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DATE: March 3, 2025
TO: School Board Members
FROM: Kara Burghardt; CES Principal
SUBJECT: Clatskanie Elementary School Principal's Report to the CSD School Board

This report covers the period from February 4 - March 2. I will outline key achievements, challenges, and initiatives within this timeframe.

1. Academic Excellence:

- **SPED Student Update:** We are working with our older SPED students to better prepare them for the transition to CMHS. Teachers and staff have been meeting together. We also had a strong meeting with the students to get their feedback and to share with them the expectations we have for them when they are in class vs. receiving their small group instruction.
- **Writing Benchmark #3:** This is the final benchmark writing performance task for 3rd-6th grade as they get ready to take the SBAC ELA Assessment in April. It is an all out effort in all grades to demonstrate the learning that has been completed/accomplished at each grade level and the entire staff participates in the grading of the samples in order to ensure a better understanding of what it takes to successfully compose an essay at all of the developmental levels at CES. K-2nd grade will have one additional Writing Benchmark in Spring before the end of the year. All of the data is being recorded and collected on a Excel Spreadsheet that can be utilized to compare and contrast performances and better understand students' performances in order to carry on with or improve our writing instructional strategies.

2. Staff Development:

Mar 5, 2025	Conference Scheduling
Mar 12, 2025	Classified Employee Appreciation Activities
Mar 19, 2025	Writing Benchmark #3 Scoring

3. Infrastructure and Facilities:

- **Huge Shout Out to Will, Jason, and Cholla for working diligently on the Boiler Issues.** Classrooms are now warm and some are even tropical. I appreciate all the hard work put into this endeavor.

4. Student Engagement and Well-being:

- **Literacy Night:** Literacy night was a great success. Students and families had the opportunity to hear some pirate stories at each of the grade level islands and Mrs. Baldwin created an amazing pirate ship that was the centerpiece of the evening. Mr. Cox and Mrs. Wheeler led the students in a pirate shanty, there was a free book giveaway from PSEA, pirate themed Arts and Crafts, and some popcorn, too. There were over 150 students and their accompanying family members in attendance. As the students departed they received a treat bag and there was a pirate book raffle, as well.
- **Dr. Seuss Week:** CES celebrated Dr. Seuss Week, February 24-28. There were dress up days every day and the traditional green eggs and ham was served for lunch on Friday. Students enjoyed pajama day, vacation wear day, pirate day, hat day, and green day. It is always a treat to see the students dressed up and the staff enjoyed the event, as well.
- **PBIS Assemblies:** Monthly PBIS assemblies are still being led by Kathi Jackson and her sixth grade leadership class. They plan the various relays and activities. The Golden Paw awards are given based on the character trait of the month and PBIS prize drawings conclude each event. There is lots of noise, excitement, and energy during each of the assemblies.

5. Community Partnerships:

- **Bark Chip Donations for Lower Playground:** A huge thank you and shouty shout out to **Dylan Hix (parent of two CES students) of Asplundh** (who are contracted with Clatskanie PUD) for their donation of bark chips to fill in some of the mud bogs in the lower playground. We appreciate their generosity.

6. Challenges and Mitigation:

- **Playground Issues:** The lower playground is showing signs of serious wear and tear. There is some work being done to see if we can improve the area. Several staff members are working on applying for grants and ordering some additional equipment. Right now it is a muddy mess but the kids just keep on playing so that is a positive.

7. Extracurricular:

8. Future Initiatives:

- **Fifth and Sixth Grade for 25-26:** Plans are in the works to develop a middle school prep model for the fifth and sixth grade next school year. Discussion are being held to figure out the feasibility and time constraints. There are six teachers who have agreed to be a part of this dynamic opportunity. They will be attending AVID training in the summer and are looking at how classes will be divided and what subjects each teacher will focus on. Students will be moving from class to class in order to gain experience with the transitions and build stronger skills to allow them to be more successful in the middle school and beyond. This is all in its initial planning stages but the excitement and brainstorming has been strong.

9. Upcoming Events:

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| ● March 3-7: | Classified Employee Week |
| ● March 7: | Kinder Field Trip tp Children's Museum |
| ● March 10: | School Board Meeting @ 6:30pm CES Library |
| ● March 10-14: | Schoolwide Writing Benchmark #3 |
| ● March 12: | CSD Science Fair @ CMHS 5:00pm-7:30pm |
| ● March 14: | Sixth Grade Forecasting for CMHS 25-26 |
| ● March 20: | PBIS Assembly @ 1:30 Cardiff Gym |
| ● March 20: | Evening Conferences (4:00-8:00) |
| ● March 21: | No School - Conferences (8:00-4:00) |
| ● March 25-29 | No School: Spring Vacation |

10. Conclusion:

Thank you for your time and continued support. I appreciate the feedback I receive and the positive words. CES is a great place to be and I am proud of all that is happening there.

Please feel free to reach out if you require additional information or clarification on any aspect of this report. I am more than happy to provide further details as needed.

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