

December Board Report

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School Highlights

Welcoming New Staff

This month we were excited to welcome two new members to the Grandview team:

Ms. Abbey Dietz, who will be joining our fourth-grade instructional team, and **Ms. Summer Johnson**, who will be supporting students in our special education program. Both have already begun building relationships and transitioning smoothly into their roles.

New Gym Opening Ceremony

On November 21st, we held a schoolwide assembly to celebrate the opening of our brand-new gymnasium. Students, staff, district leaders, and more joined us for the ribbon cutting. The new space has already made a tremendous impact—from enhancing PE classes and hosting assemblies and the Santa Shop to providing a much-needed indoor recess area. We are grateful for the teamwork and collaboration that brought this milestone to life.

SBDM meetings

The next SBDM meeting will be Dec. 17th @ 4:00 pm in the GES library. Minutes from the previous meeting will be posted once they are approved by the council.

Instructional Updates

Assessment Season

Winter MAP testing is currently underway for all students. Next week, we will begin the Winter i-Ready Diagnostic. Teachers are using this mid-year data to monitor student growth, adjust instruction, and strengthen MTSS supports heading into the third quarter.

End of Quarter 2

The second quarter concludes on December 19th. Report cards and assessment results will be sent home with students on January 8th, following winter break.

Character Strong – December Focus on Empathy

On December 18th, we will recognize the students nominated for demonstrating Empathy, our December Character Strong trait. These recognitions continue to reinforce our schoolwide culture of TigerPRIDE and positive behavior.

5th Grade Learning Experience

Our fifth-grade students will visit BMHS later this month to watch the high school's winter musical dress rehearsal. Experiences like this build excitement for the arts and strengthen our K-12 district connections.

Family & Community Engagement

We are looking forward to hosting families at our Holiday Program on December 15th—the first performance in our new gym. Students and staff have been working hard to prepare a wonderful evening of music and celebration.

Operations & Facilities

Construction Progress

We are thrilled to report that the new GES gymnasium is complete and fully operational. Students and staff have loved utilizing this beautiful space, and it has already become a central gathering place for school events.

Elevator

Our elevator is officially up and running, providing improved accessibility throughout the building.

Concrete & Campus Updates

Concrete work at the front entrance has begun. A partial pour has been completed, with the remaining sections scheduled for installation during the week of December 22nd, weather permitting. Additional interior and exterior finishing touches will continue throughout the winter.

Looking Ahead

- **December 15** – GES Holiday Program, 6:00 PM
- **December 18** – Empathy Student Recognition
- **December 19** – Classroom Winter Parties & End of Quarter 2
- **December 22 – January 5** – Winter Break (No School)
- **January 6** – Students return
- **January 8** – Report Cards and Assessment Reports Sent Home