enjoy working and learning together. The only reason to read this book is because America's youth need Top 20 Teachers who: Know How to See Things Differently. Live Above the Line. Create a Positive Culture. Communicate Empowering Messages. Create Connections and Listen to Understand. Help Students Move Outside their Comfort Zone. Answer the Relevancy Question: 'What's in it for Me?'. Keep Stupid in the Box. Stop the Spread of Negativity. Resolve Conflicts Effectively.

Dale N. Carlson, Superintendent

David A. Bunn, High School Principal

Douglas A. Anderson, Elementary Principal

3. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 13 and Thursday, November 15 from 4:00 p.m. at the elementary. During this time the elementary will be sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair. Students will have the opportunity to interact with the Book Fair during their media center classes. Each student will have a viewing day where they can fill out a “wish list” to bring home. The following day will be their shopping day. On this day they will be allowed to purchase items during media time. If you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair at scholastic.com/fair. Our Online Fair is available from November 8th to November 16th. You can also download the Book Fair app to help you find the best books for your child. For more information visit: scholastic.com/apps/bookfairs.
4. On the evening of November 13 the Title 1 Department, under the leadership of Title 1 Lead Teacher Amy Kitzer will be sponsoring Robert the Magician for our Title 1 Family Night. *“The Magic of Thanks Giving”* magic show which will be the perfect way to help the kids embrace Fall, introduce them to the Thanksgiving holiday, and to reinforce a couple of magic words that they sometimes forget. Using four great books as inspiration (“The Story of Thanksgiving”, “The Pirate Who Said Please”, “The Crayon Box That Talked”, and “Emily’s Magic Words”) Robert has created a FUN, highly interactive, show that answers the question “why do we celebrate Thanksgiving” and so much more.
5. Ryan Evans, ECSE Teacher, Diana Foster, Bridges Teacher, Macy Whiteside, Community Education Director, Terri Engel, Director of Curriculum and Instruction and I will be attending the PreK-3 Leadership Training in Owatonna, on November 13, sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Education. This workshop is the first of three being held in the Owatonna area in 2018-19. District/community teams will spend time learning about evidence-based school improvement strategies within a PreK-3 system, followed by dedicated time spent on ensuring the most impactful school improvement strategies are effective in your PreK-3 system.
6. Our Targeted Services program will begin after Thanksgiving for students in Grades 1-5. This program is made available to those students who would benefit from extra education support. The program is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the lessons are designed with an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. The teacher to student ratio is 1:10 and the program includes a community service project and visits to residents at Whispering Oaks.
7. The elementary teaching staff has presented a proposal to the elementary principal that would allow the opportunity for the staff to increase their professional development time within their grade levels or departments. As we continue to strengthen our Professional Learning Communities and the work that we do with creating/editing/analyzing assessments, academic standards, reading initiatives and guided reading, the need for time to carry out these tasks has increased. The licensed staff, along with the paraprofessionals and I, have developed a plan that will shift the responsibility of supervision of our Ellendale-Geneva students to paraprofessionals from 3:00-3:25 p.m., thereby allowing licensed staff to meet with departments and/or grade level teams. Currently, the remaining EG students are supervised by their teachers in their classrooms. This change will not impact hours worked by licensed staff or paraprofessionals, and will not have any additional expense attached to it. Included below are some highlights of this newly revised supervision plan:

*All available paraprofessionals (scheduled during the 3:00-3:30 p.m. time) will assist with student supervision.

*During the winter months, students will remain in the gymnasiums for a recess time. During the spring and fall, students will be outside on the playground.

*This change will be implemented on Monday, November 26. For the first week, all staff members will be in the hall at 3:00 and 3:20 p.m. to help with the transition time.

8. NRHEG Elementary Music~Students of the Month 2018

September

1st-Violette Botten
Clayton Kaplan

October

1st-Grace Riskedahl
Tucker Flatness

2nd-Quinn Wayne
Lucas Degen

2nd-Gracie Luna
Wyatt Hendrickson

3rd-Trinity Young
Jackson McGannon

3rd-Arianna Garcia
Kendrick Spies

4th-Rilyn Spurgeon
Nicholas Cross

4th-Amelia McKenna
Terry Young

5th-Winter Pederson
Ezekiel Morrison

5th-Kalia Calderon Medrano
Leo Patrick

~Also, Congratulations to the Elementary Choir (3-4-5) for their fine performance at the Veterans' Day program at the high school on November 9!

9. *No Bully Program* Project

Panther Pride Chain School-Wide and Community Project

Letter to Families

Who: Parents/Guardians of NRHEG Students

What: We are making a Panther Pride Chain made up of words that describe how you would like your child to be treated at school. Each parent, student, and staff member's words will be linked together in a paper chain and displayed in our school.

When: Students and Staff have already started to work on this project at school. Please have your link turned in to your child's classroom teacher by Monday, November 19.

Where: This chain will be turned in, hung, and displayed in the Elementary School for all to see.

Why: This chain represents our sense of community and team efforts to make our school a positive and safe environment for all.

How: In one word, describe how you want your child to be treated at school. Write this word on the link/s (paper strip/s) stapled to this sheet and return to your child's classroom teacher

NRHEG Elementary School Upcoming Events:

Monday, November 12

~District Wide Staff Development Meeting, 3:30 p.m.

~School Board Work Session, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 13

~American Education Week

~Guided Reading In-Service Training With Nancy Remmert~Conference Room

~Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 p.m.

~Robert the Magician~Title 1 Evening~Music Room

Thursday, November 15

~Guided Reading In-Service Training With Nancy Remmert~Conference Room
~Cookie Dough Pick Up 3:00-6:00 p.m., South Gym
~Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 p.m.
~NRHEG Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting (NR)~6:00 p.m.

Monday, November 19

~Guided Reading In-Service Training With Nancy Remmert~Conference Room
~Marching Band Concert Preview, 1:15 p.m., North Gym
~School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Elementary Media Center

Thursday, November 22-Friday, November 24

Thanksgiving Break~No School for Students or Staff