Hello families,

Highlights:

Student Symposium:

I got the pleasure to take a group of students from our middle years program down to the Prestige to engage in a day celebrating diversity, inclusion, and provide input into the districts strategic plan. It was an exceptionally cold day, but we did our part for the environment, leading by example, and walking down - sharing some laughs along the way. It began with an overview of the day then all joining together to drum and sing together 'The Travelling Song'. We got to hear from a student from the Creston family of schools who lives with cerebral palsy. Our district SOJI representative led and supported a panel of students throughout our district to share their stories of resilience and challenge. In the afternoon, games and challenges broke up the day before students were able to share their voices towards the upcoming strategic plan.

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School Dance:

The efforts Of Heather’s classroom community enriched our whole school last week. Thank you all for showing up to support. The gym was full of dancers, pop slingers, flash mobbers, and chip crunchers. So much fun. An estimation was over half of our school population showed up, families in tow. The class made roughly $1085 towards their end of the year trip. So good!

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| Celebration of Learning & upcoming Play – be ready:  This week is of particular celebratory, due to the level of learning being highlighted. Barb’s class presented to a number of sd8 employee’s and students regarding the classes learning of ‘Governance’. Al (Forman), Chad (Carpenter), Sophia (Inclusive Ed Teacher), Travis (Teacher), REACH students, Tamara (District Principal), and I were all present today. It was a 15-minute presentation that showed deep learning, structure, and in the end a high level of student ownership being displayed. It was so good!  Heather’s class has their celebration of learning tomorrow (March 15th) where they have been focusing on repatriation, reconciliation, and voice. Students will also have high level writing pieces that have been honed to demonstrate their scaffolded and carefully crafted written work.  The Seedling play, being held March 16th, will be an actual showstopper. I’ve seen the class community sing, dance, and choreograph the piece to perfection! I can’t wait. | A group of people standing in front of a screen  Description automatically generated with medium confidence |

Challenge:

“Time, is on my side” (musical interlude), or is it…:

Staffing (getting fills for TTOC’s plus), as I’m sure some of you may have noticed has been hard. This week, I am with a colleague (as are many other school administrators), are interviewing 8 teacher candidates per pair to join our district team. This is a pretty big undertaking as 8 interviews, 45 min each is a big workload to add in a week. In the end though, it will be worth it… If I have missed something, or not have gotten back to you, know that I will (however, I also do not mind a reminder). I want to hear you.

Library:

Drywalling for the library is began today. We have been working to consult teachers on their needs, plan the most open, bright, and useable space possible, and it is looking good! There are a couple of touches to make this space even more welcoming that we would love PAC support. After I debrief more with classroom teachers, I will get back to you.

Front entry:

Entryway lost and found, and outdoor equipment storage solution is an area that needs a little support and parent ideas. This is also an area that some financial support would be appreciated. I am hoping for some more ways to make our school as welcoming and organized as possible.

New Teacher: Welcome Trisha!

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| Emma’s position has been filled with Teacher Trisha Wilson. Trisha will begin teaching after spring break as the K/1 teacher at Wildflower. She has met the class several times and has expressed that she is really excited to work with these amazing kids! |  |

Recycling:

Each teacher has their own system in their classroom (paper, cardboard, and plastics). At the end of the week, materials that need to be recycled are then gathered and brought downstairs to be zoned then a call is made to maintenance to take to the yard for recycling. Anne is keeping old pens to be recycled. Cans, juice boxes, milk and yogurt containers are also being recycled.

Calendar:

Clerical error. Last day for students is June 22nd and teacher’s administrative day is June 23rd.

Hardship Funds:

If your family is needing financial assistance for your child to attend a school trip, function, activity and need support please reach out to me.

Food Security:

We have some boxes of food that we can offer some families who would appreciate a bit of additional support. Please reach out to me.

School Fee’s:

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| **2023-2024** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Grade** | **K** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** |
| **Classroom Supplies** | $40.00 | $40.00 | $40.00 | $40.00 | $40.00 | $40.00 | $40.00 |
| **Activities** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Summer/Winter Activities | $10.00 | $10.00 | $20.00 | $20.00 | $20.00 | $20.00 | $20.00 |
| The CUBE. Nordic Skiing, climbing wall |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| ‘Oh my word’ board:  I am loving my literacy time with the Seedlings. We are really starting to work on high frequency words. In a sitting, we are sounding out, printing, and looking for patterns. On Monday, the crew sounded out and printed 17 words each. Amazing!!! | A picture containing text, indoor, child, person  Description automatically generated |

Upcoming events & performances:

Heather and Barb’s learning exhibition:

Wednesday, March 15th 3-4 p.m. and beyond

Seedlings Play:

Thursday, March 16th 2-2:30 p.m. (parent showing)

Book Study: Upcoming April 6th 6-8 p.m.

Wildflower parents Erin Maconachie and Kirsten Johnson are hosting another whole schoolbook club. This time we'll be reading 'The Whole Brainchild: 12 Revolutionary Strategies to Nurture your Child's Developing Mind' by Daniel Siegel

Sincerely,

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