

NRHEG Public School

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Elementary Principal's Board Report NRHEG Elementary School April 10, 2019

1. Elementary School Enrollment (As of May 13, 2019)

Level	Enrollment	# of Sections	Students Per Section
ECSE	17	3	
Bridges	12	1	12
K	61	4	15.25
1	53	3	17.66
2	59	3	19.66
3	62	3	20.66
4	51	2	25.5
5	69	3	23
Total	384	386 in April	05-13-2019

2. A group of staff members from both the secondary and elementary school participated in a book study with the book, ***Embarrassment-And the Emotional Underlife of Learning***, by Thomas Newkirk at the center of our discussions. Tom Newkirk argues that this “emotional underlife,” this subterranean domain of emotion, failure, and embarrassment, keeps too many students and teachers silent, hesitant, and afraid. “I am absolutely convinced,” Tom writes, “that embarrassment is not only the true enemy of learning but of so many other actions we could take to better ourselves.”

In this groundbreaking exploration, Newkirk offers practices and strategies that help kids and teachers alike develop a more resilient approach to embarrassment. “I contend that if we can take on a topic like embarrassment and shame, we can come to a richer, more honest, more enabling sense of who

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we are and what we can do," he explains. "Let's name and identify the enemy that can haunt our days, disturb our sleep, put barriers up to learning, and drain the joy from our lives—and maybe we can also learn how to rearrange some things in our own head so that we can be more generous toward ourselves."

3. The Elementary Leadership Team met on Monday, May 6. Agenda items included:

Elementary Leadership Team Meeting

Team Members: Brenda Dobberstein, Dena Summer, Diana Foster, Jessica Williams, Sara Ihrke, Terri Engel, Kelsey Routh, and Doug Anderson

Monday, May 6, 2019

3:30 p.m.

Elementary Conference Room

Committee Updates-Committee Members

- Literacy Team Sub-Committee Update-Diana/Jessica/Kelsey/Terri
- Math Team Sub-Committee Updates-Sara/Brenda/Terri
- Behavior-Classroom Management Sub-Committee Updates-Dena & Team

Staff Development Update-Terri and Doug

- June 5-Remmert
- Summer Opportunities for Teachers-Standards Based Work-F&P-Running Records
- New Teacher Opportunities-Remmert

Flexible Learning Review-Doug

- Dave and I have been asked to present to the Board an update on Flexible Learning. Please be prepared to share your insight and feedback regarding the information below.

We are to include:

- General Findings and Summary of Past Two Years
- Challenges (SPED)
- Areas of Improvement

Class Size Monitoring for 2019-2020-Doug

- Grades K & 1

Secured Entrance Discussion-Doug

Other Important Information-Discussion Items (Please add below)-Team Members

4. Seventy-two students in grades 2-6 participated in the Prairie Fire Theatre's production of *Jack and the Beanstalk* on Friday, May 3. Performances were held at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. A special thank you to the NRHEG PTO for providing this for our students and for covering all production and ticket costs.

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5. On Thursday, May 2, our third-fifth graders enjoyed an amazing program sponsored by Steele-Waseca Co-op Electric, Great River Energy and the Bakken Museum. This free assembly, War of the Currents, was a show about electricity presented by the Bakken Museum. It was fast, funny, interactive and had quite an electrifying finale. The program has been touring the State with great success, and we felt very lucky to have it presented at our school.

6. Dave Bunn and I have been meeting monthly with our Fernbrook Therapists, social worker, and Family Services Coordinator, along with Bamboo Mitchell, School-Linked Mental Health Coordinator. These are planning meetings that help to support our school staff and students with mental health opportunities.

7. On Wednesday, May 15, the NRHEG Seniors will be at our school participating in our annual Senior Day at the elementary. A variety of activities and projects are planned for the morning. The seniors will help serve lunch and will have some time to spend with the students during their recess time.

8. On Tuesday, May 14, our third-fifth graders will be presenting their spring concert, **Summer Camp**, a musical caper about finding a place to belong. Please join us at Camp for this fun-filled experience.

9. On Thursday, May 15, our entire school will have a large group photo taken by Brant Hemingway. Each year a photo is taken and then displayed in the office, under the lights, at the elementary school. It is a great remembrance item for our school!

10. Our Kindergarten Graduation is scheduled for Friday, May 24, at 1:00 p.m. Sixty students will be graduating from Kindergarten this year.

11. To celebrate the positive and healthy decisions made by our students, our school will be sponsoring a school-wide PBIS Celebration on Friday, May 31. All students will participate in events and activities scheduled from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 pm.

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12. On Wednesday, May 5, consultant Nancy Remmert will be with us to train our teachers on the use of Running Records, to support our current Benchmark Assessment program. Nancy will also model a student data meeting, and staff will have the opportunity to facilitate a data meeting.

13. Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, May 14

Grades 3-5 Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15

Third Grade Field Trip

Senior Service Day

Thursday, May 16

School Group Photo, South Side of Building, 8:45 a.m.

Friday, May 17

Second Grade Field Trip

Fourth Grade Field Trip

Tuesday, May 21

No Bully Meeting, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, May 24

First Grade Field Trip

Bridges Field Trip-Como Zoo

Kindergarten Phy-Ed Day/Picnic/Graduation

Tuesday, May 28

Grades 4/5 Track and Field Day

Grade 5 A.M.

Grade 4 P.M.

Wednesday, May 29

Grades 2/3 Track and Field Day

Grade 3 A.M.

Grade 2 P.M.

PBIS School-Wide Celebration, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Monday, June 3

Kindergarten Field Trip-MN Zoo

Tuesday, June 4

Last Day of School for Students, Two Hour Early Dismissal

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