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DATE: November, 2024

TO: School Board Members

FROM: Kara Burghardt

SUBJECT: CES Principal's Report to the CSD School Board

This report covers the period from October, 2024 to November, 2024. I will outline key achievements, challenges, and initiatives within this timeframe.

1. Academic Excellence:

- **Students are working on the first quarter writing benchmark.** All grade levels have a writing prompt specifically for their ability level. They are also all using the 4-Square organizational tool to organize their thoughts and outline their rough draft. CES does three or four of these writing assessments each year in order to gauge the students development and to also assess SBAC preparation for the Spring.
- **Teachers are working on fine tuning Reading and Math agreements utilizing the new math curriculum for that subject.** They are meeting as grade levels and assessing past agreements and applying them to current materials and themes.
- **The first round of Title groups will be complete November 7, 2024.** At the end of the session, progress monitoring will be completed for each student in intervention groups to assess their progress and monitor group placements. Students demonstrating growth will have their group modified if applicable.

2. Staff Development:

Nov 6, 20...	Writing Benchmark #1 Scoring 2:45 to 3:15 Family Conference Scheduling @ 3:15 in Library
Nov 7, 20...	Writing Benchmark Scoring Day #2 3:00-3:45
Nov 13, 20...	Freckle Data with Renaissance 2:00-3:30
Nov 20, 20...	Conference Preparations

3. Infrastructure and Facilities:

- **Cardiff Building updates continue to occur.** Window blinds have been installed. The only thing we are waiting on is the bleacher installation. They are scheduled to be delivered Mid-November and the plan is to utilize Fall Break to complete the installation. FINGERS CROSSED.
- **The Boiler is the next big progress at the district level.** Bids are being secured and the maintenance department/custodial staff have been on the job supporting classrooms that have varied heating settings and issues.
- **Outdoor Basketball Court/Playground improvements are happening.** New hoops have been purchased for the outdoor court. Hopefully community members that use the court during non-school hours will not break or vandalize them again. New four square balls and basketballs have also been purchased.

4. Student Engagement and Well-being:

- **PSEA Sponsored Fall Carnival.** The annual event was a great success. Students and their families participated in fun carnival games and enjoyed snacks and refreshments. PSEA is very appreciated in the opportunities they provide for our students.
- **Halloween Parade.** This annual event will take place on October 31. The entire school will parade their way down Nehalem Street and back up. It is a popular event that brings out families and friends to see their child(ren) dressed up with their peers and classes.
- **PBIS Assemblies.** There have been two assemblies so far this year sponsored by the sixth grade leadership group. Kathi Jackson leads the students and gives them this opportunity to gain valuable leadership skills. The assemblies are very active and full of energy. Students also have opportunity to receive prizes from the Cougar Coupon Drawings.

5. Community Partnerships:

6. Challenges and Mitigation:

- **There is a concerted effort in place to support the special needs students at CES.** With the upheaval and staff changes over the past few years, it has been a bit discombobulated. There is a team in place right now to renovate room 121's classroom routines and procedures. Managing the behaviors is a daily need and there have been many discussions and support plans put into place for both staff and students.

7. Extracurricular: Football, Soccer, Fall Softball and Dance are the main extracurricular activities that CES students are participating in. CES does not provide any school sponsored activities.

8. Future Initiatives:

9. Upcoming Events:

- November 4: STEAM Club #1 First Meeting
- November 4: CSD School Board Meeting @ 6:30 CES Library
- November 7: End of First Quarter
- November 7: 3rd Grade Trip to Oregon Children's Theatre
- **November 8: No School: Teacher Work Day**
- **November 11: No School - Veterans Day**
- November 12-15: Scholastic Book Fair in CES Library
- November 12: Sixth Grade Field Trip to OMSI
- November 21: October PBIS Assembly
- November 21: First Grade Field Trip to the Portland Zoo
- **November 21: Evening Conferences 5:00pm-8:00pm**
- **November 22: No School - CONFERENCES**
- **November 25-29: No School - FALL BREAK**

10. Conclusion:

CES is looking forward to a great October as the routines of daily school are in place and functioning with minimal glitches. We appreciate the school board's commitment to providing support for the CES students and staff.

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.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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