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## Building Report January 2019 BOE Meeting

**MTSS Progress:** On December 19, SES teachers analyzed Fastbridge screening data in the areas of reading, mathematics and behavior during our building inservice. Based on this data, intervention groups were updated to provide students with needed educational supports. Any adjustments needed were implemented on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**PTO Spelling Bee:** The Sabetha PTO sponsored a Spelling Bee competition on Friday, January 4, 2019, at 1:45 pm in the SMS auditorium. 5th grade winners competed along with SMS winners on January 4th. Congratulations to all of our individual homeroom winners!

Kindergarten: Emma Wikle (Elder), Hadden Strahm (Hann), Autumn Lang (Schuette), Aiden Lierz (Tyler)  
First Grade: Seamus McElroy (Koch), Paycen Schremmer (Massey), Walker Erdley (Wiltz)  
Second Grade: Easton Renyer (Edelman), Emrie Niehues (Streett), Sydney Aberle (Werner)  
Third Grade: Taylor Wiltz (Garrett), Hadden Bachelor (Herrmann), Colton Delome (Ploeger)  
Fourth Grade: Nathan Smith (Richardson), Jayce Rebant (Stover), Kaden Drahota (Strahm)  
Fifth Grade: Korbyn Stinnett (Hughes), Kenton Farwell (Hughes), alt: Naomi Pearson (Hughes)  
Kiera Keim (Oehm), Krysta Menold (Oehm), alt: Will Voos (Oehm)  
Chloe Detweiler (Plattner), Abigail Whittaker (Plattner), alt: Hailee Daharsh (Plattner)

**School Safety:** Over the winter break, Aaron Koch (SES custodian) attached the LokBlok device to our classroom doors. This device allows us to lock our doors in emergency situations from the inside of the room. Prior to being installed, a teacher would need to grab their key and go into the hallway to lock their door. This was an area of concern for many staff members. Now, the door is locked, but the LokBlok slide keeps the door from completely latching. A teacher just needs to push the slide over and pull the door shut and it is secure. This is also a benefit for times when a substitute is in the classroom. First grade teachers piloted this device during first quarter and recommended that it be used throughout the building.

**Great Kindness Challenge:** SES students and staff will be participating in the Great Kindness Challenge during the week of January 14-18. 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 11, 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 14-18. 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 Bingo**

Throughout the week, students will be able to indicate a kind act they have done and place a bingo marker to the Kindness Bingo board in the north hallway. Only one marker per student can be added each day and should represent one of the 24 kind acts listed on the board.

### **Spirit Week**

Monday – **Kicking Off Kindness** (Wear mismatched socks and shoes)

Tuesday– **Make Kindness A Pattern** (Wear polka dots, stripes, plaid, etc)

Wednesday—**Kindness Counts** (Wear clothing with numbers on it)

Thursday—**We Are Crazy For Kindness** (Wear your hair in a crazy way)

Friday -- **Kindness is the Bluejay Way** (Wear bluejay spirit attire)

### **Community Kindness Activity**

SES will host a coin drive to show our kindness toward the Erdley family who lost their home and possessions in a fire over the holidays. Each student is encouraged to bring loose change and place it in their homeroom's money jar. Money will be donated to the Erdley family. The class bringing the most items (per student) will receive a class celebration.

### **Kindness Recess Stations**

Students will be able to make kindness posters, bookmarks, notes, etc. during each morning recess. Materials and supplies will be provided.

### **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, January 18, 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.)

[Kindest Sabetha Citizen Information and Entry Form](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 16: SES Staff Meeting (3:30 pm)

January 17: District BLT meeting (8:30-3:00)

January 21: Teacher Inservice/No School

January 22: SES Site Council meeting (6:00pm)

January 28: No School/Winter Break

February 1: Early Release/PLC meetings

February 4: Parent-Teacher Conferences (5:00-8:00 pm)

February 6: Parent-Teacher Conferences (5:00-8:00 pm)

February 8: SES Blue Crew meeting