

NRHEG Public School

Independent School District No. 2168



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Elementary Principal's Report
NRHEG Elementary School
August 10, 2016

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. Projected Enrollment at the Elementary (2016-2017 School Year)

	Enrollment	# of Sections	Students/Sect.
ECSE	7	2	
ECSE/KP	9	1	9
Bridges	7	1	7
K	68	4	17
1	59	4	15
2	45	3	15
3	71	3	24
4	72	3	24
5	73	3	25
Total	411		08/10/2016

- 2. Our enrollment numbers will continue to fluctuate over the next few weeks. Families have been calling school to inquire about our Student Registration Day which is being held at the elementary on Tuesday, August 16, from 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**
- 3. Final building preparations are being made to ready the building for the start of the school year. The media center has been painted and the carpet should be completed this week. The freezer and dry goods storage area is being completed and the hallways are currently being waxed. A special thank you to our custodial staff and student custodians, Emily Eder and Clayton Nelson, for their efforts this summer.**
- 4. Amy Klimmek and Patti Carlson have been recommended for hire as paraprofessionals at the elementary. Amy and Patti will be replacing Kara Wilkenson and Terry Jensen who recently resigned from the elementary.**

Dale N. Carlson, Superintendent

David A. Bunn, High School Principal

Douglas A. Anderson, Elementary Principal

5. Twenty-one staff members (from both sites), three administrators, and the Director of Curriculum and Instruction will participate in a *Data Retreat* on August 17-18 at the secondary school in New Richland. Highlights will include an overview of the district's strategic plan, a review of current assessment data, an analysis of that data and the development of action plans that will support the district's World Best Workforce plan. The areas addressed in that plan will include:
 - *All Students Prepared for Kindergarten
 - *All Students in Third Grade Achieving Grade Level Literacy
 - *Closing the Achievement Gap(s) Among All Groups
 - *All Student Career and College Ready for Graduation
 - *All Students Graduate
6. I am recommending that Amy Kitzer be hired for the Title 1 position at the elementary. Amy was the Title 1 teacher last year.
7. Samantha Klukow has been moved to first grade to cover the vacancy created by the resignation of Carley Seifert.
8. New Staff Orientation will take place on Monday, August 29, and will provide new staff with the opportunity to visit with teacher and paraprofessional leadership and to also spend time with administration and their mentors. This is scheduled to be a full day.
9. The NRHEG Elementary PTO is transitioning from a board with officers to a committee and will be called the NRHEG Elementary Children's Educational and Enrichment Fund. This committee will continue to fundraise for events at the elementary and to support teachers with requests, if financially able. A special thank you to current board members Penni Mueller, Allyson Hagen, Tami LaCanne and Lou Muilenburg for their hours of service to our students and staff.
10. The second set of playground equipment was installed on Monday and Tuesday, August 8-9. Thank you to our group of volunteers and our playground committee and PTO for all of their efforts to make this dream a reality.
11. On August 4, NRHEG Elementary was notified by MDE that our application for voluntary pre-kindergarten funding for our site would not be funded in fiscal year 2017 (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017). If additional pre-K funding becomes available in the future, our application will remain current and on file at MDE. Minnesota's pre-kindergarten expansion was made possible by a new \$25 million investment secured this session by Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith. But additional state funding is needed to ensure all Minnesota four-year-olds gain access to free, voluntary pre-kindergarten. In total, 183 school districts and charter schools applied for pre-kindergarten funding this year. But due to a lack of funding, nearly 60 percent of those districts did not receive state aid. Had additional state funding been available, 10,139 children in those 183 districts and charter schools that applied would have been enrolled in pre-kindergarten programs this year.
12. NRHEG Elementary School *Areas of Emphasis* for the 2016-2017 School Year
(Based on the World's Best Workforce Plan/Data)
 - *More data and specific goals will be shared after the August 17-18 meetings
 - 1. *All Students Ready for Kindergarten-2015-2016 SMART Goal:* The NRHEG District will increase kindergarten readiness from 74% to 77% as measured by the Early Readiness Composite Assessments.

2. *All Students in Third Grade Achieving Grade Level Literacy*-2015-2016 SMART Goal: The NRHEG District will increase growth from 74% to 77% proficiency as measured by the MCA III assessments (70.6% in 2016).

3. *Close the Achievement Gap Among All Groups*-2015-2016 SMART Goal: The NRHEG District will increase math proficiency from 76.5% to 78%. Increase proficiency for the free and reduced population and special education population (79.2% in 2016).

~Save the Date~

NRHEG Panther Pride Community Picnic

Friday, October 14, 2016

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

NRHEG Elementary School

This Homecoming picnic, consisting of a hot dog lunch, will celebrate our communities, families, residents, businesses and NRHEG students. Please join us before attending the NRHEG Ellendale Homecoming parade!