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**DATE:** April, 2024  
**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 March - April . I will outline key achievements, challenges, and initiatives within this timeframe.

### **1. Academic Excellence:**

**The Certified staff completed the SBAC Data Dive for ELA.** This included looking at the SBAC scores for their grade level from 22-23 and identifying the strands that needed more attention/instruction/practice. They then looked at their HMH curriculum to analyze where they could locate this information or opportunities for more practice. Next, they identified what supplementary materials could be utilized to strengthen these instructional areas and an action plan to ensure students reach mastery of the skills. Similar activities have been planned for math, as well. Next year, the intention is to complete this activity in the fall when scores are initially released to fortified the teaching practices for 2025 SBAC Assessment.

**Writing Benchmark Week.** The third of four Writing Benchmark Practices will take place schoolwide. This is the final preparation for SBAC testing in May. Students are provided a guided journey through the entire writing process (brainstorming via 4-Square, rough draft, revise/edit, and final draft. Teachers will then have a professional development time slot to grade the final product via a rubric that supports the expectations for a passing grade level standards.

**20% Meetings.** Following Spring Break the various grade levels and support staff will meet to review data regarding reading interventions. Progress monitoring data will be utilized as well as data from the various platforms that are utilized through Title or within the grade level teams. This is the last meeting we will have for 2023-2024 as the Spring Assessment Window will open at the conclusion of this six week Title Intervention Session.

## 2. Staff Development:

Apr 3, 2024	20% Meetings for RTI Intervention Groups Survey for Curriculum Pilot Committee ONLY
Apr 10, 20...	Science Fair Information Session with Mary SBAC Planning: Schedule, Information Home, Plan for Alternate Placement and Non-Testers SBAC Exploration of Platform as a Grade Level Team
Apr 17, 20...	Writing Benchmark #3 Scoring Preview Curriculum for Science and Math
Apr 24, 20...	REQUIRED: SBAC Training with Joanne Kallunki: Third thru Sixth

## 3. Infrastructure and Facilities:

**Lower Playground Log Removal.** Sadly, the lower playground is gradually fall apart. Because of safety concerns, extra time has been spent removing failing structures and wood chunks. A huge thank you goes out to Evenson's for donating gravel, and Stimson for wood chunks. Also, over Spring Break, the Jenelle Davis family (Erik, Jenelle, Weston, and Anne), the Culbertson family (Nick, Tiffany, and Otto), and Annie and Cooper Berndt helped remove the rotting logs. Jason Krause and Will Seals have been putting in a much appreciated effort to clean things up and stabilize existing areas.

**Cardiff Gym Fundraising is happening now.** We are looking to organizations, groups, and individuals to sponsor these important repairs and upgrades. We have received bids for both the new bleachers and refinishing the gym floor. The estimated needed funding is \$100,000. We will be developing a system to permanently acknowledge donations in the refurbished gymnasium once construction is completed. Donations of any domination are great appreciated.

#### **4. Student Engagement and Well-being:**

**The third quarter AR rewards part will be held in early April.** Once again students will be awarded for their reading achievements for the nine weeks of AR reading. Students set goals and upon achievement are able to join the festivities that have included ice-cream sundaes, extra recess, BINGO, among other activities. The details for this event were not available at press time.

**Field Trip Season has Arrived.** Many grade levels have outdoor adventures on the horizon. Trips to OMSI, the Portland Zoo, and the EPIC Outdoor School for Sixth Graders at the end of May. These are trips that students look forward to as a cumulative experience at the end of the academic year.

**The PSEA Book Fair will be at CES the week of April 8-12.** This is a much shorter version of the fair than past years so please take note of this. We appreciate PSEA and their efforts to bring reading opportunities to the students of CES.

#### **5. Community Partnerships:**

**Hallie Parker and Rachel Kujala were lucky enough to attend a training provided by NW Stem Hub.** At the training, they were taught how to use 3-D printers and associated programs, did a maker lab where they created the best cardboard dinosaur mask and in the process discussed ways they could bring maker spaces to CES and students, and finally did a lab using a vinyl cutter machine and made t-shirts. At the end of the sessions they were EACH gifted over \$1200 worth of equipment and supplies for their classroom to bring these stem activities to their students. They were given a 3-D printer and filament, a silhouette vinyl cutter machine and vinyl, a button maker and supplies, a cardboard craft kit, and more! More importantly, they left excited to implement stem activities into their classrooms and numerous ideas of how they can provide more opportunities at CES.

#### **6. Challenges and Mitigation:**

**None at This Time.**

#### **7. Extracurricular:**

**Little League, Girls' Softball, and Flag Football.** Community organizations have developed teams to represent Clatskanie in athletics. K-6 graders have the opportunity to sign up and participate in these outdoor activities.

## 8. Upcoming Events:

- April 8-12: Writing Benchmark #3 Administered
- April 8-12: PSEA Sponsored *Scholastic Book Fair* in Library
- April 9: Spring Pictures
- April 11: Last Day of Third Quarter Grading Period
- April 11: Third Quarter AR Party
- April 12: No School: Teacher Work Day
- April 19: Kindergarten Field Trip to Seaside Aquarium
- April 24: Secretary Appreciation Day
- April 25: Room 4 Field Trip to OMSI
- April 26: PBIS Assembly @1:30 in Cardiff Gym

## 9. 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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