## Clatskanie Elementary School Board Report May, 2022

Family/Teacher conferences were held April 24-25. The majority of them were virtual with just a couple of families requesting a face to face version due to technology difficulties. The attendance percentage by grade level was:

- Kindergarten 76%
- First Grade 88%
- Second Grade 83%
- Third Grade 83%
- Fourth Grade 91%
- Fifth Grade 73%
- Sixth Grade 81%

The sixth grade traveled to Fossil, Oregon, to attend the annual OMSI Outdoor School. It was a great experience with many memories made. They worked with the OMSI staff on orienteering, survival, lapidary, and other outdoor topics and activities. There was campfire, cabin time and meals served family style. It was interesting to see students interacting with the environment and people outside their pandemic realm. Definitely a learning curve to say the least.

SBAC test preparations are ramping up with the week of May 16-20 reserved for administering the test in classrooms. Staff have been busy preparing special gifts and treats for the students. Teachers are implementing practice opportunities and fine turning need information for success. In any regard, I am proud of the students and staff for taking on this enormous task with such dedication and focus.

The CES garden rejuvenation is in full swing. May 2-3, 2022, during music specials, all students had the opportunity to participate in various tasks and activities. Volunteers from the community were in the building and helping to facilitate the planting/clean up/weeding. It was amazing to have so many students be able to participate.

May 24-25, 2022, Heather Wheeler will be bringing in a fiddler who will be in residency for the duration of the timeslot. He will be teaching on fiddle techniques and basics. The final day, the students will be walking to the Birkenfield Theatre to "perform" their newly found skills. It should be an exciting time. I thank Heather for all her hard work and focus on creating this opportunity for CES students.

Some grade levels are planning end of the year field trips which is an exting turn of events since they have been put on the back burner for the past two years. The students and staff are excited to return to the ZOO and Maritime Museum, to name two locations currently being planned. Also, the May and June PBIS assemblies are tentatively scheduled to go LIVE in the Cardiff Gym. This will be the first time in over two years that the students have convened together in one location as a complete CES student body. It gives me goosebumps to think about. Lastly, the end of the year, promotion, and academic awards are also starting to develop in the planning process.

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" I Think," said the hose, "We are doing better than we think."