

Clatskanie Elementary School

Board Report

June, 2022

SBAC testing is complete. Big thank you goes to the entire CES staff who supported the testing, prepared the snacks, and facilitated make-up testing. We will be viewing the test as a baseline for growth since this is the first year they have been completed since 2019. However, in any regard, I am proud of the students and staff for taking on this enormous task with such dedication and focus.

May 24-27, 2022, Heather Wheeler brought in a fiddle residency for the week. He taught the students about fiddle techniques and basics. The final day, the students were able to “perform” their newly found skills as sound effects to a story and also individually. It was an exciting time as we were able to invite in a live audience of parents and family. I thank Heather for all her hard work and focus on creating this opportunity for CES students.

Sixth Grade Promotion and Academic Awards were held on June 7, 2022. The different grade levels gave out a variety of awards ranging from citizenship to academic achievement. Students were also honored with top AR Reading Award certificates and Attendance. **The Norma Simmons Award given to the top sixth grade students went to Cora Evenson and Axle Culbertson.** This was the first live assembly held at CES since March of 2020, so the normalcy was appreciated.

Field Day was held on June 8. The “Super Sized Waterslide” was another hit as students look forward to activity year after year. PSEA also sponsored a bouncy house and other assorted water based relays and other activities. **A huge thank you to PSEA for all that they do to support the CES staff and students.**

Meetings are being held with the local preschools as planning is already beginning for the 22-23 school year and our new kindergarten class. The current kindergarten enjoyed the reverse alphabet countdown. With 23 days left in the school year they began with a “Z” activity day and worked their way down to “A” on the last day of school. I think “D” for donuts and “I” for ice cream were pretty popular.

The new Cardiff playground concrete was poured and we are ready for the padding to come in soon. The Nowlin’s were instrumental in making this happen and put in another long day of volunteer work readying the area for the padding delivery, as well. I cannot thank them enough for their efforts. Deney Flatz and Tim Kamppi and some of their students also came and helped with the concrete and the final steps of construction. Hopefully the playground will be fully functional this summer if not primed and ready for the fall.

Sadly, CES said goodbye to a treasured staff member this month. Melody Davis, a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, and respected speech and language educational assistant, passed away. This was very sad news and the staff and much of the student body felt the loss immensely. Jamie Hamsa was integral support for the building as she set up a CARE room, provided comfort, and engaged with students that need to process the loss and their grief. We will miss Melody and all that she brought to CES everyday.

**Submitted by:
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Be proud of how
you’ve been
handling these
past months. The
silent battles
you fought, the
moments you had
to humble
yourself, wiped
your own tears
and pat yourself
on the back.
Celebrate your
strength.