

Elementary Board Report

A Paws-itive Learning Community Striving to Meet the Individual Needs of Each Student as a Whole Child

As you know, there has been a lot going on this summer. I thought we could share just a bit.

AL-3

The following shares some basics regarding our elementary efforts with AL-3:

- School goals/focal points/efforts/SIP shared with staff at staff meetings and progress checked with building council team during school year.
- Overarching happiness goal created for students, staff, and families for the 2016-17 school year.
- Numerous PD efforts created by district and staff for such areas as book studies, MindUp, Lucy Calkins, HiCap, Title 1/LAP, MTSS, IXL, SBA, Google, Chromebooks, national board certification work, ACEs learning, lagging skills checklist learning, and more.
- Decision-making efforts include developing school-wide assessment plan, HiCap plan, school-wide MindUp plan, behavior assemblies plans, MTSS plans, and more.
- School accomplishments for 2015-16 shared with staff at end of school year and will be shared at beginning of year meeting.
- Our interview teams hired excellent staff. This staff includes Jessica Wanke (3rd grade teacher), Michelle Cuthbert (2nd grade teacher), Lisa Halstrom (counselor), Melissa Lile (head secretary), Rachel Gregg (A.C.E. para), and Cindy Elliott (A.C.E. para).

ELA Adoption Work



With our new ELA (English Language Arts) adoptions comes work to prepare for supporting our students. Many staff and teams have already been in working together to prepare their materials and develop how they may most effectively utilize them to support our students in their reading and writing learning. You will find the first grade team working hard in the photo provided. As mentioned, many others have been in working as well.

New Portables

Our new portables are starting to come together. They are on campus, skirting is on, and the ramp is nearing completion. There is still a bit of work to go before teachers can start moving in. Among a few things, the PUD needs to install a new external transformer, fire systems need to be installed, the carpet needs to be installed, the ceiling finished, back porches finished up, and fences re-arranged. A recent report shared that we may be down to the wire getting teachers in prior to school. The sooner the better.



Upcoming Community Zip-line Installation

We are nearing the community installation of our much anticipated new zip-line. Community members are invited to join us on Saturday, August 27,



at 8:00 a.m. The borders will already be installed and we will be digging ten holes for the posts and mixing and pouring concrete to set the equipment.



Wood chips will arrive the Monday after and all should be ready for students on the first day of school. It should be fun work for a good cause. The photo shows the future location at the end of the track. If you have really good eyes, you will notice the painted boundary marks at the right side of the inner track. The whole footprint measures 70 feet by 27 feet.

Community Member(s) of Mystery

Our Community Member of Mystery for August has recently joined us from the Woodland School District. She is starting her fifth year of teaching, her first with us. Not only did she move to La Center for teaching, but she also just moved to a new home in La Center with her husband of three years, Kyle, and two cats. Our August Community Member of Mystery grew up in Hockinson. She gained her bachelor degree at the University of Idaho. While doing so, she spent a semester living in Ecuador. She is currently working on her Master degree in ELL with Western Governors University. In her spare time, she and her husband enjoy hiking the gorge, spending time with family, and kayaking. Who do you think our August Community Member of Mystery is?

