

# **SCHOOL REPORT TO GALLATIN CO. BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **Gallatin County Elementary School**

**Joe Wright, Principal**

**February 13, 2013**

### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

February 11- Midterm Reports went home

February 14- Valentine's Day parties

February 21- PTSO meeting with a speaker, food, and child care by Kerri Alexander

March 5- Family Literacy Night

### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:**

Six students are using the Fast Forward remedial reading program in ESS. After 12 weeks 3 have progressed to the next level, 2 are near completion, and one is receiving additional help

Sum dog math internet contest from January 25<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>. Students answering math questions on the Internet from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades, over 90 students answered more than 250 correct problems. Twenty students answered 1000 questions. Our schools total correct answers were 45<sup>th</sup> out of 892 schools nationwide. Mrs. Hartke's class had 100% participation.

Scholastic Reading Counts quiz points: 93 of 149 1<sup>st</sup> grade students (62.4%) have over 10 points, in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade 109 of 128 (85.1%) have over 10 points, and Kindergarten as a whole take quizzes in their class to learn the process and have passed 106 quizzes.

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING:**

February 4- Math Thinking Activities in team meetings led by Bonnie Humphries

February 6&7- Principal completed Leadership Institute (30 second elevator speech)

February 11- Writing Activity update in team meetings led by Mrs. Dunn

February 18- Reading strategies in team meetings by Pam Scudder

February 20- Select Excellence in Education Award winner and Check writing products

### **PLAYGROUND REPORT:**

Playground is being used sporadically with cold and wet weather. The equipment is safe and in good repair.

### **HOW WE GOT BETTER THIS MONTH! AND WHO DID IT!:**

1. Preschool has been very active this week, *Karen Holbrook and Beth Stewart's* class have: had a flower shop activity where they took orders, made silk arrangements, and delivered flowers around school; they celebrated Chinese new year going from the year of the dragon to the year of the snake with a parade; and they went to the Post Office on a snowy day to mail their Valentines.
2. *Danielle Rodriguez's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade RTI enrichment class*- planned, brought the ingredients, and prepared a breakfast that they invited parents and some staff to eat with them. They even made placemats and wore aprons and chef hats. They are a very confident group.

Elementary SBDM Council Meeting Agenda  
February 13, 2013  
3:30 PM in the Conference room

1. Opening Business-
  - a- Approve agenda
  - b- Review January SBDM minutes
  - c- Good news reports
2. Student Achievement-
  - a- ESS students using Fast Forward
  - b- Sumdog and SRC points
3. Committee Reports-
  - a- Curriculum Committee- meetings, schedule, and writing plan
  - b- Ad hoc Committees- need Professional Development planning for 2013-2014 and Student Scheduling for setting next year's classes
4. New Business
  - a- Select the LE recommendation for 2013-2014 District calendar
5. Adjourn

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## *"On Track for Success"*

### Minutes of Elementary January 9, 2013 SBDM meeting

**Members Present:** Joe Wright, Tammy Walters, JoAnn McCaughan, Marty Glenn, Etelva Staverman and Shelley Simpson

**Members Absent:** Kelly Middendorf

**Guest:** Shonda Dunn, Amanda New and Lenny Whalen

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 P.M. in the Lower Elementary Conference room.
2. Opening Business
  - a. Agenda approved.
  - b. December meeting minutes were reviewed, edited and approved.
  - c. Good News Report
    - i. Swing sets purchased by PTSO will be installed January 14<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.
    - ii. The new round of RTI has begun. Kindergarten is finishing planning to start small groups.
3. Student Achievement
  - a. MAP testing results were as follows:
    - i. Kindergarten had their first testing for MAP during this Winter session; 39% of students met redband in Reading and 42% in Math.
    - ii. First grade results were: 49% of students met redband in Reading, which was a decline of 6%, yet individual student growth was seen; 66% of students met redband in Math, a 10% increase.
    - iii. Second grade results were: 47% of students met redband in Reading, a 10% increase; 34% of students met redband in Math, a 1% increase; 43% of students met redband in Reading, a 6% increase; Noted was the fact that second grade MAP testing is read by the students to themselves, unlike K and first grade where the tests are read to the students.
  - b. Literacy First results strongly indicate growth and learning in all areas, all grades, K-2. Fluency scores for second grade are strongly parallel to reading scores on MAP.
  - c. SNAP results showed great progress in all areas in all grade, K-2, especially BNWS, which had low scores during fall testing.
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Ms. New reported for the Culture and Climate Committee. Safety surveys were sent home and have been analyzed.
    - i. Parents verbalized the main concern was excessive unsupervised visitors roaming the school freely during morning drop-off. A new drop-off policy not allowing parents to walk students beyond the secure vestibule will be implemented. Letters will be sent home starting January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. A trial implementation for students k-2<sup>nd</sup> grade being implemented Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Full implementation will occur Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, allowing time to plan for parent to teacher handoff for preschool children.
    - ii. Lockdown concerns are being evaluated, such as a procedure to cover the glass in the doors during lockdown and an emergency procedure for the playground. Copies of the district's lockdown procedures (not listed in lower elementary emergency book) were copied and placed in the teachers' books. The need for an emergency room key hidden near the doors is needed for substitute teachers is being discussed.
    - iii. Safety patrol is not going as planned. Second grade teachers need to send students and the student reporting in process in the mornings needs to be revamped.
    - iv. Two parents are now making cakes for Student of the Month lunches. Upcoming Student of the Month lunches are scheduled for: January 23, February 20, March 20 and April/ May 24.
    - v. The Gold Star Program was changed to now be handled by classroom teachers instead of the office. Follow up will be made to evaluate the new process and needed changes.
    - vi. PTSO is working with the committee to coordinate different activities and help with refreshments for the 9 weeks attendance rewards. Thus far there has been a movie on the

district's big screen and a sock hop dance. Third 9 weeks reward will occur mid-March and is the activity is yet to be determined.

- b. Ms. Dunn reported for the Program Review Committee. This year is the required K-3 program review assessing curriculum, instruction and PD through the state developed rubric. Evidence collection is underway with the rubric passed out January 9<sup>th</sup>. The self-scoring process through the evidence collected can now be started. This must be completed and submitted to the State of Kentucky by May 31.

5. New Business:

- a. The committee recommended by consensus elimination of Stanford 10 testing this year.

6. Review

- a. The next meeting is as scheduled to occur on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm.

7. Adjourned 4:36 pm