

NRHEG Public School

Independent School District No. 2168



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Elementary Principal's Report
NRHEG Elementary School
November 14, 2017

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 (2017-2018 School Year)

	Enrollment	# of Sections	Students/Sept.
ECSE	15		
Bridges	13	1	13
K	49	3	17
1	62	4	16
2	62	4	16
3	48	2	24
4	70	3	24
5	76	3	25-26
Total	395		11/14/2017

Enrollment History

July 2016
411
September 2016
423
November 2016
419
May 2017
423
July 2017
411
August 2017
406
September 2017
397
October 2017
397

- The elementary building held an in-staff fundraiser during October, supporting Breast Cancer Awareness month. Becky Jensen and Shelly Mangskau led this campaign where \$454.00 was raised by allowing staff to “pay” to wear jeans and then donate proceeds towards the American Cancer Society cause. A contest was also held where staff made a guess as to how much money was raised during the month and Drew Paukert, fifth grade teacher, was closest at \$451.00. Drew received a certificate to wear jeans an extra day and \$50.00 towards the purchase of a new pair of jeans. The money raised was given to the New Richland Caring Friends Relay for Life team who provided a meal for staff on workshop day, Monday, November 6.
- The Elementary Leadership Team met Monday, November 6 and discussed the following items:
 - Staff Feedback on Professional Development Days With Nancy Remmert
 - Review of Focus Group #1 Work~Kindergarten Readiness
 - Review of Focus Group #2 Work~Grade Level Literacy by Third Grade
 - Review of Focus Group #3 Work~Closing the Achievement Gap

Dale N. Carlson, Superintendent

David A. Bunn, High School Principal

Douglas A. Anderson, Elementary Principal

- Discussion Surrounding Solutions for Professional Development Time Beginning at 3:05 p.m.
 - Team Members Include: Diana Foster, Dena Summer, Brenda Dobberstein, Jessica Williams, and Terri Engel. We are seeking one additional primary member.
4. Barb Handahl, Family Services Coordinator, will be retiring on November 17 after seven years at the elementary. Along with South Central Human Services, we will be interviewing two candidates for this position on Tuesday, November 14.
 5. Parent-teacher conferences were held on Thursday, November 9 and Tuesday, November 14. I will have attendance numbers and feedback for you at the December board meeting.
 6. A total of twenty-one staff members, from both the elementary and secondary school, are participating in a fall book study on the book, *It Won't Be Easy~An Exceedingly Honest and Slightly Unprofessional Love Letter to Teaching*, by Tom Rademacher. Mr. Rademacher is an English teacher in Minneapolis and was honored as Minnesota's Teacher of the Year in 2014.
 7. This past summer our Early Childhood Special Education staff attended training on the use of the STAR Autism curriculum with our students. I was fortunate to also attend this training. As a support to this curriculum our staff will receive three days of on-site professional development. The first of those days occurred on Thursday, November 2, and they spent the day with teacher, Ryan Evans.
 8. The PTO sponsored Cookie Dough fundraiser pick up will be on Thursday, November 16, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the south gym.
 9. With a generous donation from the PTO, our fifth grade students will attend a viewing of the movie, *Wonder*, at the Owatonna Cinema on Friday, November 17. Based on the New York Times bestseller, *Wonder* tells the incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman, a boy with facial difference who enters fifth grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time. As his family, his new classmates, and the larger community all struggle to find their compassion and acceptance, Auggie's extraordinary journey will unite them all and prove you can't blend in when you were born to stand out.
 10. Our fourth grade students will participate in violence prevention training on Wednesday, November 22.
 11. The Bridges-Grade 2 Holiday Concert is scheduled for Monday evening, November 27, beginning at 7:00 p.m.
 12. I will be out of the District Wednesday-Friday November 15-17. My family and I will be attending Family Day and Graduation from Basic Training for our son, Adam, in South Carolina.
 13. Upcoming Dates:
 - November 13~District Staff Development~3:30 p.m.
 - November 14~Parent-Teacher Conferences~4:00-8:00 p.m.
 - November 16~Cookie Dough Pick Up~South Gym~3:00-6:00 p.m.
 - November 17~Fifth Grade Students Attend *Wonder* Movie~8:30 a.m.
 - November 20~Indoor Marching Band Concert Preview~1:15 p.m.
 - November 20~Para Meeting~Cafeteria~2:30 p.m.
 - November 20~School Board Meeting~6:30 p.m.
 - November 21~Special Ed. Presentation~Paras at 2:30 p.m.~Licensed Staff at 3:30 p.m.
 - November 22~Fourth Grade Violence Prevention Presentation
 - November 23-24~Thanksgiving Break, No School for Students and Staff
 - November 27~K-2 Concert~7:00 p.m.
 - November 28~Facilities Planning Staff Meeting With Dr. Carlson