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DATE: December 2, 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 November 7-December 2. I will outline key achievements, challenges, and initiatives within this timeframe.

1. Academic Excellence:

- **Data is the word of the Day.** As we progress through the school year, students are being assessed to survey their academic progress to enable staff to fully meet their academic needs. Through the Renaissance platform, the Title teachers are supporting classroom teachers to complete the assessments. This is followed by meetings to discuss progress and adjust reading intervention groups. **I appreciate both Charlie and Billi as they work to showcase the data in a meaningful way that is easy to read and understand.**
- **Parent Teacher Conferences were also held before Fall Break.** Attendance data will be recorded so that we can diagnose the effectiveness of the time and collaborate are ways that we can improve the usage. I also met with TAG candidates and their families to look into this identification process based upon assessment results and SBAC data from 2023-2024.
- **SST Team Meetings are Up and Running.** Through the amazing support of Nicole Bright (school psychologist), the SST (Student Study Team) meetings have begun. These meetings allow staff to gather and discuss students that are demonstrating a higher level of need than interventions can support. It is the next level of digging deeper into data and needs to allow for further interventions to be developed or referrals for evaluations to happen.

2. Staff Development:

Date	Activity
Dec 4, 2024	RTI: Anita Archer Summer Training Presentation
Dec 11, 2024	Attendance Presentation w/Group Goals
Dec 18, 2024	Sunshine Committee Winter Festivities/Winter Program Decorations

3. Infrastructure and Facilities:

- **The Bleachers are Here! The Bleachers are Here!!** The bleachers arrived on Friday, November 15, 2024. They were installed the week of November 18-22, 2024. Final touches were done the week of November 25-29, 2024. Hopefully, at the meeting, I can take you on a tour to see them. We are happy they are here before the Winter Program and will have a special assembly to honor the people/companies/businesses that donated to the cause. **I also greatly appreciate Taryn Palomaki and Heather Wheeler who took one for the team and combined their specials into one location so that the installation could be completed.**

4. Student Engagement and Well-being:

- **The first quarter AR party was a great success.** Students that reached their AR goals were invited to the Cardiff Gym where a movie was streamed onto the wall and the parent support group provided popcorn to all, too. The students were very excited about the opportunity and the reward.
- **The sixth grade completed the Oregon Health Survey on November 20.** This anonymous survey is required by ODE and tackles various topics about student wellness. It was facilitated by **Joanne Kallunki from CMHS, Megan Frantz, and myself.** The students were very cooperative and took the survey seriously.
- **Kathi Jackson Leadership and BINGO.** Kathi Jackson (Jacky) has been providing leadership to sixth grade students and also comes in one or two times a month to facilitate BINGO to fifth and sixth grade students that have no missing assignments. She will also be helping us with some attendance rewards around BINGO, as well, in the new year. Her 45+ years of experience and love for kids is very appreciated by the CES staff.

5. Community Partnerships:

6. Challenges and Mitigation:

- **Special Need Student Support.** Although there have been vast improvements this year, we are still struggling to manage behaviors and needs of some of our special needs students. I appreciate the ESD support staff that have come in and truly done an amazing job helping us establish schedules, assess needs, and problem solve some of the extreme behaviors. **Jessica Reamon (Autism Specialist), Nicole Bright (School Psychologist), Lenore Johansen (SPED Mentor), Dona Johnson (OT), and Emily Teeter (SLP) have been amazing supporters.** I also applaud the SLC staff and Room 4 staff for their unwavering support and willingness to think outside the box.

7. Extracurricular:

Youth basketball is in full swing right now. Through the Kelso Basketball League, teams from Clatskanie have weekly basketball games in the Longview area. Their practices and training take place in the Cardiff Gym.

8. Future Initiatives:

- **Attendance and SBAC Data.** In the new year, the staff will be digging into attendance concerns and initiatives. The goal will be to look at how we can reward students that are attending regularly, support students who have struggled during the first part of the year, and take the time and effort to develop solid recovery plans for students whose attendance is severely lacking. We will also take the SBAC results from 23-24 and break them down to target areas of improvement. Furthermore, there will be a PD regarding science and (with the new curriculum) identify topics that will be covered at specific grade levels to insure a greater level of success and understanding when it is assessed in the fifth grade.

9. Upcoming Events:



- December 2: School Board Meeting @ 6:30pm; CES Library
- **December 6: Dress Up Day: Holiday (or Regular) Pajama Day**
- December 13: Fourth Grade Field Trip to Maritime Museum
- **December 13: Ugly Holiday Sweater Day**
- December 18: Earthquake/Fire Drill
- **December 19: Winter Music Program @ 9:00am; Cardiff Gym**
- **December 20: Winter Hat, Gloves, and Scarf Dress Up Day**
- December 20: PBIS Assembly @ 9:00am; Cardiff Gym
- December 20: Dismissal @ 11:45am
- Dec. 23-Jan. 3: Winter Break
- **January 6: School Resumes for 2025!!**

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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