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DATE: January 6, 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 December 3 - January 6. I will outline key achievements, challenges, and initiatives within this timeframe.

1. Academic Excellence:

- **Winter Benchmark Assessments:** January will be a busy month for assessments schoolwide. All students will repeat the battery of tests that were conducted in the fall and then staff will look over the data to evaluate growth, stagnation, or deficits. This allows us to plan specific interventions for students based upon their needs. **Title I teachers will be completing a large portion of the assessments and I appreciate their diligent efforts.**

2. Staff Development:

Jan 8, 2025	Attendance Data/Goals + Evaluation Platform Explanation
Jan 15, 2025	Science Data Dive, Benchmark Review, and Planning
Jan 22, 2025	Writing Benchmark Scoring with NWRESA
Jan 29, 2025	Writing Benchmark #2 Scoring Day

3. Infrastructure and Facilities:

- **Boiler Work:** The boiler continues to be a thorn in the maintenance team's side which results in some pretty cold conditions schoolwide. We are encouraging people to bundle up due to the unpredictability of whether or not it is operating correctly. Jason and Will have been very involved and I appreciate their efforts to problem solve. Cholla has also been battling the cause, as well. Hopefully, there is some resolution on the horizon.

4. Student Engagement and Well-being:

- **Leadership Fundraiser:** The Sixth Grade Leadership Team recently completed their fundraising event to support the Jackson Mooney family as they work to treat and beat his cancer diagnosis. We are very proud of their efforts and the generosity of the CES committee. Together, the leadership group was able to donate \$1400.00 to help the family offset the cost of Jackson's treatment. The picture includes Jackson's mom, Savannah Mooney, Jackson, and Abigail Mooney, Kaya Dines-Sloderbeck, and Legacy Harris of the leadership squad.



5. Community Partnerships:

6. Challenges and Mitigation:

7. Extracurricular:

- **STEAM Club:** The second session of the STEAM club will begin in January. Due to the overwhelming popularity, the advisors (Hallie Parker and Rachel Kujala) are offering a second session so that more students have the opportunity to join in. The newly formed Clatskanie STEAM Club offers students in the 4th, 5th and 6th grade the chance to delve into the fascinating fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. Our club, run by Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Kujala, and Ms. Frantz, aims to provide enriching opportunities for exploration and creativity. Steam Club meets twice a month. Activities have included creating cardboard mazes with Makedo tools that members then had to guide an Sphero Indi Robot car through. It has been amazing seeing the kids collaborate and bring their ideas to life.

- **Homework Club:** There is a homework club available to all Third through Sixth graders. It is a part of Mrs. Baldwin's daughter Tatum's senior project at Rainier High School. This is an opportunity for students to get homework help, study skills, and tutoring. This program runs from December 9, 2024 to May 2, 2025.

8. Future Initiatives:

9. Upcoming Events:

- January 6: School Resumes for 2025.
- January 6: CSD School Board Meeting @ 6:30 in CES Library
- January 15: Vision Screening (K-6)
- January 20: MLK Day - NO SCHOOL
- January 21-24: Writing Benchmark #2 (K-6)
- January 21-24: Winter Benchmark Assessments (K-6)
- January 22: Math Facts Party
- January 23: Middle/High Music Concert Walking Field Trip
- January 24: PBIS Assembly @ 1:30 in Cardiff Gym
- January 29: Quarter Two AR Party
- January 30: End of Quarter Two/First Semester
- January 30: Third Grade OMSI Field Trip
- January 31: Teacher Work Day - NO SCHOOL

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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