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Building Report January 2018 BOE Meeting

5th Grade Music Performance: On December 14, our 5th graders performed their holiday themed music program. This was the first performance for our 5th grade band. Students, under the direction of Katie Topp, demonstrated their instrumental skills that have been learned since August. They did a remarkable job. Elysia McGill and the students developed an entertaining vocal program that was visited by both Santa Claus and the Grinch. As is tradition, the program closed with the singing of Silent Night.



Grade Cards: On Friday, January 5, Quarter 2/Semester 1 grade cards were sent home with students in order to update parents on student performance.

MTSS Implementation: Fastbridge winter benchmark screening was completed from November 29-December 15. Students completed screeners in both the areas of reading and mathematics. Teachers completed the SAEBRS behavior screener for their homeroom students. This assessment data will be reviewed by teachers at the January 15th district inservice. SES is also glad to have Katie Heiman, MTSS instructor, back with us after being on maternity leave. Lindsey Wittwer served as her long-term substitute and did a wonderful job in helping our intervention schedule run smoothly. We will pick up with progress monitoring in the first full week of second semester.

SES BLT: In the upcoming weeks, the Building Leadership Team at SES will be focused on establishing building goals that support the previously identified district KESA target areas of Relevance and Rigor. More specifically, we will focus on the components of instruction and student engagement included within are area of Relevance. In addition to goals, action plans will be created to help complete the necessary steps for completing our goals.

January Site Council Meeting: The SES site council is scheduled to meet on January 23, at 6:00 pm in the SES library.

Spelling Bee: SES classrooms held spelling bee competitions in mid-December. All K-5 winners will be recognized in mid-January. PTO will be sponsoring the Spelling Bee competition on Friday, January 5, 2018,

at 1:45 pm in the SMS auditorium. In addition, the 5th grade winners will compete along with SMS winners on January 5th.

Individual Home Room Winners:

<u>Kindergarten</u> Gracie Scott (Hann) Jarrett Worthley (Schuette) Eli Rebant(Tyler)	<u>First Grade</u> Emmett Kroll (Koch) Oliver Geyer (Massey) Sutton Davis (Wiltz)	<u>Second Grade</u> Reed Toedman (Edelman) Livie Strahm (Streett) Hadden Bachelor (Werner)
<u>Third Grade</u> Cody Mitchell (Garrett) Lincoln Menold (Herrmann) Jayce Rebant (Ploeger)	<u>Fourth Grade</u> Kenton Farwell (Richardson) Ava Payne (Strahm) Charlie Lukert (Stover)	<u>Fifth Grade</u> Sophie Shafer (Hughes) Aubrey Schmelzle (Hughes) Tabor Bachelor (Oehm) Kora Lee (Oehm) Brecken Edelman (Plattner) Kelsey Herrmann (Plattner)

The Great Kindness Challenge: SES students and staff will be participating in the Great Kindness Challenge during the week of January 29-February 2. The Great Kindness Challenge is a proactive and positive bullying prevention initiative that improves school climate and increases student engagement. It is one week that is devoted to performing as many acts of kindness as possible. The message we want to promote to students is that KINDNESS MATTERS. Our entire student body (preK-5) is encouraged to participate in creating a school culture of acceptance, tolerance, unity and respect.

I have listed below an overview of activities that will be connected with the Great Kindness Challenge. As we get closer to the designated dates, students will be given more specific information.

Kick-off Pep Rally

On the morning of Friday, January 26, SES will start our day with a kick-off pep rally for the Great Kindness Challenge. Students will remain in the gym at the beginning of school and learn more about specific activities that will occur at SES the week of January 29- February 2. Mrs. Georg, Mrs. McGill and Mrs. Kuckelman will be facilitating this activity. It is our goal and hope that this event, along with our week long focus on kindness, will help reinforce a positive school climate.

The Great Kindness Challenge Checklist

Each student (K-5) will receive a list of 50 Kindness Challenges. Their task is to see how many of the 50 challenges they could complete during the spirit week. In addition, each classroom is encouraged to tally the tasks completed by each student in order to get a classroom total of acts of kindness for the week. Students who are able to complete 40 or more challenges will earn lunch with a friend.

Kindness Chain

Throughout the week, students will be able to indicate a kind act they have done that day and add a link to the Kindness Chain found in the north hallway. Only one link per student can be added each day and should represent a unique, kind act (per student).

Spirit Week

- Monday – **Crazy for Kindness** (Crazy socks and hair)
- Tuesday– **Let Kindness Shine** (Wear sparkles or neon)
- Wednesday—**Dream of Kindness** (Wear pajamas)
- Thursday—**Peace, Love and Kindness** (Wear tie-dye or 70s attire)
- Friday -- **Kindness is the Bluejay Way** (Wear bluejayspirit attire)

Door Decorating Contest

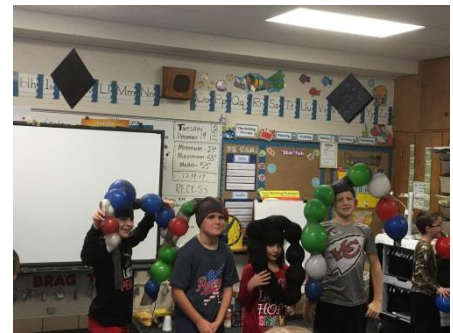
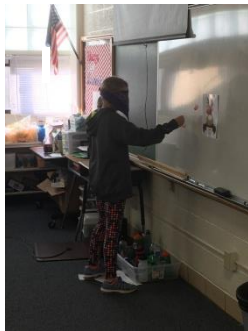
Each teacher/homeroom will decorate their classroom door (or hallway window) with a kindness theme. There will be two divisions: homerooms and "specials" (non-core and services). Winners will earn a special surprise!

Kindest Sabetha Citizen Contest

Students will have the opportunity to write essays to nominate the Kindest Sabetha Citizen. Top essays will be read at an assembly on Friday, February 12, with nominees invited to attend. Adults from the community will be able to see how their kindness spreads to the children at SES. Although paper copies should be sent home with students, I have provided a link below to information on our website regarding the Great Kindness Challenge. You should be able to access specific information by clicking on the file links at the bottom of the article. Please note that "Sabetha area resident" would include nominees from every community in which SES students reside (i.e. Bern, Morrill, Fairview, Oneida, etc.)

[Essay Contest Information](#)

Holiday Festivities: During the afternoon of December 19th, PTO room parents held class parties for students. SES appreciates all of the energy and planning that it took to provide these activities for our students. It was a wonderful way to end the semester.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 15:	No School/Teacher In-service
January 18:	DLT Meeting
January 22:	No School (Winter Break)
January 23:	SES Site Council Meeting
January 25:	District BLT Meeting
February 5:	Progress Reports Issued/ Parent-Teacher Conferences